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WOMEN'S CENTRE
Society

Whistler Survey

The HSWC has been serving the Sea to Sky Corridor including Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, Mt Currie, and the Nations beyond since 1981. Our goal is to expand our services and to meet the needs of the women and children of Whistler by securing a permanent 'Drop In' Center located in Whistler. (see a complete list of our current programs below). Your answers today, compiled with statistical data and service provider interviews will help us to determine the exact needs for the women and children of whistler. The following 10 question survey will take 5 minutes or less.

To answer the questions please put a check in the boxes below. All of the information provided to us in anonymous.

1. Age

- 0-17
- 18-25
- 26-32
- 33-40
- 41-50
- 50+

2. Are you currently employed?

- Yes
- No

3. Combined household income (you and your spouse or partner not roommates)

- 0 - \$35,000
- \$ 36,000 - \$55,000
- \$ 55,000 - \$75,000
- \$ 76,000 - \$95,000
- \$ 95,000 - \$120,000
- \$120,000+

4. What is your current relationship status?

- Single
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Married or equivalent

5. Do you have any children and if so how old are they?

- Yes
- No
- Ages _____, _____, _____, _____

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6. **Have you personally experienced any of the following?** (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical abuse or assault | <input type="checkbox"/> Threats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Harassment at work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual exploitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Harassment in personal life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Human trafficking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution | <input type="checkbox"/> Date rape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ritual abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink spiking |

7. **Do you know anyone personally who has experienced any of the following?** (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical abuse or assault | <input type="checkbox"/> Threats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Harassment at work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual exploitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Harassment in personal life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Human trafficking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution | <input type="checkbox"/> Date rape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ritual abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink spiking |

8. **If there were a women's centre in whistler that offered the following services, which ones would you use?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting guest speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Info on justice system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe space | <input type="checkbox"/> Info on employment rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community-building programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ESL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counselling for children who witness abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Counselling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private meeting place for various organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special events (V-day, Breast Cancer awareness, Violence prevention, etc.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Income tax preparation services | |

9. **Check 1 or more races or ethnicity**

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Australian Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander Australian |
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American Indian or Alaska Native

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Indian |
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Asian

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malaysian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thai | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | |

Black or African American

- Black or African American

Canadian Aboriginal

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Metis |
| ___ Other Canadian Aboriginal | | |

Caucasian/White

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> European | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> North African |
| ___ Other
Caucasian/White | | |

Hispanic/Latino

- | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central American | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano/Mexican | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban |
| ___ Other
Hispanic/Latino | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South American | | |

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |
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Puerto Rican

- Puerto Rican

10. Do you have any other comments, ideas, or suggestions?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey – the information you have provided is most helpful!

If you are interested in helping the Whistler Women's Centre - i.e. volunteering, fundraising, donations or if you are currently in need of assistance, please contact us at the Howe Sound Women's Centre (take attached card).

Definitions:

Physical abuse or assault: Any type of unwanted physical contact (pushing, slapping, punching, biting, burning, spiting, shoving, kicking, etc.).

Emotional abuse: Any type of emotionally hurtful behavior (name calling, put downs, embarrassing the individual in front of others, harming an individual's property and/or pets, making the individual feel guilty, etc.).

Elder abuse: Any type of abuse (physical, financial, emotional, sexual, etc.) of an elderly person.

Sexual exploitation: Exchanging or pressuring an individual for sexual favors (including sex) for money, drugs, gifts, food, shelter, safety, etc.).

Financial abuse: Any type of abuse involving finances (controlling one's spending, controlling the titles on property, etc.), controlling whether or not someone earns money/ is employed.

Prostitution: The exchange of money for sexual favors including sex.

Ritual abuse: Any type of abuse involving a religious group, cult, beliefs, or sects, organized abuse; this could be by one or several individuals at a time; as well as pressure to perform/participate in unwanted acts.

Threats: Any type of verbal or physical actions that make the individual being threatened feel uncomfortable or fear for their safety.

Sexual abuse: Any type of abuse that involves unwanted physical or verbal sexual acts.

Harassment at work: Being made to feel uncomfortable or threatened (physically, emotionally, sexually, etc.) by a co-worker, or an individual in a position of power (a manager or boss).

Harassment in personal life: Being made to feel uncomfortable or threatened (physically, emotionally, sexually, etc.) by any individual.

Human trafficking: Persons being forced into slavery for the purposes of prostitution, any act against their will, etc.; being held or threatened against their will.

Date rape: Sexual assault of ANY kind (forced touching, verbal comments, rape) by a known acquaintance(s) (this may or may not occur on a "date").

Drink spiking: Putting drug(s) into an individual's drink(s) without their knowledge for the purposes of sexually assaulting (touching, sex, etc.) the victim once the drugs have taken effect and rendered them incapable of refusing the activity.

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Major Activities of the Howe Sound Women's Centre:

Drop-In Centre

- Referrals to various agencies and resources (welfare income tax, multicultural services, etc.)
- Support to women fleeing abuse or in crisis
- Legal clinic – legal advice and support
- Income tax – tax preparation for low income men and women

Women's Programs:

- Pearl's Place Transition House (Squamish)- support women and their children fleeing abuse for up to 30 days.
- Pearl's Safe Home Program (Whistler and Pemberton)- support women and their children fleeing abuse for up to 30 days.
- Multicultural Outreach (Squamish & Whistler)- offering support groups and individual, ESL, agency referral.
- First Nations Women's Outreach Program (Pemberton, Mt. Currie)- community links and support for prevalent issues.

Children's Programs:

- Children Who Witness Abuse Program (Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton and Mt. Currie)- counsel children who have witnessed abuse and their parents.
- Violence is Preventable (Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton and Mt. Currie)
- Sea to Sky Adolescent Freedom from Exploitation (SAFFE) – Education and prevention against sexual exploitation of youth.
- Healing Emotions and Relationships Together (H.E.A.R.T). Group and individual counseling for children whose parents are still in an abusive relationship.
- Working through Divorce and Separation- counseling for children whose parents are going through divorce.

Enterprising Non-Profit:

- Pearl's 2nds Thrift Store (Squamish) – donates free goods to people in need as well as to several other non-profit organizations in the sea to sky corridor. Sells used goods to the community and all profits are used to support our drop our programs.

Grassroots:

- Free community programming - yoga, drumming, meditation, book club.
- Educational & informational workshops – self help, leadership, safety, health issues etc.
- World Wide Campaign of Violence against Women-V Day campaign, VAW awareness and education
- Committees and Advisory Groups – Women's health network, safety network, affordable housing options group etc.
- Community Partnerships – working with other agencies to refer clients and create multiple supports, build partnerships to create mutually beneficial relationships and build a stronger healthier community.