

MY UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH INTERN EXPERIENCE

CREWVAC

The Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children

WHAT DOES THE CENTRE DO?

The centre works with many organizations and initiatives to further education and policy change on violence, highlighting gender-based & intimate partner violence, the lasting effects these actions have on children and the need to improve conversation on healthy relationships- especially with the youth.

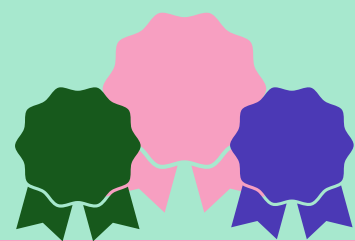


ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Research on gender-based violence
- Reporting and analyzing survey responses from gender-based violence experts
- Providing a youth perspective in many initiatives throughout the centre
- Building and recruiting a youth council
- Building content for social media platforms

THEORETICAL SKILLS

- Qualtrics survey system
- Quantitative and Qualitative analysis
- Basic use of R-studio
- Finding relevant research sources and proper citation
- Understanding how funding proposals are created
- How to maintain relationships with funders
- Importance of annual reports
- Building a research CV



PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE

Throughout my four months, I was able to accomplish many exciting tasks and enhance my research skills. More than this, this summer helped me grow my soft skills, such as communication both through virtual face-to-face settings and email.

One thing the centre does not lack is passion. Every person I met has a deep sense of understanding and dedication to improving our society's social and gender injustices. Knowing this pushed me to research and educate myself more on current events affecting many Canadians. This has made me want to continue my work in this field and opened my eyes to many more jobs and educational opportunities.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

RECOGNIZING CRITICAL EXPERTISE IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WORK

WHAT IS GBV?



Gender-Based Violence (GBV) refers to damaging physical and psychological actions directed towards a person based on their gender identity. Men against women do the majority of perpetrated violence.



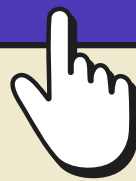
2.5 X WOMEN

In 2018, Canadian women were almost 2.5 times more likely to experience unwanted physical, sexual behaviour than their counterparts (Statistics Canada).

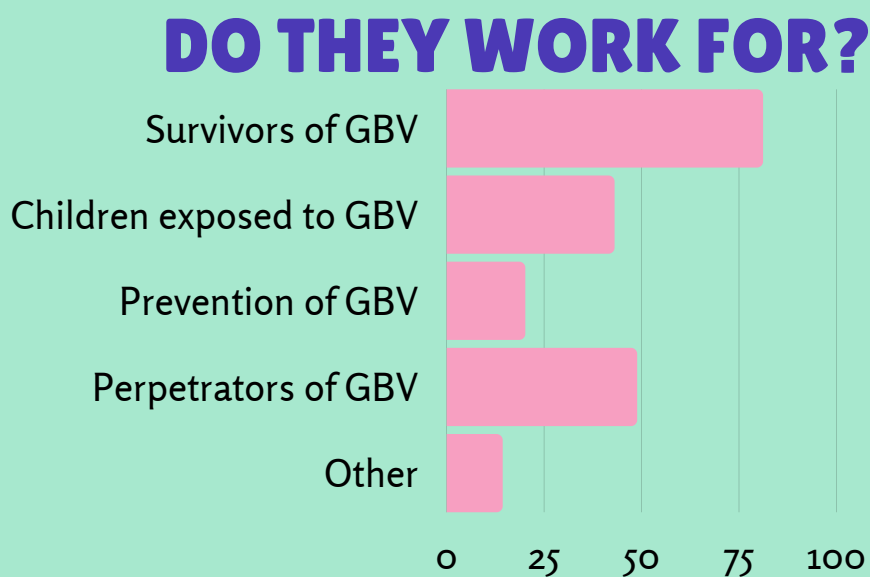
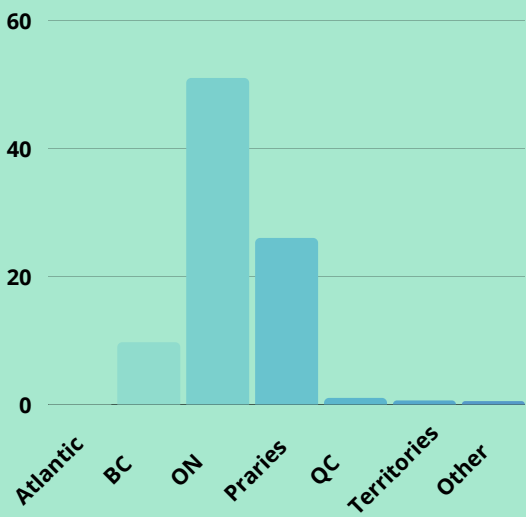
THE POINT OF THE NATIONAL SURVEY?

The project will capture current training practices for GBV specialists in Canada. Understanding what is being done in training and the improvements needed for GBV specialist training can lead to better support for women survivors, children living with GBV, and men who have behaved abusively.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)



WHERE DO THESE EXPERTS WORK AND WHO DO THEY WORK FOR?



TRAINING TROUBLES...



GBV training isn't a very standardized process. Each agency/workplace has its own requirements to start the job, including the time spent with initial training, shadowing and the funds available to further your knowledge

BARRIERS IN DEVELOPING EXPERTISE



Overall there are many trainings offered in Canada. However, there is a need for training to be catered to particular roles. It is also noted that funding from workplaces is lacking and would help support the growth of these workers. These may not be the only barriers but are some of the most repeated throughout the survey

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CONCLUSION

The analysis presented is very preliminary. The survey was meant to dive into the importance of training and the needs of experts. Due to the summertime constraint, my initial output only consists of the overall survey outlook. From the data collected and analyzed thus far, I can confidently say that there are inequalities in the amount of support these experts receive.



STEPS FOR THE FUTURE?

Within Canada alone, there are many trainings a specialist could look towards for support. However, it is often difficult to find these; for example searching the web doesn't allow an expert to find niche trainings offered that support their particular work. The centre is currently creating a database that will provide these workers with a place to pull relevant resources without the hassle.

CITATIONS

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