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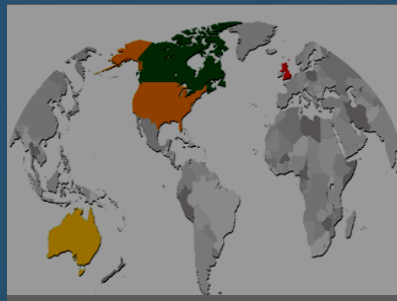
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What is the Canadian Observatory?

The Canadian Observatory is a network of academics, governments, and community-based organizations,

- Emphasizing in-depth research on the justice system response to intimate partner violence;
- Creating standardized data sets on the justice system response to intimate partner violence, including specialized responses (police, prosecutions, sentencing) and civil legislation; and,
- Developing regional, national and international forums for dissemination of research results.

International in scope with partners from all Canadian provinces and territories, Australia, United Kingdom, and United States.



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Mission Statement

Canadian observatory
on the justice system's response to
intimate partner violence

The criminal justice response to the widespread problem of intimate partner violence has delivered improved outcomes in terms of safety for victims and holding offenders accountable.

Still victims continue to face difficulties in the justice system, impeding their participation and, therefore, weakening the justice system's usefulness as a resource for their protection.

The primary goal of the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System's Response to Intimate Partner Violence, Strategic Knowledge Cluster is to promote research partnerships towards a rigorous, systematic analysis of justice processes.

Research can provide data to support clear and consistent policies

Our Activities

The Canadian Observatory offers jurisdictions insights that can guide appropriate practices in the field, effect clear and consistent policies by providing detailed data that is consistent, accurate and timely in a format that is useful for practitioners and policy makers, and develop methods to integrate information from various justice services into the data collection process. Through its activities the Canadian Observatory provides enhanced understandings of how diverse justice responses operate and what are the critical ingredients of success. We undertake to:

- Develop data collection instruments to assess justice responses;
- Conduct policy reviews to discern policy development, implementation into practice and procedure, and impacts;
- Engage governments in dialogue to share data collection strategies and facilitate research collaborations;
- Develop mechanisms to mobilize knowledge.

Benefits of the Canadian Observatory for Stakeholders

- Coordinated efforts to eliminate intimate partner violence
- Data to effect clear and consistent policies
- Methods to integrate information into the data collection process
- Enhanced knowledge of effective justice response
- Improved data collection instruments
 - Access to international justice system responses to intimate partner violence

Working to improve justice responses to the widespread problem of intimate partner violence and to reduce the consequences for victims and the costs to society