

**OUTCOMES CONFERENCE**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011-02-15**  
**Edmonton Crowne Plaza Hotel**

The Outcomes Conference will showcase Alberta shelters, promising practices and some of the amazing work being done by our member shelters. The three day event will educate, support, inspire and motivate our Shelter Staff as they help women, children and seniors affected by domestic abuse. It will also feature training for front-line shelter workers with a focus on promising practices in Danger Assessment; Legal Aid; and Child Support – the training will be based on the work of ACWS and shelters over the last eight years.

The ACWS and member shelters have been collectively working on an aggregate data base towards better understanding trends, needs and issues related to family violence since 2003. Over that time period shelters have worked independently, and together, towards implementation of outcome measurement frameworks that inform and improve services for women and children accessing shelters. In addition, many shelters have implemented/participated in action based research projects informing their work. And, ACWS and self-selected member shelters have worked collaboratively in implementing several action based research projects including: Danger Assessment; Practical Frameworks for Change; Stollery Children's project; and most recently the Child Care Children's Project.

The Outcomes Conference will also serve as a platform on which all of that collective knowledge and experience can be communicated, shared and discussed with the end goal of improving services and support to those affected by domestic abuse. The event will also give Alberta shelters – who did not present at the 2008 global conference due to a lack of space - an equal opportunity to showcase their promising practices and share their experiences with the networking shelters.