

Preventing & Responding to Domestic Abuse against Newcomer, Immigrant, Refugee and No Status Women (PRDV)

PRDV curriculum covers two days of training for workshop participants. The duration is 6 hours each.

Curriculum Topics for Workshop 1 – Cultural Dynamics of Domestic Abuse

This workshop educates community service providers about domestic abuse and immigrant women. The curriculum topics and learning objectives are as follows:

Topics	Learning Objectives
Domestic Violence	To provide a basic overview of domestic violence and a general understanding of the various forms of domestic violence.
Dynamics of Domestic Violence specific to newcomer women	<p>To demonstrate how domestic violence impacts newcomer women specifically & how this differs from Canadian born women experiencing domestic violence & accessing services.</p> <p>To familiarize workshop participants with questions that must be asked when specifically working with newcomer women.</p> <p>To demonstrate how the role of extended family may perpetuate or encourage abuse.</p> <p>To clarify sponsorship and demonstrate how this role can be oppressive and create dependency.</p> <p>To familiarize workshop participants with barriers newcomer women may face in defining abuse.</p>
Challenges faced by immigrant women through a case scenario exercise	To familiarize workshop participants with barriers immigrant women face that may prevent them from accessing services.
Cultural Competence	<p>To demonstrate and raise an awareness of the role of culture and patriarchy in domestic violence.</p> <p>To explain cultural competence at individual and organizational levels.</p>
Migration & Settlement	To demonstrate how settlement and migration experiences can affect levels of domestic violence and/or create reluctance to report or access services.
Strategies to Improve Services	<p>To demonstrate how inter-agency collaboration enhances prevention.</p> <p>To demonstrate how to collaborate with partners effectively through referrals.</p> <p>To identify local resources for front-line staff and clients.</p>

Curriculum Topics for Workshop 2 – Legal Information

This workshop educates community service providers about the legal information needed to support immigrant women leaving abusive relationships in Canada. Download the [PRDV Legal Information Booklet](#) for more information. The curriculum topics and learning objectives are as follows:

Topics	Learning Objectives
Legal and social history of immigration in context of immigrant and refugee women	To familiarize workshop participants with legal, political, & social history relating to newcomer women throughout Canadian history.
Overview of Canadian immigration system	To familiarize workshop participants with the Canadian immigration system. To demonstrate how the Canadian immigration system creates issues for female applicants.
Immigration options and how they relate to women	To define and describe the various immigration options and demonstrate how each one relates to women specifically.
Dangers specific to immigrant and refugee women	To familiarize workshop participants with legal dangers specific to newcomer women.
Role of workshop participants with women who have legal issues	To demonstrate how workshop participants can be effective in working with newcomers who have legal issues.