

THE ONTARIO NETWORK OF
SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE TREATMENT
CENTRES

2019-2020
Annual Report

Welcome from the Provincial Director - April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 Annual Report

In this fiscal year, we enhanced the infrastructure of the Network and Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres (SA/DVTC) through the establishment of a five member Advisory Council comprised of program leaders from across the province to provide support and guidance to the Director. Terms of Reference for the Council were approved and the membership terms are two-year commitments.

Communities of Practice (CoP) for nurses and social workers were formalized this year to increase the support, education and networking for clinicians across the SADVTCs. All nurses and counsellors are invited to participate in the Communities of Practice. Co-chairs were established, along with terms of references for the co-chairs and the CoP.

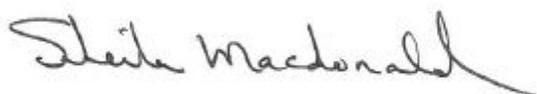
The above initiatives are intended to strengthen our collective engagement with SADVTC clinicians and program leadership as we advance our care and services for our client population.

This report details our achievements in Education, Website and Outreach activities, the work on the provincial database and data collection, and our research initiatives. We have accomplished a lot this year and our collective efforts are impressive!

Thank you to all the SA/DVTC clinicians and staff across the province for your ongoing commitment and dedication to ensuring that victims/survivors of violence are provided with compassionate, timely and comprehensive trauma-informed care. You make a positive difference for your patients!

As we all know, In March 2020 the coronavirus presented as a global threat to our health and safety - forcing community lockdowns and restrictions. We are quickly adapting to a changing environment in order to respond the needs of our clients and our staff.

Sheila Macdonald, RN, MN
Provincial Director

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Launching at the Network

In May of 2019, the Network welcomed *the Sexual Assault, Partner and Elder Abuse Care Program* at Hawkesbury General Hospital as the 36th SA/DV treatment centre in Ontario!

A letter from the HGH Team:

For several years, organizations and agencies offering services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse have advocated the importance of having a specialized program at HGH that could specifically to meet the needs of victims.

Although there were various community partners offering support to victims (i.e., shelters, transitional support, counseling, peer support, children and family services), victims who presented at HGH emergency department had to be redirected to Cornwall or Ottawa to treat injuries or receive a Sexual Assault Evidence Kit, simply because this type of specialized care was not available in Prescott-Russell.

This mounting need led to key stakeholders advocating for a program. At the time, our VP of Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive, had previously been responsible for a SADV treatment centre at The Ottawa General Hospital and saw the value of having a program here and she really understood the benefits for the victims. At the same time, a Hawkesbury detachment OPP, major crime investigator, saw the impact of not collecting evidence after an assault. For him, HGH had to be able to collect evidence. He knew there were programs across the province that had the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit available for victims who wanted to collect evidence post-assault. In his vision, gathering forensic evidence promptly by trained professionals at HGH could not only lead to a higher rate of arrest, but also convictions against abusers. By the same token, The Prescott-Russell Coalition to End Violence Against Women, a collective of community organizations and institutions whose mission is the elimination of violence against women in our community were also concerned about the lack of appropriate medical care and forensic evidence collection in our area. They felt strongly about the growing need for a local program who could better serve our rural and francophone demographic. They wanted to have a treatment centre at HGH just like the other ones across Ontario. With the combined efforts of all these stakeholders, something great happened.

In 2016, HGH received confirmation by the local health integration networks (Champlain LHIN) for annualized funding for an SADV program. The expectations of our funders were:

- Delivery of 24/7 sexual assault and partner abuse care in the emergency department at the HSP (nursing and social work services) that includes access to a Sexual Assault Examination Kit, in keeping with the standards of care established by the Ontario Network of Sexual and Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centers.
- Ongoing plan for nursing education to ensure current competency with required clinical skills
- Formalized referral protocols to ensure integrated access to supports for clients with community service provider partners

Some of you might be thinking, “so why did it take so long?”

We feel it’s very important to be transparent and explain to readers that we have gone through challenges and obstacles, not allowing us to fully deploy, all areas of the program, before now. These

challenges included recruiting a social worker and a nurse, a program coordinator, planning and deploying specific training for all emergency personnel, ranging from nurses to doctors, and probably the biggest step to take was being a member of the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres. Today, we have put all the pieces in place and have a care program for victims of sexual, conjugal and elder abuse at HGH.

It was our vision to become a member of the Network. After an on-site visit in May 2019 and a review of our processes, policies and procedures by the Provincial Director, Ms. Sheila Macdonald provided a positive recommendation to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care so that HGH become a treatment centre. In the summer of 2019, we received confirmation that we were officially the 36th treatment centre in Ontario.

The Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Care Program has been providing the full range of services to victims of abuse since February 11, 2019. HGH is proud of this accomplishment because we believe it is very important that victims who arrive at HGH receive appropriate care.

Highlights as of February 19, 2020:

- Our interdisciplinary team includes ED nurses that have received training and ED physicians.
- We have been doing outreach/presentation/education session in the community (paramedic, retirement home, and medical clinic) and participating in different committees.
- We have completed 8 SAEK, 11 VD acute visits and had seen 16 patients in short term counselling and inpatient consults.
- Four (4) RN's have been SANE trained (TO)
- We have completed the It's not Right training through the Elder abuse prevention Ontario and will now do presentations in retirement homes.
- This year we plan on continuing our community outreach (schools, OPP platoons, continuing our involvement in committees, establishing more MOU with community partners)

As of January 20, 2020, Nancy Harocopos, Manager of the Emergency Department, will be responsible for this program. Dr. Adjaoud continues his role as the lead physician for the program. Amélie Ouellette, Social Worker, and Elyse Lebel-Roy, Nurse Counselor, also maintain their respective roles in this program.

HGH thanks Chantale Tremblay for the planning and implementation of this program. Chantale worked with several HGH employees and our community partners to make the program a reality at the HGH.

We are proud of accomplishments and look forward to keeping the Network informed of our activities.

HGH Team

e-Learning Platform Launch

In May 2019, the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres launched an e-Learning platform where online learning courses are located. Program leaders were asked to provide the Network with staff lists in order to register nurses for the online modules.

A presentation to the program leader group during a tri-annual meeting shared the platform potential and intended uses, in addition to sharing a User Guide with users.

With the launch of the e-Learning platform, the Network in collaboration with Women's College Research Institute, introduced new curricula in the fall of 2019: *Elder Abuse Nurse Examiner e-Learning Curriculum* and *Providing Trans-affirming Care for Sexual Assault e-Learning Curriculum*. Completion of the *SANE Online Modules* is a prerequisite to starting the two trainings. Please see the Research section for further details regarding the elder care and trans-affirming care curricula.

Beyond online modules, the platform was leveraged to host materials and resources related to the Nursing Community of Practice, formerly known as the Nursing Committee. Using Zoom to host virtual meetings and the platform to share materials ahead of time and following, enabled all nurses registered to the platform to receive an invite to participate in the community of practice.

Communities of Practice

In January 2020, the Nursing Community of Practice replaced what was formerly the Nursing Committee. This revision was also applied to the Social Work Committee, which also became a Communities of Practice.

The goals of the Communities of Practice remained to foster engagement among teams across the Network, strengthen skills through the sharing of ideas and discussing challenges or opportunities for improvement. Membership, however, was broadened to all nurses and social workers from each of the 36 SA/DVTCs in Ontario for each Community of Practice, respectively. Membership terms are not defined as long as members are employed at a SA/DVTC and are updated regularly via staff lists submitted to the Network. Co-chair positions were filled via an application and consist of a one-year term which alternates between co-chairs.

Social Work Community of Practice meetings were held bi-monthly, while Nursing Community of Practice meetings were held monthly. Agendas and minutes were set by members and quarterly reports shared with the Network Program Leader group.

In an effort to enhance connection among Community of Practice Members and training sessions, such as monthly EMDR consultations, the Network purchased a licenced Zoom account and phased out WebEx for a more seamless experience for meeting attendees.

Education & Training

Clinical Education Forum: Traumatic Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) within the context of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), was identified as an area of growing concern and therefore further education by educators, academic researchers, community advocates and survivors.

A core goal of the Network is to ensure our clinicians are equipped to provide comprehensive care to address the needs of victims//survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. To respond to this learning opportunity, the Clinical Education Forum on TBI and IPV took place on March 3rd and 4th of 2020 in Toronto, Ontario. The Forum brought together over 150 clinicians and program leaders from 36 programs across Ontario!

Not only did 6 speakers representing 8 organizations share their expertise in screening, identifying and addressing the issue from an intersectional lens which included a survivor panel discussion, Dr. Susan McNair and Tara Leach NP who have consistently contributed to the Network, also delivered an interdisciplinary approach to providing care to victims/survivors. Lastly, in acknowledging the nature of providing helping work and trauma exposure, Diana Tikasz MSW, RW, shared tools and resources for self-care and building wellness.

Social Work Education Forum: Viewing Healing Through an Internal Family Systems (IFS) Lens: Benefits for Myself and My Clients

The Social Work Education Forum "*Viewing Healing Through an Internal Family Systems (IFS) Lens: Benefits for Myself and My Clients*", featured keynote speaker Derek P. Scott, an Internal Family Systems (IFS) therapist and instructor.

The day and a half training took place on February 12 and 13, 2020, to build professional learning and skill-building among social workers based at the 36 sexual assault and domestic violence treatment centres. As an emerging model of psychotherapy that seeks to understand and incorporate different and complex personality parts into therapeutic work, participants learned through a variety of teaching methods understanding of theory constructs and facilitation of these connections in therapeutic work. In total, 49 clinicians attended from the Network's SA/DVTCs, while 28 attended from external community organizations for a total of 77 attendees!

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training

There are two components of the ONSA/DVTC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training. An e-Learning online module and a 40-hour in-person training.

SANE Online

The SANE Online modules, updated in the earlier portion of 2019, launched as the first set of online modules to e-Learning platform. The e-Learning course consists of 16 modules covering the health, forensic and psychosocial aspect of SA/DV care, and utilizes a variety of education tools such as knowledge check questions, videos, end-of-module quizzes and links to further resources to engage learners.

Nurses and program leaders across the 36 treatment centres were registered to the SANE Online modules. Nurses who completed the modules on the previous platform hosted by DLC; however, their course management record indicating the modules as complete. One hundred and thirty-four nurses completed the SANE Online modules during the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

SANE in-person

SANE training was held November 4–8, 2019 in Toronto, Ontario. Nurses from 31 nurses from 15 programs across the province attended. In addition, four sessions of gynaecological/vaginal exam training was held, 3 hours in duration. 22 nurses attending SANE training participated in the gynaecological/vaginal exam training at Women's College Hospital with professional patients.

Database

Efforts continued to establish a provincial database in which all 36 programs could enter patient data for quality assurance purposes. As a non-patient record, the unique MRN identifier of a record was tackled this fiscal year. Several security IT companies were proposed by the WCH IM/IT to develop a work process to ensure safe encryption of the MRN. An additional security measure, 2-Factor authentication was also proposed as an additional security measure due to the size and cross-organizational structure of the database. This would involve a user and password (known) with a code auto-generated and received by text or email (not known). An external web server to house the database was also proposed, as well as proposals by security groups to perform a Threat-Risk Assessment (TRA). ADGA, an engineering consultant firm was secured as the provider for the TRA.

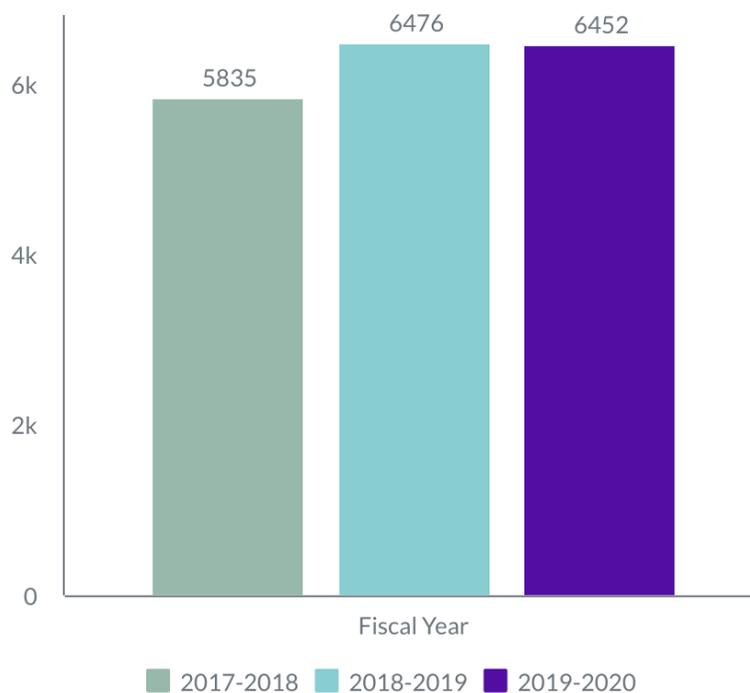
Network *Statistics*

2019-2020

The following section reports client data collected over the past fiscal year from 36 treatment centres. Statistics are collected from treatment centres quarterly through report templates, which capture client volumes for acute and non-acute services, Follow-up Care services, Counselling services, and HIV PEP usage. Progress reports are provided to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and aid in assessing need and direction of future resources.

For the purpose of Network reporting, an acute visit is categorized as a visit within 12 days of an assault. A non-acute visit are those which occur following 12 days of an assault. Adult clients are classified as those 16 years of age and older, while pediatric clients are 15 years of age and younger.

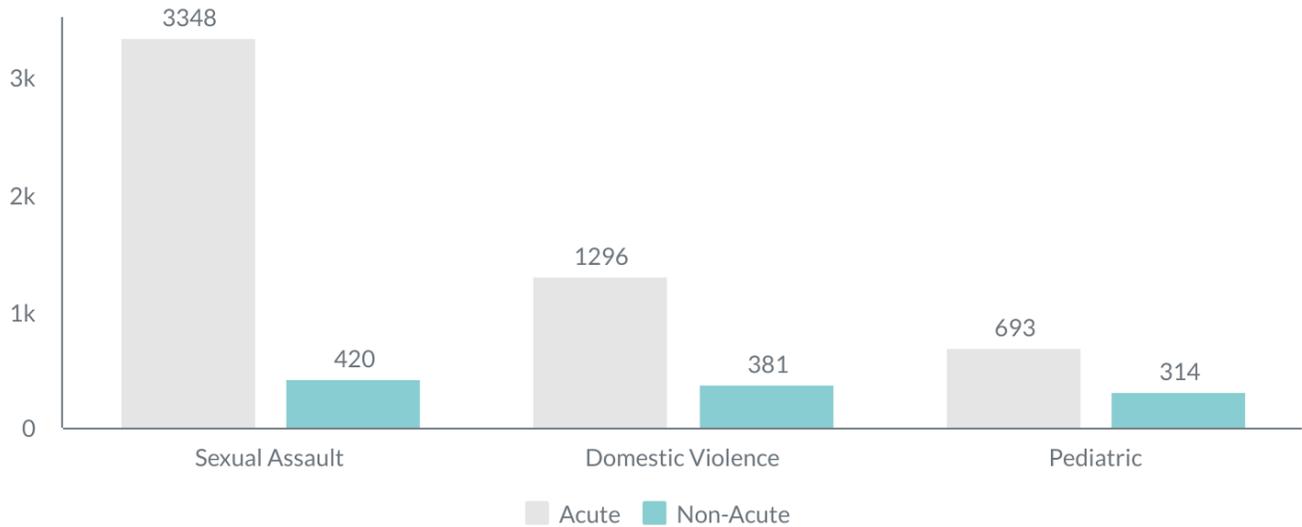
Three Year Trend in Client Volume



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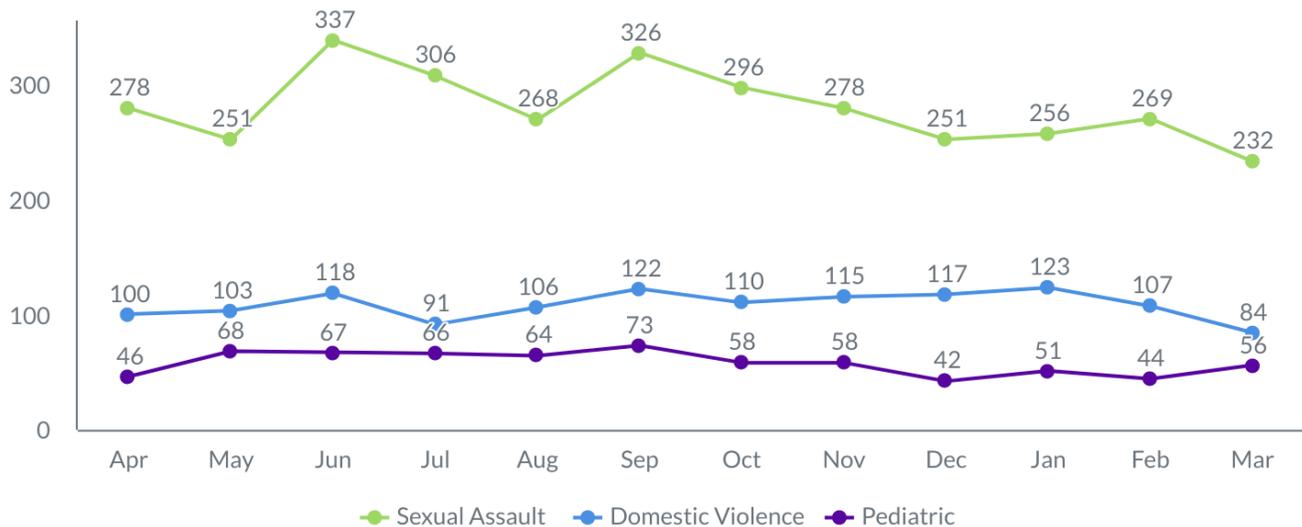
The above graph depicts acute and non-acute adult and pediatric client totals across each fiscal year. Client volumes have remained fairly consistent in the past two fiscal years.

Number of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Pediatric Clients, 2019-2020



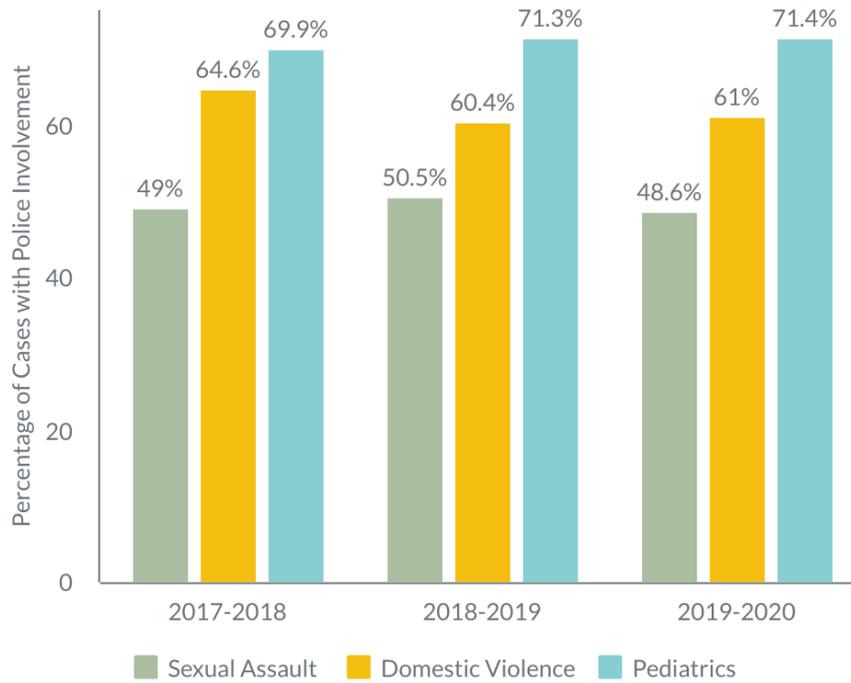
The graph above shows the number of acute and non-acute clients who presented to treatment centres for sexual assault, domestic violence and pediatrics. Over the 12 month period, clients predominantly presented acutely rather than non-acutely for each category of service. Overall, 58% of clients were 16 years and older presenting for sexual assault.

Client Volume for Acute Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Pediatric Clients, by Month 2019-2020



The number of clients presenting acutely for sexual assault peaked in the summer months. A similar trend of a slight increase occurred among pediatric presentations. In comparison, the number of clients presenting for domestic violence remained fairly consistent across the 12-month period.

Percentage of Cases with Police Involvement, Three Year Trend

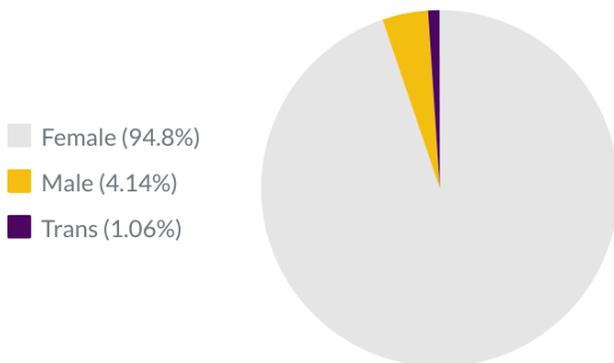


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As seen in the graph above, the proportion of clients with police involvement has remained fairly consistent over the past 3 fiscal years.

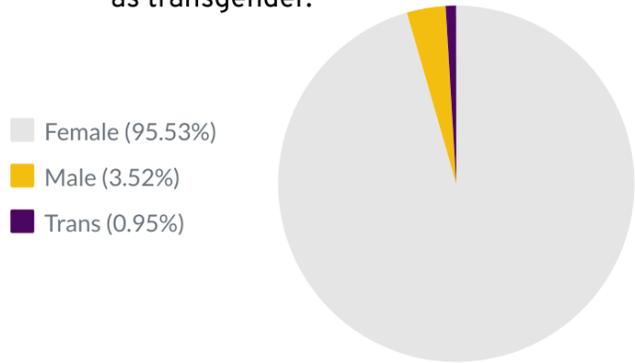
Sexual Assault Cases, by Gender

Out of a total 3,768 cases for sexual assault, including both acute and non-acute clients, 3,572 identified as female, 156 identified as male and 40 identified as transgender.

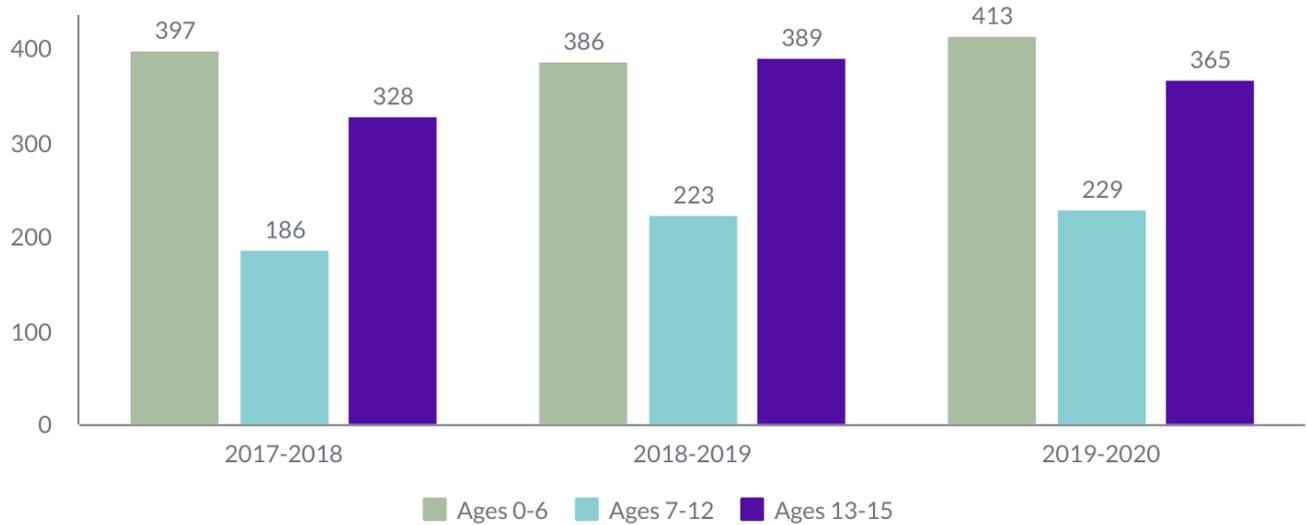


Domestic Violence Cases, by Gender

Out of a total 1,677 cases for domestic violence, including both acute and non-acute clients, 1,602 identified as female, 59 identified as male and 16 identified as transgender.



Three Year Trend in Pediatric Clients, by Age Group

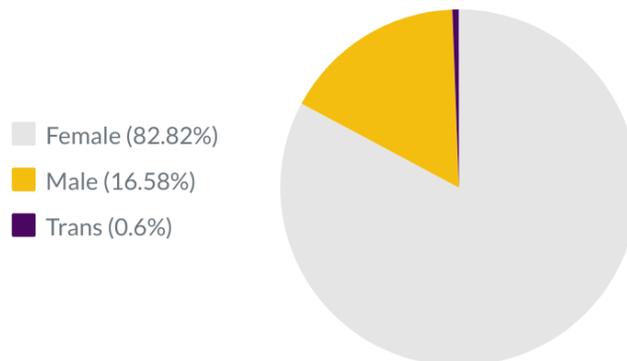


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In 2019-2020, 41% percent of pediatric clients (acute and non-acute) were between the ages of 0-6, 22.7% of clients were between the ages of 7-12 (acute and non-acute), and 36.2% of pediatric clients (acute and non-acute) were between the ages of 13-15.

Pediatric Clients, by Gender

Out of a total 1007 pediatric clients, including both acute and non-acute clients, 834 identified as female, 167 identified as male and 6 identified as transgender.



Counselling & Follow-Up

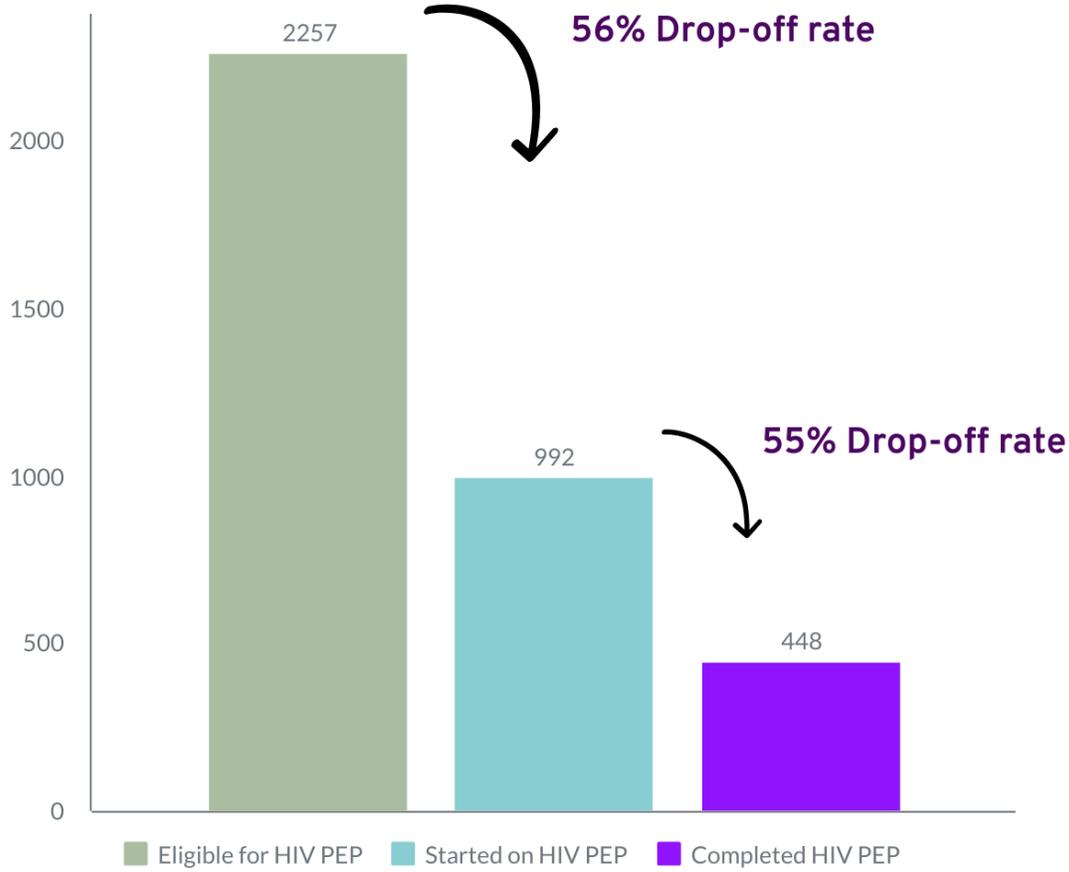


Counselling provides therapeutic intervention through a trauma-informed lens.

Across 36 SA/DVTCs, 7,288 clients received counselling in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Of this total, 4,826 were sexual assault clients, 1,499 were domestic violence clients, and 963 were pediatric clients.

Follow-up activities for the 2019-2020 fiscal year totaled 13,404. These activities included calls and in-person visits. Clients seen in follow-up included those seen for sexual assault, domestic violence, and pediatric clients.

HIV PEP Completion Rates



HIV PEP treatments, which consists of a 28-day medication regimen, were completed at a rate of 45% among clients who initiated HIV PEP. This is a slight increase from the 2018-2019 fiscal year which saw clients complete treatment at a rate of 44%. In addition, 44% of clients started HIV PEP during this fiscal year compared to just 42% of clients last fiscal year.

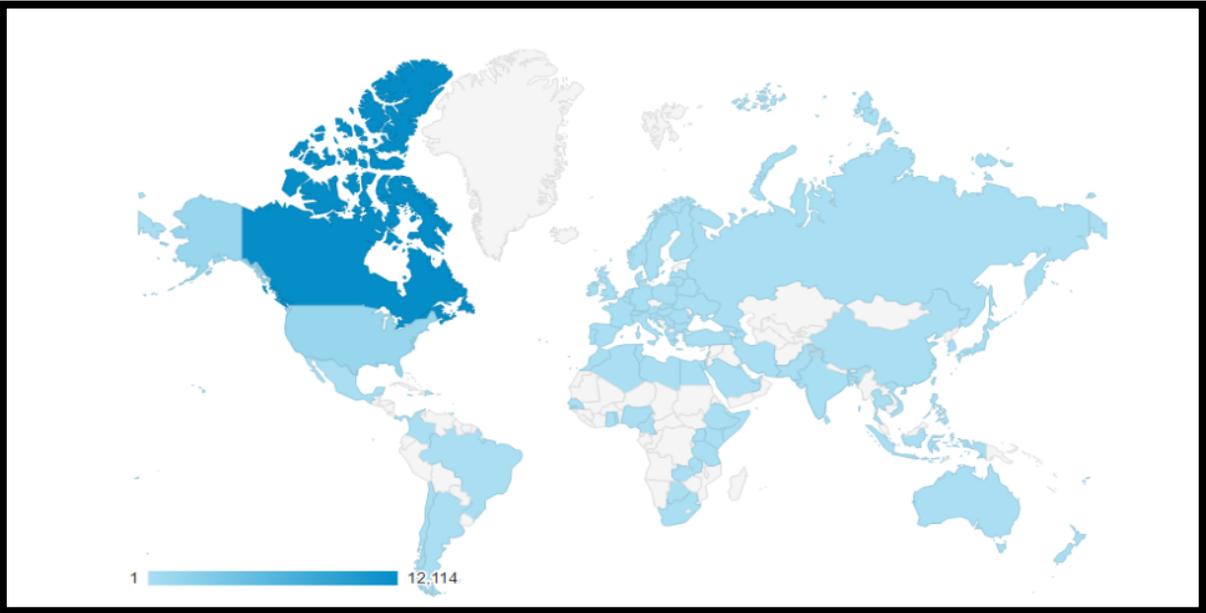
Website

Designed for external and internal users alike, the Network website (www.sadvttreatmentcentres.ca) is home to various resources, information, training modules, and interactive directories. Our member area of the website is home to valuable network resources such as additional trainings, network documentation and guidelines and information on network committees.



In 2019, our website was visited by over 45,000 people. Many of these users were visiting our website for the first time. While most are from Toronto, Canada, the website had visitors from all over the world. Visitors from the United States and France were our second and third largest audiences. Ending Violence Canada, Nipissing University, and The Assaulted Women’s Help Line were our top three website referrals.

After landing on our home page, most visitors immediately accessed our Find a Centre directory. This directory has all the network treatment centres and their information for victims/survivors and healthcare service providers to access. New resources for our approximate 400 registered members were added to the website at various points throughout the year.



Outreach

The Network participated in various awareness campaigns and outreach efforts in 2019. Here are the top highlights.

#Sexual Assault Awareness Month

May is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Network took part in several activities to raise awareness, both in person and online.

The Network hosted an info booth dedicated to sexual assault awareness at the start of the month at Women's College Hospital. We also held a lunch and learn about the SA/DVCC program and how to access its services.

Mackenzie Health's Linda Reimer and Women's College Hospital Research Institute's Amber Wardell also participated in a Twitter chat facilitated by Aging without Violence. They answered and responded to questions related to sexual violence against older women.



#Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Network participated in a series of in person and online activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



In the first week of November, we held an info booth at Women's College Hospital regarding Domestic Violence. Throughout the month, we posted facts, information, and asked followers questions related to Domestic Violence on all our social media channels.

We also held a film screening of 'To Leave with You' for Women's College Hospital employees. Filmmaker Alex Williams and his mother Cady joined us to introduce the film and answer questions.

To stay connected with the Network's latest news and activities, please follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/sadvtc/), Twitter (www.twitter.com/sadvtc/), and visit our website at www.sadvtreatmentcentres.ca.

Research

The decades-long partnership between the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres and Dr. Janice Du Mont of Women's College Research Institute, Women's College Hospital, has led to many innovations to SANE-led services. Founded on an integrated Knowledge Translation (KT) approach, the partnership's iterative program of research has advanced knowledge, policy, and practice to optimize the care provided to diverse survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse across Ontario. Integrated KT emphasizes "involving knowledge users as equal partners alongside researchers [so that] research ... is more relevant to, and more likely to be useful to, the knowledge users" (Canadian Institutes of Health Research, 2015). The impact of this approach has meant that knowledge users, including Network Program Managers/Coordinators and/or staff, have been involved in various stages of the research process from idea formation through to dissemination of the findings.

In the past year, this partnership continued to make significant strides in research in several ongoing projects to enhance the experiences of clients of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres. Additionally, the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres has participated in other research related activities to improve the experiences of survivors of violence. For a fuller description of the research projects and a list of related publications and products see: <https://www.sadvreatmentcentres.ca/research-listing/>

Enhancing post-sexual assault services for transgender survivors: An initial assessment of care provided by specialized hospital-based violence services in Ontario

Funded by Women's Xchange 15k Challenge and guided by an Advisory Group of trans community members and their allies, the Network Program Managers/Coordinators and nursing staff were surveyed in 2017 about their ability to provide sensitive, informed, and appropriate acute health services for trans survivors of sexual assault and identified a pressing need for (further) training on trans-affirming care.

Publications

- Towards affirming care: An initial evaluation of a sexual violence treatment network's capacity for addressing the needs of trans sexual assault survivors. (2019). *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 1-20. Link: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0886260519889943>
- An assessment of nurses' competence to care for sexually assaulted trans persons: A survey of Ontario's Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres. (2019). *BMJ Open*, 9(5), e023880. Link: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6538203/>

Training nurse examiners to better respond to trans survivors of sexual assault

Funded by Women's Xchange 15k Challenge and guided Rainbow Health Ontario and an Advisory Group of trans community members and their allies, we developed and evaluated an in-person training module focused on the care of trans persons who have been sexually assaulted. This module was piloted at SANE training in November 2018 with 47 nurses.

Presentations

- Providing trans-affirming care for sexual assault survivors. (2019, September 11-14). Workshop presented at the 2019 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, International Association of Forensic Nurses, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Findings from a pilot of a specialized forensic nursing curriculum focused on the care of sexually assaulted transgender persons. (2019, July 23). Paper presented at the XXXVIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Rome, Italy.
- A brief introduction to a new training for nurses on delivering trans-affirming post-sexual assault care. (2019, April 4). Panel presentation 2nd annual Trans Women and HIV Conference, the 519, Toronto.

Developing an online curriculum for nurses on providing trans affirming post-sexual assault care

Funded by Women's Xchange 15k Challenge and guided by Rainbow Health Ontario and an Advisory Group of trans community members and their allies, we adapted and expanded the in-person trans-affirming care curriculum to an e-learning version for nurses who have already completed online Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training. It is currently being piloted.

Presentations

- Developing an online curriculum on trans affirming post-sexual assault care for professionals working within healthcare settings. (2019, November 1-2). Poster presented at the 2019 Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health Conference: Advancing Trans Health and Well-Being in Canada, Montréal, Canada.

Curriculum Design and Production

- Providing trans-affirming care for sexual assault survivors e-learning curriculum. (2019, July).

KT Tools

- Providing trans-affirming care for sexual assault survivors: e-learning curriculum [Infocard]. (2019, August).

Building an intersectoral network on trans-affirming practice to support sexual assault survivors

Funded by Social Science Health Research Council of Canada and in collaboration with and an Advisory Group of trans community members and their allies, we have been working toward the development of an intersectoral network to improve the response to trans sexual assault survivors across Ontario. To date, more than 100 organizations have participated in the planning stage of the network's development.

Publications

- Planning an intersectoral network of healthcare and community leaders to advance trans-affirming care for sexual assault survivors. (2020). *Healthcare Management Forum*, 33 (2), 65-69. Link: https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0840470419883661?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%20%20pubmed

Reports

- Building a provincial intersectoral network on trans-affirming practice to support sexual assault survivors: Planning stage [Research Brief]. (2019, August).

Presentations

- Building an intersectoral network on trans-affirming practice to support sexual assault survivors. (2019, November 15). Poster presented at Research and Practice Day 2019, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, Toronto.
- Building an intersectoral network on trans-affirming practice to support sexual assault survivors. (2019, November 1-2). Poster presented at at the 2019 Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health (CPATH) Conference: Advancing Trans Health and Well-Being in Canada, Montréal, Canada.
- Trans-LINK project: Building an intersectoral network on trans-affirming practice to support sexual assault survivors. (2019, July 18). Paper presented at the 2019 Women's College Research Institute Summer Student Research Day, Toronto.
- Initial stages of development for an intersectoral network on trans-affirming practice to better support sexual assault survivors in Ontario. (2020, March). 2020 Ontario Public Health Convention, Toronto, Canada. (Conference cancelled)

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- The importance of collaborating across the health and community sectors to improve support services for transgender survivors of sexual assault. [Webinar]. (2020, March 4). Canadian College of Health Leaders.
- Trans-LINK Project Ontario Resource Guide. (2019, August).
- Central Trans-LINK Knowledge Mobilization and Community Exchange Meeting, Toronto, Ontario. (2019, June 7).
- Central West Trans-LINK Knowledge Mobilization and Community Exchange Meeting, Mississauga, Ontario. (2019, June 11).
- Central East Trans-LINK Knowledge Mobilization and Community Exchange Meeting, North York, Ontario. (2019, June 19).
- Southwest Trans-LINK Knowledge Mobilization and Community Exchange Meeting, London, Ontario. (2019, June 24).
- East Trans-LINK Knowledge Mobilization and Community Exchange Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario. (2019, June 27).
- Northeast Trans-LINK Knowledge Mobilization and Community Exchange Meeting, Sudbury, Ontario. (2019, July 2).
- Northwest Trans-LINK Knowledge Mobilization and Community Exchange Meeting, Thunder Bay, Ontario. (2019, July 11).

Development, evaluation, and implementation of an online elder abuse nurse examiner curriculum

With funding from the Government of Ontario, we developed an e-learning version of the 2015 in-person Elder Abuse Nurse Examiner Curriculum. This substantially enhanced and updated training includes interactive components, including game-based learning activities, case studies, and information boxes. It is currently being piloted.

Reports

- Development, evaluation, and implementation of an Elder Abuse Nurse Examiner e-Learning Curriculum: Final report for Government of Ontario. (2019, May). Research Report prepared for the Ministry of Seniors Affairs and Accessibility, Government of Ontario.

Presentations

- Development and evaluation of an Elder Abuse Nurse Examiner e-Learning Curriculum. (2019, September 11-14). Poster presented at the 2019 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, International Association of Forensic Nurses, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Development and evaluation of an elder abuse nurse examiner e-learning curriculum. (2019, April 26). Paper presented at Women's Xchange 2019 Spring Event, "Applying a Digital Perspective to Women's Health", Toronto.

Curriculum Design and Production

- Elder abuse nurse examiner e-learning curriculum. (2019, April).

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- Elder Abuse Nurse Examiner e-Learning Curriculum [Infocard]. (2019, May).

Recognizing and responding to the commonly misunderstood reactions to sexual assault

With funding from the Government of Ontario, we worked with Dr. Robin Mason of Women's College Research Institute to develop an e-learning curriculum for healthcare and social service providers on the range and diversity of reactions to sexual assault with a particular focus on recognizing reactions that are commonly misunderstood. In 2019-2020, with additional funding, a focused and condensed version of this curriculum was developed for criminal justice professionals and is currently being evaluated.

Curriculum Design and Production

- Understanding the commonly misunderstood reactions to Sexual Assault: A curriculum for criminal justice professionals. [E-Learning Curriculum]. (2019, July). Link: <http://dveducation.ca/sas-short/>

Other Products

KT Tools

- A Global Pandemic [Infographic]. (2020, March).