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TORONTO, ON – (April 15, 2019) Three Canadian sociologists are reporting on previously overlooked Statistics Canada data that fundamentally contradicts conventional wisdom on domestic violence, in particular by showing that men and women are equally likely to be victims, including of severe forms of violence.

The Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE), a charity that works with male victims, will host a press conference to discuss the report and its implications, this Thursday, April 18th in Toronto, Montreal and Edmonton. Details are provided below.

The groundbreaking article “Prevalence and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence in Canada as Measured by the National Victimization Survey: Focus on Male Victims” was published today (April 15, 2019) in the journal *Partner Abuse*. Authors Alexandra Lysova (SFU), Donald Dutton (UBC) and Emeka Dim (University of Saskatchewan) report conclusions, based on the 2014 Canadian General Social Survey, that in many cases challenge traditional perceptions of domestic violence:

1. Both male and female victims reported severe forms of domestic violence at alarming rates.
2. Gender was not a factor in whether an individual suffered long-term mental health effects of domestic violence, including experiencing PTSD-related symptoms.
3. The victim’s gender profile was only a relevant factor at the most extreme end of physical violence.

“We strongly support the intervention programs and victim support services that have been built for women over the years,” said Justin Trottier, Executive Director of CAFE. “At the same time, men also suffer severe abuse with serious consequences for them and their children. It is appropriate that some resources be focused on that population.”

Canada has done a good job of creating systems and services to serve abused women and children with 627 shelters for abused women in Canada. We need to leverage this expertise and begin to build services for male victims and their children. CAFE receives calls from over 400 men each year desperately searching for a safe haven and is working to open Toronto’s first shelter for abused men and children.

Male victimization is an underexplored phenomenon and Canada must invest in research specifically on the unique experiences of male victims. CAFE is conducting a federally funded research project “Male Homelessness as a Consequence of Domestic Abuse,” which has surveyed 250 homeless men concerning their experiences linking male homelessness and domestic abuse. The results will be published in May 2019.

It is time that agencies from across the sector come together on campaigns to broaden public awareness," said Trottier. "All victims, regardless of gender, need the support of friends and family who have a modern understanding for the many faces of domestic violence."

PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS

TORONTO

Speakers:

Dr. Alexandra Lysova, publication co-author
Miles Markovic, survivor of a 24 year long abusive relationship
Justin Trottier, CAFE Executive Director

Day/Time:

Thursday, April 18th at 10:00 AM Eastern Time

Location:

Canadian Centre for Men and Families
201 - 2 Homewood Ave., Toronto, ON, M4Y2J9

MONTREAL

Speakers:

Dr. Alexandra Lysova, publication co-author
Sadia Groguhé, Coordinator, La Maison Oxygène
Quentin Lebreton, Social Worker, Carrefour Familial
Alice, a female perpetrator of domestic violence
Daniel Bonin, Montreal Branch Director, CAFE

Day/Time:

Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Location:

Maison Oxygène Montréal
1660 Pie-IX Blvd, Montreal, QC, H1V 2C5

EDMONTON

Day/Time:

Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 AM Mountain Time

Location:

#201 10123 157 St., Edmonton, AB, T5P 2T9

Speakers:

Dr. Alexandra Lysova, publication co-author
Tom Matty, survivor of domestic violence
Dr. Michael Sean McMurtry, Edmonton Branch Director, CAFE

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