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**EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES: MENTAL ILLNESS,
ADDICTIONS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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The ACC 2010 Conference will showcase several presentations and workshops that will provide effective “take-home” tools for front line workers, valuable information sharing for managers, and current crime prevention initiatives underway in Atlantic Canada.

Plenary presentations will include:

*Claudette Bradshaw—Moncton Site Coordinator, Mental Health Commission of Canada’s national “At Home/Chez Soi” Project;

*Dr. Bianca Lauria-Horner,

Dalhousie University: “Street-Level Intervention with Emotionally Disturbed Persons”;

*Panel of representatives from Atlantic Provincial Government Offices of Child and Youth Advocates.

Registration is now available through the Conference Coordinator, Tara Carlisle, at tcarlisle.acc@gmail.com or by phone at 1-506-452-4113

OR

on-line through our newly designed website—check it out!

www.acc-cca.org

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

As part of the ACC / NCPC project “Building Crime Prevention Knowledge in Atlantic Canada” a community of practice was held on January 23rd, 2010. This knowledge exchange session featured Deborah Doherty, Executive Director, Public Legal Education & Information Service of New Brunswick. Deborah shared knowledge transfer techniques that were used in a public awareness campaign called

“Safer Families ... Safer Communities”. This campaign promoted safe and violence free homes and communities, and was unique because it made the community part of the solution - community members were given practical advice on how to recognize abuse, and what to do to help. For example, if a woman was hesitant to leave an abusive relationship out of fear for her family pet, a neighbour could offer to look after that pet and keep it

safe.

Deborah’s knowledge transfer technique proved successful in that it helped to change community attitudes, including police responses to abuse, and remains sustainable due to community champions. Overall, this knowledge transfer technique proved to be flexible, comprehensive, and answered “What can I do?” - all elements of a successful problem-solving safe community initiative.

WHAT IS THE ACC?

The ACC is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers from all four Atlantic Canadian provinces. This long-standing partnership of individuals and organizations is dedicated to promoting crime prevention and community safety. For more than 20 years ACC has hosted an annual crime prevention conference to enhance understanding of crime prevention, shared information about crime prevention initiatives, and promoted networking with crime prevention and community safety practitioners across the Atlantic Region.



Community partnerships help build safe communities.



ACC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR:

Corrections and Community Services
Citizens' Crime Prevention Association
Department of Justice
Public Legal Information Association of NL
NEW BRUNSWICK:
Public Legal Education & Information Service
Department of Public Safety
Crime Prevention Association of NB

NOVA SCOTIA:

Legal Information Society
Department of Justice
Police
Crime Prevention Society

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:

Community Legal Information Association
MCPEI Aboriginal Justice Program
Office of the Attorney General

OTHER:

Municipal Police Services
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
National Crime Prevention Centre
Correctional Service of Canada



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