



“Children witnessing violence in the home suffer serious cognitive, behavioral, emotional and developmental impairments which significantly alter their lives.”

(Jaffe, 1990)





New and Different Ways of Supporting Children in Shelter

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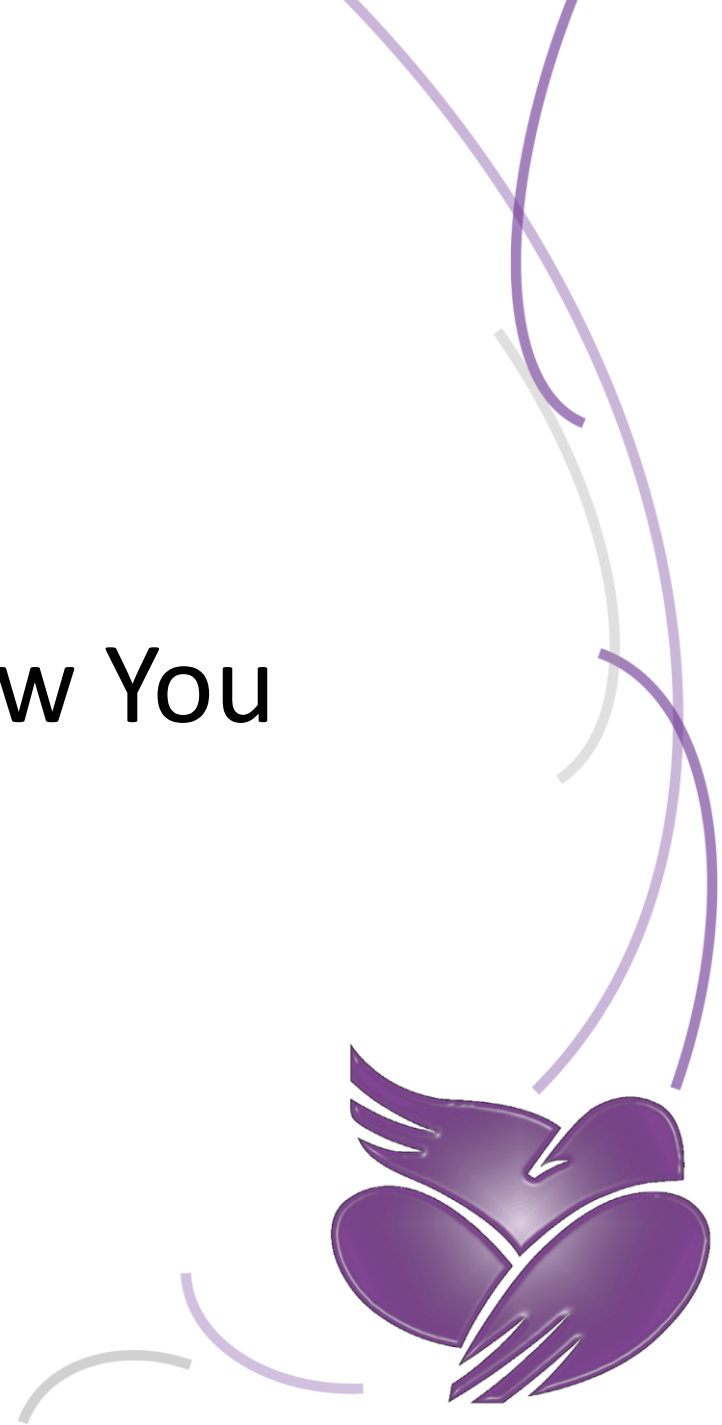
- 43 sheltering organizations
- Support shelters and leverage collective knowledge to inform solutions to end DV
- First world conference of women's shelters
- Founding partner: Canadian Network and the Global Network
- Abused women and their children



The Literature



Getting to Know You



Collaborative Learning Endeavors

- ACWS Core Values

- Definition



Three Projects

1. Walking the Path Together
2. Helping Hands Project
3. Children's Project



Collaborative Learning

1. Flex: unique circumstances each individual shelter
2. Implementation / Support
3. Meet
4. Evaluate

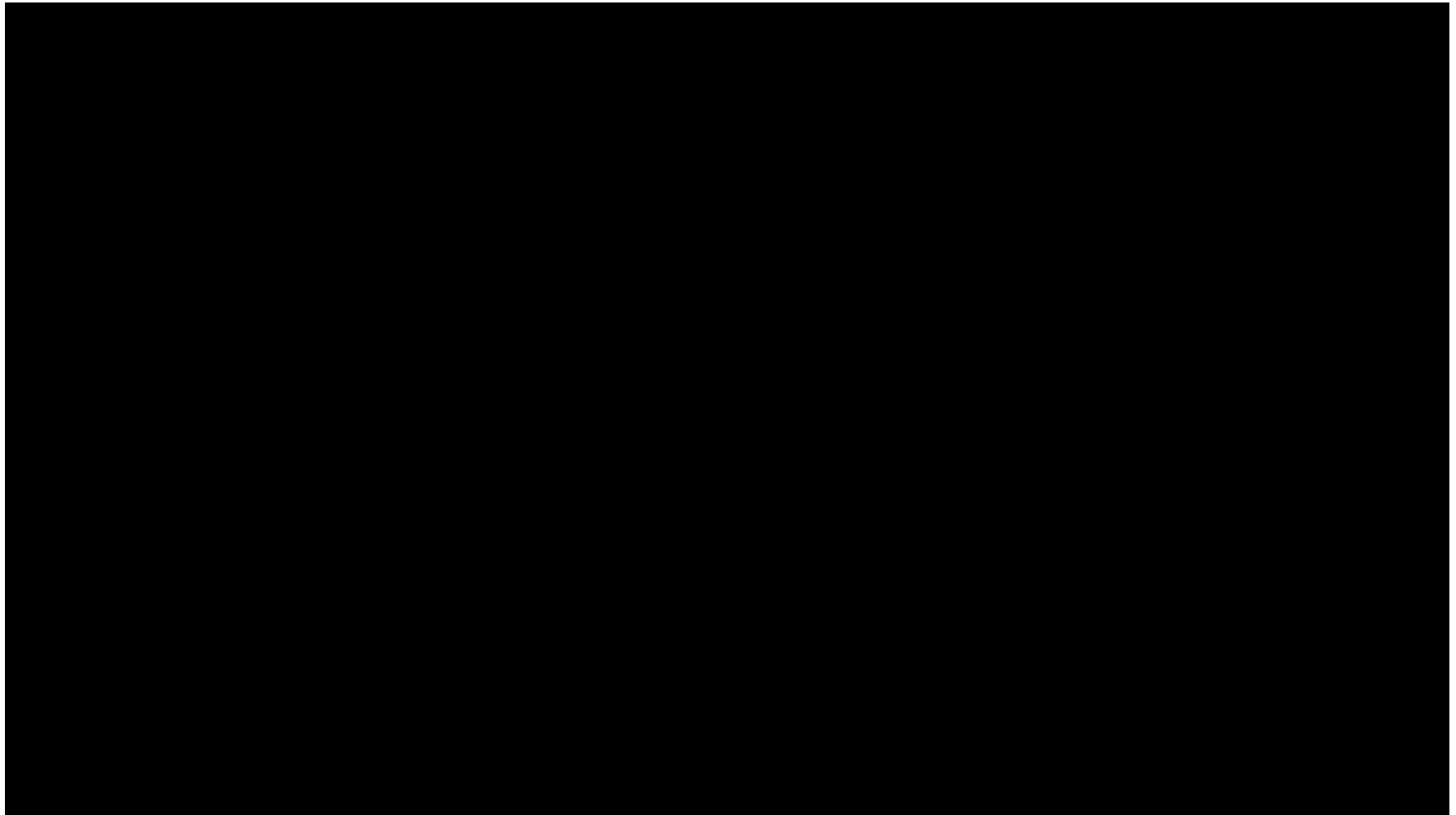


Walking the Path Together

- Five on-reserve shelters
- 7-year old children
- Eagle Feather Workers
- Partners
- Unique holistic interventions
- 2-year pilot
- NCPC / Safe Communities



Walking the Path Together



Walking the Path Together

- Sharing stories



Walking the Path Together

- Collaborative Learnings
- Next steps



Helping Hands

1. Edmonton-area shelters
2. Pre-school aged children
3. Sharing a child-psychologist
4. Play-therapy



Helping Hands

Thera-play video here?

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Helping Hands

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Children's Project

- 12 participating shelters
- Dr. Dawn Clarke of Mount Royal College
- Curriculum & training sessions



Children's Project

Video?

Children's Project

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Our Work

- Contribute
- Efficacy
- Direct Approach
- Evolve



Discussion

