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Titre de la soumission : Conflict and Violence in Immigrant Families

Format de l'atelier : Workshop

Theme : Family, children, youth

Nom du premier présentateur : Vappu Tyyska
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 Titre : Survivor Accounts of Family Violence in the Punjabi and Tamil Communities in Toronto

Nom du deuxième présentateur : Isobel Anderson
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 Titre : Conflict and Violence in Immigrant Families; "A Perspective of Service Providers"

Nom du troisième présentateur : Laure Lafrance and Norah Lynn Paddock
 Adresse courriel :
 Organisation : CIC
 Titre : The Importance of Policy-Relevant Research related to Violence in Immigrant Families

Nom du quatrième présentateur : Norah Lynn Paddock
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 Titre : Conflict and Violence in Immigrant Families; "A Perspective of Service Providers"

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 Titre : Stressors on Parent-Child Relationships

Abstract

This workshop will examine issues related to gender, conflict and violence within immigrant families. Participants will discuss the factors that contribute to stressors as well as the challenges and opportunities for culturally competent social responses. Discussions will also consider existing and potential government policies, actions and programs related to violence.

Summary

Violence and abuse are common features of many Canadian women's lives and immigrant women are no exception. While immigration is not the cause of violence and abuse the stressors put on immigrant families may exacerbate their vulnerability to conflictual relationships. The stressors are varied. Conflict may erupt with the displacement of the traditional cultural norms and social scripts which govern the behavior of men and women. Some immigrant women may be increasingly exposed to abusive behavior because of their isolation from traditional sources of social support and control eg. extended kinship networks and informal community resources. There is also evidence to suggest that integration stressors can lead to adolescent abuse of their

parents, especially mothers. In addition, there is the particular vulnerability of young immigrant women who often face the violence of racism from their peers and as well as the domestic stress caused by the need to conform within their own communities. This workshop will examine issues related to gender, conflict and violence within immigrant families across the life course. Participants will discuss the factors that contribute to the emergence of stressors as well as the challenges and opportunities for culturally competent social responses. Discussions will also consider existing and potential government policies, actions and programs related to violence, immigration and integration barriers.