



**PreVAiL**

Preventing Violence Across the Lifespan Research Network

**PreVAiL Canada**

**Summary of Final Report**

**(April 2019)**

Building on the accomplishments of the PreVAiL Research Network (2009-2016), PreVAiL Canada was funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (2017-2019) to evolve our knowledge mobilization network to synthesize and mobilize existing and emerging evidence about prevention of child maltreatment (CM) and intimate partner violence (IPV) and approaches to enhance resilience and reduce recurrence and associated impairment. A key audience was Canadian policy stakeholders and public health program planners, thus extending our work into these crucial public health domains. PreVAiL Canada's specific objectives were to:

- 1) build on current PreVAiL partnerships at the federal level, and relevant provincial/territorial links, to evolve evidence-sharing and use in CM and IPV;
- 2) develop capacity for effective knowledge mobilization and research utilization practices among knowledge users, and use innovative approaches to accelerate knowledge-sharing;
- 3) link Canadian and international activities and priorities.

Summary of Accomplishments

- New PreVAiL projects were funded, and existing projects moved into knowledge mobilization and implementation/scale-up phases.
- PreVAiL members gave numerous national and international presentations about PreVAiL and PreVAiL-related activities.
- New policy priorities were identified with federal partners, and activities initiated to meet these knowledge needs.
- Innovative knowledge sharing approaches – from animated whiteboard videos to infographic series – were implemented to share knowledge with a range of audiences.
- PreVAiL continued its important international collaborations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and other members of the WHO's Violence Prevention Alliance (VPA).

Links to Key Projects & Deliverables

*Ongoing projects –*

- VEGA (Violence, Evidence, Guidance, Action): A Public Health Response to Family Violence  
Leads: Harriet MacMillan, Nadine Wathen, see: <http://vegaproject.mcmaster.ca>
- Composite Abuse Scale (revised) – Short Form (CAS<sub>R</sub>-SF): Further Testing & Implementation  
Lead: Marilyn Ford-Gilboe, see [www.GBVStudy.ca](http://www.GBVStudy.ca)

*PreVAiL Canada seed-funded projects –*

- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Canada: Infographics & Communications Strategy.  
Lead: Susan Jack, see <https://nfp.mcmaster.ca/>
- Using Data to Prevent Child Maltreatment  
Lead: Tracie Afifi, see article in *Child Abuse & Neglect*: [\*The relationship between child protection contact and mental health outcomes among Canadian adults with a child abuse history\*](#)
- Biological Outcomes for Infants Exposed to Adversity: Animated Whiteboard Video  
Lead: Andrea Gonzalez, Adverse Childhood Experience: Impact on Brain, Body & Behaviour: <https://youtu.be/W-8jTTIsJ7Q?list=PLxWz0fEGuv6riED2FhhTXeWg1LgigJLNB>
- DV@Work: Can Work be Safe, When Home Isn't? Infographic Series  
Leads: Barb MacQuarrie, Nadine Wathen, Jen MacGregor, see: <http://dvatworknet.org/content/infographics>

***These represent a sample of the publications, tools and other knowledge mobilization resources produced by the seed-funded projects. For more information, contact us.***

*New projects –*

- iHEAL Intervention Trial for Women Who Have Left Abuse  
Leads: Marilyn Ford-Gilboe, Colleen Varcoe, Kelly Scott-Storey, see: <https://ihealstudy.ca/web/>
- My Plan Canada: An Online Safety Decision Aid for Women Experiencing IPV  
Leads: Marilyn Ford-Gilboe, Colleen Varcoe, Kelly Scott-Storey, see: <https://icanplan4safety.ca/> and <https://www.myplanapp.org/home> (Canadian version under development)
- Promoting Healthy Families  
Leads: Andrea Gonzalez and Harriet MacMillan, see announcement: <https://brighterworld.mcmaster.ca/articles/federal-health-minister-announces-research-on-gender-based-violence/?fbclid=IwAR2a7amaUiedB - 0LtjyplaP331o61dI5OWjJMzUnp4Rt2il8mCBrqEvUal>

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