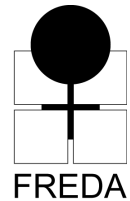


The FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children: Research in Action

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FEMINIST RESEARCH EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT & ACTION CENTRE

The **FREDA Centre** for Research on Violence Against Women and Children is a collaboration between academics at Simon Fraser University (SFU) and grass-roots community and women's organizations. The FREDA Centre is committed to participatory action research, focused on violence against women and children, and working to end this violence. FREDA is one of seven centres that comprise the Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Violence and is a network participant for the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System's Response to Intimate Partner Violence (Canadian Observatory).

FREDA's current research priorities:

- Policy and legislation analysis
- Domestic Violence case tracking
- Immigrant, refugee and marginalized women and girls
- Abused women's experiences with Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) services

RECENTLY COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

Intimate Partner Violence Policy Scan

In collaboration with the **Canadian Observatory**, this project is a web-based search of provincial, territorial, and federal government policies related to IPV and the justice system. FREDA completed the BC and Yukon policy scan, while other centres collected information on other jurisdictions and populations (e.g. immigrant/refugee women).

Domestic Violence Prevention and Reduction Project

This recent review for the Violence Reduction Circle, an informal policy research group hosted by the Centre for the Prevention and Reduction of Violence at the **Justice Institute of British Columbia**, documented domestic violence prevention and reduction efforts in BC from 2000-2010. It involved a comprehensive scan of online sources and key informant interviews with academic and community-based researchers, policy-makers, service providers, and advocates. The report, entitled *Domestic Violence Prevention and Reduction in British Columbia (2000-2010)*, can be downloaded from our website.

National Domestic Violence Case Tracking

This **Canadian Observatory** study tracks offenders and victims through the criminal justice system, and examines what information is collected at different stages of the justice process. The BC component will be conducted by the FREDA Centre, with the support of the provincial government's **Victim Services (BC Ministry of Justice)**.

Immigrant and Refugee Women Study

This project is being developed in collaboration with the **BC Society of Transition Houses (BCSTH)** and **BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA)** and seeks to reduce barriers to transition and long-term housing for immigrant and refugee women. The project will involve research with culturally diverse women, and the development, piloting, and evaluation of promising practices.

The Costs of Exposure to Domestic Violence

This project is lead by Drs. Sibylle Artz (School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria) and Margaret Jackson (School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University) and seeks to determine the economic costs of exposure to domestic violence for children and youth. The team is currently reviewing literature on the wide range of impacts of domestic violence exposure, and will seek to make an economic argument for primary prevention.

Geographical Information System (GIS) Study

In collaboration with **EVA BC** and the **Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies (ICURS)**, the GIS Study involves mapping incidents of domestic violence geographically with the location of available anti-violence services for women superimposed on the map. This project builds on the work of Drs. Maddy Coy, Liz Kelly, and Jo Foorde in the UK, and Dr. Myrna Dawson in Canada.



The FREDA Centre has also hosted two girls' groups: The **GoGirls** was an ethnically diverse group which evolved from the Girl/Child Project and made important contributions to FREDA research. They have been involved in interviewing and analyzing interviews with girls across Canada, and were invited to present to the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights in 2006. The **Girlz Group** was an empowerment group for young Aboriginal women in East Vancouver. The group created videos and hosted various community networking events.