

Work 2007 – 2011 Building Prevention Capacity / Research in the field of Abuse of Older Adults / First Nations

- March 2007

Principal Writer. **Outlook 2007 - Promising Approaches in prevention of abuse and neglect of older adults in community settings in Canada.**

Commissioned by Public Health Agency of Canada through CNPEA.

Principal Writer. **A Draft Framework for a National Strategy for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults in Canada: A proposal.**

(www.cnpea.ca/new_page_2.htm; <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/sources/age/reports-eng.php>)

- Jan.09-Mar. 2009

Seniors Learning and Knowledge Exchange. Canadian Council on Learning. With Alison Leaney

Anecdotal research, lit review, and report on linking how older adults learn and how to harness that for better programs and policies. www.bccrns.ca

- June 09.- June 2010

Being Least Intrusive: Orientation to Practice (paper). Advanced practice in cross cultural situations where a concern is raised about adult abuse (First Nations). With Lindsay Neufeld. Commissioned under Vanguard Project by BC Association of Community Response Networks. Paper at www.bccrns.ca
Basis of training for VIHA social workers and case managers, Home and Community Care June 2010 (with Lindsay Neufeld).

- June 2009-Dec. 2009

Promising Approaches for Addressing/Preventing Abuse of Older Adults in First Nations Communities: A Critical Analysis and Environmental Scan of Tools and Approaches. Described on PHAC website: provides an

unprecedented Canadian collection and assessment of culturally-appropriate resources to prevent and respond to the abuse of older adults in First Nations Communities. It highlights new information and resources for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal public health and front line workers. It is also intended to inform program and policy development to ensure culturally-sensitive policies and practices. The scan was developed jointly by PHAC's [Division of Aging and Seniors](#) and [Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care Division](#), in consultation with stakeholders from First Nations communities.

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ea-ma/EB/2011/june-juin/5-eng.php>

Anecdotal and lit review research and report with Alison Leaney, and Georgina Martin. Identified tools and needs of First Nations communities in regard to raising concerns about situations. Produced flowchart of intervention to position 'possible tools' in a sequence of response (with Alison Leaney and Lindsay Neufeld). Focus group of First Nations health and social workers from across Canada to review findings.

'Promising Approaches to Addressing / Preventing abuse of older adults in First Nations communities: ' A critical analysis and Environmental Scan of Tools and Approaches.' www.bccrns.ca

- Sept. 2009 – Mar. 2010

Protocol Project. Producing Protocol template for use by health authorities and First Nations groups in BC to formalize agreements on process for reporting of and intervention in concerns about adult abuse in on reserve communities.

Provincial Protocol and Regional Draft Protocol Vancouver Island Health Authority and Kwakiutl District Council Health. – example of protocol developed between partners (developed with Lindsay Neufeld, VIHA). Public Guardian and Trustee of BC.

- Sept. 2009-Mar. 2010

'Snapshot 2009: Promising Approaches in the prevention of Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults in Community Settings in Canada'

(update of Outlook 2007-Promising Approaches in the Prevention of Adult Abuse in Canada). Public Health Agency of Canada.

Updating of earlier research, lit review, report and three knowledge exchanges to disseminate information:

- Blog www.exploringthespacebetween.blogspot.com
- Webinar CHNET - Bias and Diversity
- USTREAM TV- recent research. To be published 2011, www.bccrns.ca

- Oct. 2, 2009

Webinar on CHNET-Works, Public Health Agency of Canada.

'Bias and Diversity in Prevention of Abuse of Older Adults'.

To mark International day of the Older Person. Produced and facilitated with Alison Leaney and 3 presenters. www.chnet-works.ca

- June 3 / 4, 2010

Facilitation of national consensus decision making for Canadian definition of abuse of older adults and sub-definitions. National and international researchers and policy makers. NICENET-Toronto. With Alison Leaney.

Described on PHAC website: [Defining and Measuring Elder Abuse and Neglect: Preparatory Work Required to Measure Prevalence of Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults in Canada](#) . NICE has finalized clear definitions

of elder abuse and neglect based on **consensus** among key researchers and stakeholders. As a next step to help determine the prevalence of abuse and neglect among seniors, NICE developed a series of draft questionnaires aimed at seniors in the community and in institutional settings. These instruments are currently being validated through selected samples of older adults, including those from Canada's largest ethnic groups. It is hoped that the final definitions and measurement instruments of this research program will be used domestically and internationally for large or small-scale prevalence studies, in order to foster comparability.

- June 14, 2010

Housing and Vulnerability Conference. Designed and facilitated conference in Victoria for WEAADay-concerning systemic and other possible abuses to vulnerable adults in subsidized housing.

- June 2010 - present

Being Least Intrusive 'Tool' Development with Lindsay Neufeld. Selected for national initiative NICE. Tested, edited and distributed nationally. <http://www.nicenet.ca>

- June 2010 – March 2012

Professional Development Training. Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, Ottawa.

Developed 4 session on line course (Facing Abuse of Older Adults), 3 webinars, journal article (with Alison Leaney) [.www.cdha.ca](http://www.cdha.ca)

- June 2010 – March 2012

Professional Development Training. Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, Ottawa.

Developed 3 webinars:

- o Facing abuse of older adults
- o Communicating with Older Adult Clients About Abuse
- o Effective referrals for abused older adults

(with Alison Leaney) [.www.cdha.ca](http://www.cdha.ca)

- Sept-Nov. 2011

- **Being Least Intrusive 'Tool' - Video Production, Training Video.**
<http://www.nicenet.ca>