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New YWCA Court Support Program Available in Peterborough

Peterborough, ON – January 11, 2012 – YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton has recently launched a two year Court Support Program, designed to help find better ways of supporting women facing situations of domestic violence who are going through Family and/or Criminal Court.

The program provides court support to women who are making their way through Family and/or Criminal Court and are living in, are leaving, or have left an abusive situation. YWCA Court Support Workers are currently available by appointment and can provide assistance (free of charge) with Safety Planning, understanding the court process, filling out Family Court forms, applying for Legal Aid, finding a lawyer, preparing for legal appointments, recording the history of abuse, court accompaniment, information and referrals to other services, and much more.

The project also has a research phase. Women from the Peterborough area who have direct experience with the legal system for reasons related to domestic violence and child and custody access, who do not currently have a case before the courts, are strongly encouraged to contact Karine Rogers, Court Support Project Manager, at (705) 743-3526 ext. 105 for more information about how they can become involved in the project.

Anyone looking for more information about how they can receive free support is encouraged to contact YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton at (705) 743-3526 to speak with one of the YWCA's Court Support Workers, Deb Radford or Billi Balment. Information about the YWCA Court Support Program is also available online at www.ywcapeterborough.org/court-support-program.html.

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