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Introduction

ANY PERSON OF ANY GENDER can be a victim of abuse. Abuse in relationships can affect people from any demographic -- cultural, national and ethnic origin, socio-economic status, education, gender, age and physical or mental ability.

Abuse can take many forms, which can include: harassment, verbal abuse, threats, financial abuse, psychological abuse, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, neglect, damage to property, injury to pets, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and homicide.

Perhaps you haven't considered that you are the victim in an abusive relationship. Perhaps you haven't considered that your behaviour may be abusive and hurtful in a relationship. No matter what your role; ABUSE is not okay. It's not right. It's very damaging.

Being able to recognize abusive behaviour is an important step in moving forward. The next step is to seek help and support.

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about services in Prince Edward Island that can help you. When you contact any of the included organizations, they will work with you to get the help you need.

This guide contains information for individuals who identify as a victim, or as someone whose behaviour is abusive, or both. It also contains valuable support information for neighbours, friends or family members who care.

The beginning of this guide contains information for victims of abuse. The latter part of this guide contains information for those individuals whose behaviour is abusive.

NOTE REGARDING SAFETY:

If you are afraid of what might happen if someone sees this booklet or your notes, keep it in a safe and secure place. For instance, if there are no places in your home that you feel would be a safe or secure place to keep this booklet, keep it in a private space at work where no one could access it.

Information for Victims

You don't deserve to be abused.....

You deserve to be treated with complete RESPECT

Warning Signs of Abuse:

Does your partner:

- Always have to be right?
- Use putdowns?
- Decide what to do, where to go, and when to do it?
- Try to tell you how to wear your hair or what clothes to wear?
- Criticize you all the time?
- Say you are too fat, too skinny, ugly, or stupid?
- Tell you that you are a bad parent to offend and/or hurt you?
- Call you humiliating names?
- Insist on controlling all the money?
- Threaten suicide if you leave?
- Get upset or jealous when you do things alone with your friends?
- Send harassing text messages or phone calls asking where you are, what you are doing and who you are with?
- Insult the type of work you do or the kind of courses you take at school?
- Force you to have sex when you do not want to?
- Threaten to hit you, harm your pets or break things?
- Slap, kick or punch you?
- Hack into your Facebook or email account?
- Hurt your kids?

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions, you may be involved in an abusive relationship. This can be difficult, but you are not alone. There are many resources, services and people available to help you.

For Family, Friends and Neighbours

Always keep yourself safe. Never get in the middle of violent situation. Always call the police in an emergency.

You may know someone who is in an abusive relationship. This knowledge can put you in a difficult position, especially if they are a close friend or family member.

Here are some tips when approaching someone you suspect is being abused:

- Choose the right time and place to have a full, safe discussion
- Use examples of things you've seen and observed
- Remain supportive, especially if they become defensive
- Don't get angry with them
- Provide resources and options
- Express concern for their safety and the safety of their children
- Listen to their concerns/fears
- Call the police if anyone's safety is in jeopardy

If the abuse is denied:

- Be aware that people who are abused will often minimize the impact and deny that anything is wrong. They may state that the situation isn't that bad or may blame themselves for the abuse. This kind of denial usually comes from fear.
- Keep your conversation focused on your concerns for the family's safety and well-being and reiterate that abuse is never okay.
- Keep the lines of communication open and look for opportunities to help them find support.

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CRISIS SITUATIONS

Call 911

Island-wide 24 hours a day / 7 days a week

No fees

Local RCMP:

- Charlottetown (902) 368-9300
- Summerside (902) 436-9300
- Alberton (902) 853-9300
- Montague (902) 838-9300
- Souris (902) 687-9300

Local Police:

- Charlottetown (902) 629-4172
- Summerside (902) 432-1201
- Kensington (902) 836-4499

If you feel that you are not safe and not able to leave, call 911. If there is immediate danger to either you or your children, call 911. If you are witnessing abuse, call 911. An operator will connect you to local Police in your area for support. The operator will ask you for your phone number (in case of a disconnection), your location/civic address, and if there are any injuries. If there is a disconnection, the 911 operator will attempt to call you back. If you do not answer but had indicated that there was a domestic situation, 911 will notify the Police of your situation and location, and police will come to your location to help you.

Anderson House

1-800-240-9894 (toll free)

(902) 892-0960 (Charlottetown area)

24 hours a day / 7 days a week

shelter@fvps.ca / danya@fvps.ca / admin@fvps.ca

www.fvps.ca/services

No fees

Anderson House recommends you bring:

- Photo id/drivers license
- Important documents/records (i.e. bank)
- Young child's favorite toy/special blanket
- House/apartment keys
- Any medications you or your children may be taking
- Phone charger

Anderson House provides a substance-free emergency shelter for women and their children, as well as an Island-wide – 24 hour crisis line. Anyone can call Anderson House for information in regards to services. As a woman calling for shelter, there are a number of basic questions you will be asked as a part of the intake process. There are no fees for your room or food at the shelter. If you are leaving your situation in an emergency, the shelter can provide basic hygiene supplies and clothing for you and your children. They will provide short-term, emergency shelter while you work with shelter staff on planning for your safety, exploring housing options and creating contacts to support you in your next steps.

Due to COVID-19, there may be restrictions in place at Anderson House to protect both residents and staff. This may include restrictions on outings or visitors to the shelter. We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times. We are making every attempt to ensure we meet residents' needs in the safest way possible.

Chief Mary Bernard Memorial Women's Shelter

1-855-297-2332 (toll free)

(902) 831-2332 (Lennox Island)

24 hours a day / 7 days a week

www.womensshelter@lennoxisland.com

No fees

Male children 14 years and younger can stay.

Lennox Island Band Members can apply for the 1 year stay.

**Chief Mary Bernard Memorial Shelter
recommends you bring:**

- Photo ID
- Health Card

Chief Mary Bernard Memorial Women's Shelter provides emergency shelter for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women and their children experiencing family violence and homelessness. There is no fee for your bed or your suppers at Chief Mary Bernard Memorial Women's Shelter. The shelter has programs that will help you with life skills, parenting skills as well as employment support. Shelter staff will also provide a variety of information and resources to meet individual needs. Emergency stays at the shelter can be up to six weeks. Aboriginal women who have left a violent relationship or who find themselves in a homeless situation can apply and be assessed for a one year stay at the shelter.

Please be advised, women are now asked some Covid-19 screening questions prior to completing an intake.

The Salvation Army

Bedford MacDonald House

184 Weymouth Street, Charlottetown

(902) 892-9242

(phones will only be answered between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.)

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. / 7 days a week

Some fees may apply

Located in Charlottetown, The Salvation Army Bedford MacDonald House provides shelter services for men, aged 18 and older, who find themselves in homeless situations. The shelter is open from 4:00 p.m. in the evenings until 8:00 a.m. the following morning. Please note: If you are trying to contact the shelter by telephone, please leave a message on the answering machine, and a staff member will try to call back within a day, or as soon as possible.

Mental Health Crisis Response

Mental health staff are available through the Emergency Departments at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Prince County Hospital.

Charlottetown

Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Emergency Department
60 Riverside Drive
Charlottetown

Mental Health Crisis Response Hours:
Monday to Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Summerside

Prince County Hospital - Emergency Department
65 Roy Boates Avenue
Summerside

Mental Health Crisis Response Hours:
24/7
No fees

Experienced mental health staff provide a prompt response to people with a mental health emergency through the provincial mental health crisis response system.

QEH

Experienced mental health staff provide a prompt response to people with a mental health emergency. Mental health crisis response is currently based in the Emergency Department of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown. The referrals come from the Emergency Department Physicians - it is important to note that a person cannot just come in to the Emergency Department to see a Crisis Response Nurse only. An RN is on a twelve hour shift daily, 0800-2000h. Working in collaboration with the ED Physician, disposition is determined based on the patient's priority needs.

PCH

Experienced mental health staff provide a prompt response to people with a mental health emergency. Mental health crisis response is currently based in the Emergency Department of the Prince County Hospital in Summerside. Those who present with a mental health emergency will be assessed by a crisis response nurse or social worker (8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week) and referred to the most appropriate service, which may be a physician or other mental health clinician. In addition, there is a crisis response nurse working night shifts.

Mental health staff work closely with the Emergency Department physicians but also consultation/collaboration if needed with Psychiatry and link the client to the appropriate level of service. This initiative can be effective for evaluating suicide risk and client safety.

People may call hospital switchboard at 438-4200 and ask to be connected to the mental health crisis response office. Confidential voicemail is checked daily if the calls are after hours, or our team is unable to answer the phone.

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Victim Services

Charlottetown: (902) 368-4582

Summerside: (902) 888-8218

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

www.gov.pe.ca/jps/victimservices

Summerside email: victimservicessummerside@gov.pe.ca

Charlottetown email: victimservicescharlottetown@gov.pe.ca

Free

Check www.legalinfopei.ca for more information regarding:

- Emergency Protection Orders (EPOs)
- Safety Planning

Victim Services provides free, confidential services to men, women and children who have been victims of violence, or any other crime. Workers can explain the court process, the justice system, and the status of your case. They can provide short-term counselling, help to prepare a victim impact statement or community impact statement, provide information regarding recovery of financial losses and make referrals for support services needed. Victim Services will also help you assess risk, make a safety plan and can help you obtain an Emergency Protection Order (EPO) if needed. **You do not have to involve police to access the services of Victim Services.**

Outreach Coordinators

Family Violence Prevention Services Inc.

West Prince: (902) 859-8849, email: karen@fvps.ca

East Prince: (902) 436-0517, (902) 888-3310
email: leeanne@fvps.ca

Eastern PEI: (902) 838-4600 ext 23, email: epei@fvps.ca

Queens: (902) 566-1480 ext. 224, email: gloria@fvps.ca

Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

www.fvps.ca/outreach-services/

teenrelationships.ca

Free

West Prince: O’Leary, Alberton, Tignish, Ellerslie and surrounding area

East Prince: Summerside and surrounding area

Eastern PEI: Souris, Montague, Georgetown and surrounding area

Queens: Charlottetown, Stratford, Cornwall and surrounding area

Outreach Coordinators provide support to women, men and children who have been victimized by violent relationships. Highly experienced Outreach Coordinators are available throughout the Island, generally Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. These hours are often flexible and Outreach Coordinators can meet with you in a safe place of your choosing; whether that is your home, their office or perhaps a local coffee shop. Outreach coordinators also work in the evenings giving presentations and community group/education sessions. Outreach service is free, confidential and only Outreach Coordinators listen to their voicemail messages. Your call will be returned within a day or two if not sooner. If it isn’t safe to leave your phone number, call back and/or call Anderson House for support (toll free 1-800-240-9894 or (902) 892-0960). No question or concern is too small. Outreach Coordinators will support you to get the information and services you need.

During active outbreaks of COVID-19, all efforts will be made to ensure client and worker safety. Meetings may happen electronically or there may be other measures in place. We are making every attempt to ensure we meet clients' needs in the safest way possible.

PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre

Main Office Number: (902) 566-1864 or
toll free 1-866-566-1864

Counselling Services: (902) 368-8055 or
toll free 1-888-368-8055

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.peirsac.org/

Free

The PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre provides counselling services to survivors of recent or historic sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse. They provide services in Charlottetown, Summerside and Alberton. The main office is in Charlottetown, with limited service in the Summerside and Alberton areas.

PEIRSAC Therapy Services are:

- Adults of all genders (16 years and older)
- Free of charge
- Confidential
- Provided by professional therapists who are experienced and trained in trauma recovery
- As well as individual therapy, PEIRSAC also offers groups for men who have experienced sexual abuse, and for survivors on our wait list.

To make a request for counselling, please call (902) 368-8055. You will be asked to leave a confidential voice mail message which includes: your name, number and whether staff can leave a detailed message at that number. When a therapist returns your call, she will ask you a series of questions to gain an appreciation of your situation. If you have been sexually assaulted recently, your request will be prioritized; survivors of historic sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse will be seen as soon as possible, but there may be a wait list.

Unfortunately, the Centre is not able to operate a crisis support line and therefore is not able to guarantee that a therapist will be available for immediate response. If you are feeling overwhelmed, please contact your nearest hospital emergency department or call 911.

During this time of COVID19 we are still answering our phones and emails, and accepting new requests for service on our Counselling Request Line (902) 368-8055. At the moment we are only seeing individuals in our Charlottetown location on a case-by-case basis.

We continue to offer over-the-phone and online counselling, so please talk to your counsellor by phone for fuller details, and keep an eye on our website peirsac.org and our FaceBook page for service updates and for calming resources during this time of uncertainty.

Take Care.

Community Mental Health Services

Charlottetown: (902) 368-4430

Bilingual services available:

Summerside: (902) 888-8180

Montague: (902) 838-0960

Souris: (902) 687-7110

O'Leary: (902) 853-8670

Alberton: (902) 853-8670

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free

Visiting clinical services provided in Family Physicians' offices and health centres in Tyne Valley, Tignish, Evangeline, Lennox Island, Rustico, Hunter River, Cornwall and Montague.

Visiting Community Mental Health Clinicians at Health Centres: Tignish, Tyne Valley, Evangeline, Lennox Island and Harbourside (S'ide) in addition to the main Community Mental Health office sites located in Summerside, Alberton and O'Leary.

Community Mental Health Services provides a broad range of therapeutic mental health services to men, women, children and adolescents. Services include individual counselling, family counselling, group therapy, among many others. Referrals can be made by your doctor or you can call and request service. When you make the initial call, the receptionist will take your name and phone number. An Intake Worker will call you back as soon as possible for an assessment to determine the best service for you. You can make a request for either a male or female counselor; however this may result in a longer wait time for service. Those interested in marriage counselling are often referred to Catholic Family Services Bureau. **There are no fees for service** with Community Mental Health Services. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pe/communitary-mental-health-services>

Addiction Services Family Program

Toll free: 1-888-299-8399

Alberton: (902) 853-8670/0401

Montague: (902) 838-0960

Souris: (902) 687-7110

Charlottetown: (902) 368-4120

Summerside: (902) 888-8380

Office hours vary, but access via telephone is available 24/7.

Free

The Addiction Services Family Program offers an evidence based program called Community Reinforcement Approach Family Training (CRAFT) that can help family members get their loved ones to go to treatment. The CRAFT program has a chapter on violence, and counselors working in this program have been trained to support clients in making safety plans and connecting to community supports.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/mental-health-and-addictions-services>

Le Groupe Consultatif Communautaire Evangeline (ECCG)

(902) 854-2699 / (902) 439-1147 (cell phone)

Wellington

7:00 a.m. - as needed

Free

The ECCG in Wellington provides free services in both French and English to men, women and children. Anyone can call for support services or referral information as well as to find out about programs which exist in local communities and on the provincial level. The ECCG works with prevention services for families experiencing domestic violence; abuse and harassment of children, youth and older adults; frauds and scams; cyber safety; bullying in the home/school/workplace and in sports.

Community Legal Information

1-800-240-9798 (toll free)

(902) 892-0853 (Charlottetown)

email: info@legalinfopei.ca

40 Enman Cres., Suite 111, Charlottetown, PE C1E 1E6

Monday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Inquiry line answered

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. only)

legalinfopei.ca

Community Legal Information's mandate is to provide understandable and useful information about our laws and the justice system. Staff offer a free and confidential legal information service. Community Legal Information has many free legal information resources that are available to the public in paper copies or on their website. Through the Lawyer Referral Service, clients can have a short consultation with a lawyer for a small fee. Community Legal Information will not share your information and, unless you need a lawyer referral, you do not have to provide your name. Community Legal Information also sells the PEI Uncontested Divorce Kit and the PEI Power of Attorney Kit, both at very affordable prices.

Family Service PEI

Charlottetown: (902) 892-2441

Summerside: (902) 436-9171

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.fspei.ca

See below for more information about fee structure

Therapeutic/Personal Counselling:

- Counselling techniques used to help achieve a stronger state of mental health and daily functioning

Financial Counselling:

- Counselling used to help guide people toward the best way to use, invest and budget their money and resolve their debts

Family Service PEI provides both Therapeutic (individual/couple/family) and Financial Counselling for women and men. Services are provided for all family members and referrals can be made to other specialist services, as needed. Family Service PEI keeps the need for the safety of all clients at a high level of priority. Prior to providing couples counseling or anger management services, clients must be assessed to ensure those services will be safe and helpful. Family Service PEI can also provide Employee Assistance Program services, when requests for counseling have been made through your work or personal health insurance plan. Financial counseling services are provided free of charge. **There is a fee for Therapeutic Counselling; however fee subsidies are available for those who qualify.** Persons experiencing family violence are given priority in accessing a subsidized therapeutic counseling appointment with a therapist as soon as is possible.

UPEI's Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO)

Coordinator: Eileen Conboy

Main Office Number: 902-620-5090

Email: econboy@upei.ca

Office Hours: 8am-4pm Monday to Friday

Location: Kelley Memorial Building, 3rd floor, Room 304, UPEI

Fee: Free to all University community members (Students, Faculty, Staff, Contracted employees)

The Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO) is the University office with primary responsibility to help persons in the University Community affected by sexual violence. The SVPRO coordinates supports and resources for those who have experienced sexual violence, receives disclosures and complaints, facilitates safety planning, and assists survivors through the complaint process.

Depending on the circumstances of the incident and the needs and wishes of the person disclosing and/or reporting the SVPRO can assist with:

- Referrals to University resources and community agencies;
- Referrals to medical services;
- Academic / workplace accommodations;
- Housing relocation for students living in residence;
- Coordination of safety planning;
- Access to emergency housing;
- Coordination emergency financial assistance;
- Referrals to on and off campus counselling services;
- Information about reporting options;
- Decision-making and navigating University processes;
- Managing the flow of information among departments or offices where necessary;
- Coordinating with other institutions, where a student may be cross-registered, in respect of access to supports and accommodations

Information for Individuals Whose Behaviour is Abusive

Do you worry that you are hurting or harming someone close to you? Understanding your own abusive behaviour is very valuable and can be an important first step toward making a change not only for yourself, but also for the loved ones in your life.

There are many people who find it challenging to manage their anger. People often blame their anger as a cause of being abusive. Anger is NEVER an excuse for being physically, verbally or emotionally abusive. There are many strategies for dealing with and managing anger. It is important to find ways to express your anger in ways that are not damaging or dangerous.

No one else is ever responsible for your abusive behaviour. No one else could ever make you abuse them. Being abusive is always a choice.

Some times in abusive relationships, both the victim and the abuser blame drugs and/or alcohol for the abuse. Although substance abuse is a factor, **it is not the REASON for violence.**

If you don't seek help, your abusive behaviour can increase and you could cause serious, lasting harm to someone you care about.

There are legal consequences to being abusive. Violence and threats of violence can result in arrest and criminal charges.

It can be difficult to admit that your behaviour is abusive, but you are not alone. There are many resources, services and people available to help you.

For Family, Friends and Neighbours

Always keep yourself safe. Never get in the middle of violent situation. Always call the police in an emergency.

You may know someone who is being abusive to their partner. Your knowledge of this can put you in a difficult position, especially if they are a close friend or family member.

Here are some tips when approaching someone you suspect is being abusive:

- Choose the right time and place to have a full discussion.
- Approach them when they are calm.
- Inform them that their behaviour is their responsibility. Avoid making judgmental comments about them as a person. Don't validate attempts to blame others for their behaviour.
- Don't try to force change or force the person to seek help. Tell them that you are concerned for the safety of their partner and children.
- Never argue with about their abusive actions. Recognize that confrontational, argumentative approaches may make the situation worse and put victims at higher risk.
- Call the police if anyone's safety is in jeopardy.

If the person denies the abuse:

- Be aware that people who are abusive will often minimize the impact and deny that they have done anything wrong. They may state that it isn't that bad or blame the victim for their actions. This type of behaviour deflects their own responsibility for their actions.
- Keep your conversation focused on your concerns for the family's safety and well-being and reiterate that abuse is never an answer.
- Keep the lines of communication open and look for opportunities to help them find support.

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The following counselling services outlined throughout this Guide offer supports for someone who identifies as having abusive behaviours toward their partner.

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Community and Correctional Services: Clinical Services Team (Turning Point for Men, Anger Management Program, Sexual Deviance Assessment/Treatment Program)

The Clinical Services team is a provincial resource which provides assessment and treatment to offenders and high risk community members. **The target populations of the team's services are high risk adults and youth involved in the justice system.** Referrals for assessment are also accepted from other agencies. Adult Islanders may also make direct self-referrals for assessment for certain programs.

Programs assist, support and treat individuals experiencing significant personal difficulties. These difficulties may be associated with criminal court interventions and behaviour that poses a high-risk of harm to self or others. The team also provides training, consultation and case management support.

Turning Point for Men

Turning Point Coordinator

(902) 368-6392 or (902) 569-7613

www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/turning-point-program

Free

The Turning Point Program is an intimate partner violence (IPV) intervention/counseling program for men who want to stop their abusive/controlling behaviours in their intimate relationships with female partners. Turning Point is primarily a group program consisting of 14 to 16 weekly, three hour sessions. Groups are generally held in the evenings at no cost.

Program components include:

- what is abuse
- various forms of abuse
- power imbalances
- patterns of partner violence
- managing intense emotions
- impact of violence on children and female partners
- violence and substance use
- socialization
- respectful communication
- problem solving
- self care
- managing stress and developing an interpersonal/self control plan

Turning Point is a community based program, therefore self referrals are accepted. Agencies making referrals to Turning Point must complete a referral form. Please contact the Turning Point Coordinator for a copy of the referral form or visit the website listed above. All referrals are assessed by the Turning Point Coordinator prior to program entry in order to determine program readiness and compatibility. Turning Point is offered throughout the Province at varying times throughout the year.

Please note, men who have charges before the court relating to IPV are generally assessed after the court process.

Anger Management Program

(902) 368-5311

www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/anger-management-program

Free

The target population of the Anger Management program is high-risk adults involved in the justice system. Referrals for assessment are also accepted from other agencies. Adult Islanders may make direct self-referrals for assessment.

Skills learned in the Anger Management Program include:

- mood patterns and triggers
- total behaviour concepts
- anger sequences
- decision making
- problem solving
- refusal skills
- negotiation
- positive self-talk

The Anger Management Program is based on an integrative, cognitive behavioural approach.

Sexual Deviance Assessment/Treatment Program

Sexual Deviance Assessment & Treatment Program

Sexual Deviance Assessment & Treatment Therapist

(902) 368-6391

Free

The purpose of this program is to provide skilled assessment and treatment to adults or adolescents who have engaged in, or who are at risk of engaging in, sexually deviant behaviour. Referrals come from the justice system. Self-referrals and referrals from other agencies also accepted.

Outreach Coordinators

Family Violence Prevention Services Inc.

West Prince: (902) 859-8849, email: karen@fvps.ca

East Prince: (902) 436-0517, (902) 888-3310
email: leeanne@fvps.ca

Eastern PEI: (902) 838 4600, ext 23, email: epei@fvps.ca

Queens: (902) 566-1480 ext. 224, email: gloria@fvps.ca

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

www.fvps.ca/outreach-services/

Free

- West Prince:** O’Leary, Alberton, Tignish, Ellerslie and surrounding area
- East Prince:** Summerside and surrounding area
- Eastern PEI:** Souris, Montague, Georgetown and surrounding area
- Queens:** Charlottetown, Stratford, Cornwall and surrounding area

Although Outreach Coordinators do not meet specifically with individuals whose behaviour is abusive, any man or woman who is abusive in a domestic relationship can call for information regarding referrals, available services and resources. A friend, family member or neighbour who recognizes abusive behaviour in a loved one can also call an Outreach Coordinator for support and information.

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Family Service PEI

Charlottetown: (902) 892-2441

Summerside: (902) 436-9171

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.fspei.ca

See below for more information about fee structure

Family Service PEI provides both Therapeutic (individual/couple/family) and Financial Counselling for women and men. Services are provided for all family members and referrals can be made to other specialist services, as needed. Family Service PEI keeps the need for the safety of all clients at a high level of priority. Prior to providing couples counseling or anger management services, clients must be assessed to ensure those services will be safe and helpful. Family Service PEI can also provide Employee Assistance Program services, when requests for counseling have been made through your work or personal health insurance plan. **Financial counseling services are provided free of charge. There is a fee for Therapeutic Counselling; however fee subsidies are available for those who qualify. Persons experiencing family violence are given priority in accessing a subsidized therapeutic counseling appointment with a therapist as soon as is possible.**

Community Mental Health Services

Charlottetown: (902) 368-4430

Bilingual services available:

Summerside: (902) 888-8180

Montague: (902) 838-0960

Souris: (902) 687-7110

O'Leary: (902) 853-8670

Alberton: (902) 853-8670

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free

Visiting clinical services provided in Family Physicians' offices and health centres in Tyne Valley, Tignish, Evangeline, Lennox Island, Rustico, Hunter River, Cornwall and Montague.

Visiting Community Mental Health Clinicians at Health Centres: Tignish, Tyne Valley, Evangeline, Lennox Island and Harbourside (S'Side) in addition to the main Community Mental Health office sites located in Summerside, Alberton and O'Leary.

Community Mental Health Services provides a broad range of therapeutic mental health services to men, women, children and adolescents. Services include individual counselling, family counselling, group therapy, among many others. Referrals can be made by your doctor or you can call and request service. When you make the initial call, the receptionist will take your name and phone number. An Intake Worker will call you back as soon as possible for an assessment to determine the best service for you. You can make a request for either a male or female counselor; however this may result in a longer wait time for service. Those interested in marriage counselling are often referred to Catholic Family Services Bureau. **There are no fees for service** with Community Mental Health Services. For more information, please visit: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/community-mental-health-services>

Mental Health Crisis Response

Mental health staff are available through the Emergency Departments at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Prince County Hospitals.

Charlottetown

Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Emergency Department
60 Riverside Drive
Charlottetown

Mental Health Crisis Response Hours:
Monday to Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Summerside

Prince County Hospital - Emergency Department
65 Roy Boates Avenue
Summerside

24/7

No fees

QEH

Experienced mental health staff provide a prompt response to people with a mental health emergency. Mental health crisis response is currently based in the Emergency Department of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown. The referrals come from the Emergency Department Physicians - it is important to note that a person cannot just come in to the Emergency Department to see a Crisis Response Nurse only. An RN is on a twelve hour shift daily, 0800-2000h. Working in collaboration with the ED Physician, disposition is determined based on the patient's priority needs.

PCH

Experienced mental health staff provide a prompt response to people with a mental health emergency. Mental health crisis response is currently based in the Emergency Department of the Prince County Hospital in Summerside.

Those who present with a mental health emergency will be assessed by a crisis response nurse or social worker (8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week) and referred to the most appropriate service, which may be a physician or other mental health clinician. In addition, there is a crisis response nurse working night shifts.

Mental health staff work closely with the Emergency Department physicians but also consultation/collaboration if needed with Psychiatry and link the client to the appropriate level of service. This initiative can be effective for evaluating suicide risk and client safety.

People may call hospital switchboard at 438-4200 and ask to be connected to the mental health crisis response office. Confidential voicemail is checked daily if the calls are after hours, or our team is unable to answer the phone.

Addiction Services Family Program

Toll free: 1-888-299-8399

Alberton: (902) 853-8670/0401

Montague: (902) 838-0960

Souris: (902) 687-7110

Charlottetown: (902) 368-4120

Summerside: (902) 888-8380

Office hours vary, but access via telephone is available 24/7.

Free

The Addiction Services Family Program offers an evidence based program called Community Reinforcement Approach Family Training (CRAFT) that can help family members get their loved ones to go to treatment. The CRAFT program has a chapter on violence, and counselors working in this program have been trained to support clients in making safety plans and connecting to community supports.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/mental-health-and-addictions-services>



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