

Breaking the Silence

A Coordinated Response to
Sexual Violence in Nova Scotia

Progress Report

Year 3 (June 2016 – May 2017)

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Message from the Minister

Although the 3-year Sexual Violence Strategy ended on March 31st, 2017, government remains committed to this important, complex and pervasive social issue. There has been significant momentum throughout the province at the individual, community, and government levels, and there is a major opportunity to build on this to make real, concrete change in the lives of Nova Scotians. Ultimately, we want Nova Scotia to have a comprehensive and integrated approach to sexual violence within government and communities that focuses on prevention, initial response, and long term support.

Government will dedicate annual funding to address sexual violence. This will continue to fund Prevention Innovation Grants, help organizations with therapeutic counselling services for victims, and allow targeted initiatives to give victims more choice and a voice in the legal system. It will also help prevent and respond to sexual abuse and exploitation of youth and children, including human trafficking.

An evaluation of the Sexual Violence Strategy will be carried out over the coming months. This will enable government to identify promising and best practices for preventing and responding to sexual violence in Nova Scotia as the work continues.

I want to extend my gratitude to the former Minister of Community Services, Joanne Bernard, for her leadership on this issue, and to the many committed and passionate community organizations that have supported the Strategy and worked daily to improve the lives of those impacted by sexual violence.

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to recognize the survivors of sexual violence in this province who have fought for decades to raise awareness and respond to this serious problem. To all of you, thank you for your commitment to making Nova Scotia a safer place for all.

Kelly Regan
Minister of Community Services

Summary of Progress

Year 1 focused on the creation of the Strategy - *Breaking the Silence: A Coordinated Response to Sexual Violence in Nova Scotia*. The development was rooted in community engagement to help understand the Nova Scotia experience and to identify the needs in the province to prevent and respond to sexual violence. This engagement included:

- More than 60 representatives from over 40 community groups and organizations to gain their insights and guidance.
- More than 800 Nova Scotians through an online public survey.
- More than 100 youth from across the province through conversations to gain their unique input.

All Nova Scotians should expect to live safely, free from sexual violence, and should have services available to them when needed.

What is sexual violence?

Our work is guided by the definition adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO): “sexual violence is any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, or other act directed against a person’s sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting.”

Sexual violence is entrenched and normalized in our society to the point that actions and even the harms associated with it have become tolerated and accepted.

A person’s identity and social location—determined by their gender, socio-economic status, ethnicity, age, race, ability, sexual orientation, and employment status or income—can leave some people more vulnerable to experiencing sexual violence than others.

Years 2 and 3 focused on implementing the strategic actions. The progress report from Year 2 can be found online at novascotia.ca/coms/svs/.

Although Nova Scotia’s first ever Sexual Violence Strategy ended on March 31st, 2017, the work of addressing sexual violence will continue both at the government and community levels. This progress report covers the work carried out from June 2016 to May 2017. A formal evaluation of all Strategy initiatives will be carried out over the coming year and we look forward to providing more detail on the outcomes that have been moved forward.

An overview of the Strategy is below, which includes items that have been completed and / or that progressed during Year 3:

ACTION AREA	STRATEGIC ACTION	YEAR 3 PROGRESS SUMMARY (JUNE 2016 – MAY 2017)
Service and Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help people get urgent help faster • Build on existing community support networks • Develop a funding framework for existing Sexual Assault Centres • Expand the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered a fourth professional development session with support line staff • Provided funding to each of the nine regions to support the network projects • Began the process of establishing multi-year funding agreements • Nova Scotia Health Authority entered into contracts with Every Woman’s Centre to lead the expansion of the SANE Program in the Eastern Zone, and the Tri-County Women’s Centre in the Western Zone
Education and Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a provincial committee on public awareness • Establish a provincial committee on training • Establish a Prevention Innovation Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched a public awareness campaign that includes posters, videos, and a website • Launched a free, online training course, <i>Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence; A Nova Scotia Resource</i> • Provided over \$635,000 to 22 organizations to address primary prevention
Approach and Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) • Review current policies and funding • Produce annual reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed an inventory of policies and programs across government departments to identify gaps and assess for alignment • Produced updates on the progress to date on the Strategy

The remainder of this report provides additional details on the progress achieved.

Additional information on the Strategy, including newsletters, can be found at novascotia.ca/coms/svs/.

Services and Supports

The Sexual Violence Strategy's focus has remained consistent over the last three years. One of the goals has been to make services and supports for victims and survivors more flexible, responsive, and timely. This includes better coordination to make sure the services and supports are available when and where they are needed. Focus areas and progress include:

HELPING PEOPLE GET URGENT HELP FASTER

In the first year of the strategy, we heard there needed to be more immediate support for victims and survivors. The Strategy aimed to minimize the risk of re-traumatizing survivors of sexual violence, while positively impacting their healing process through an emphasis on responding to disclosure with a compassionate, trauma-informed approach.

A fourth professional development session was provided this year to support line staff at 811. "Sexual Violence and Trauma Informed Practice" offered concrete, tangible tools and skills so that staff can respond to a disclosure, as well as knowledge to help staff feel more confident and comfortable in supporting victims and survivors.

BUILDING ON EXISTING COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORKS

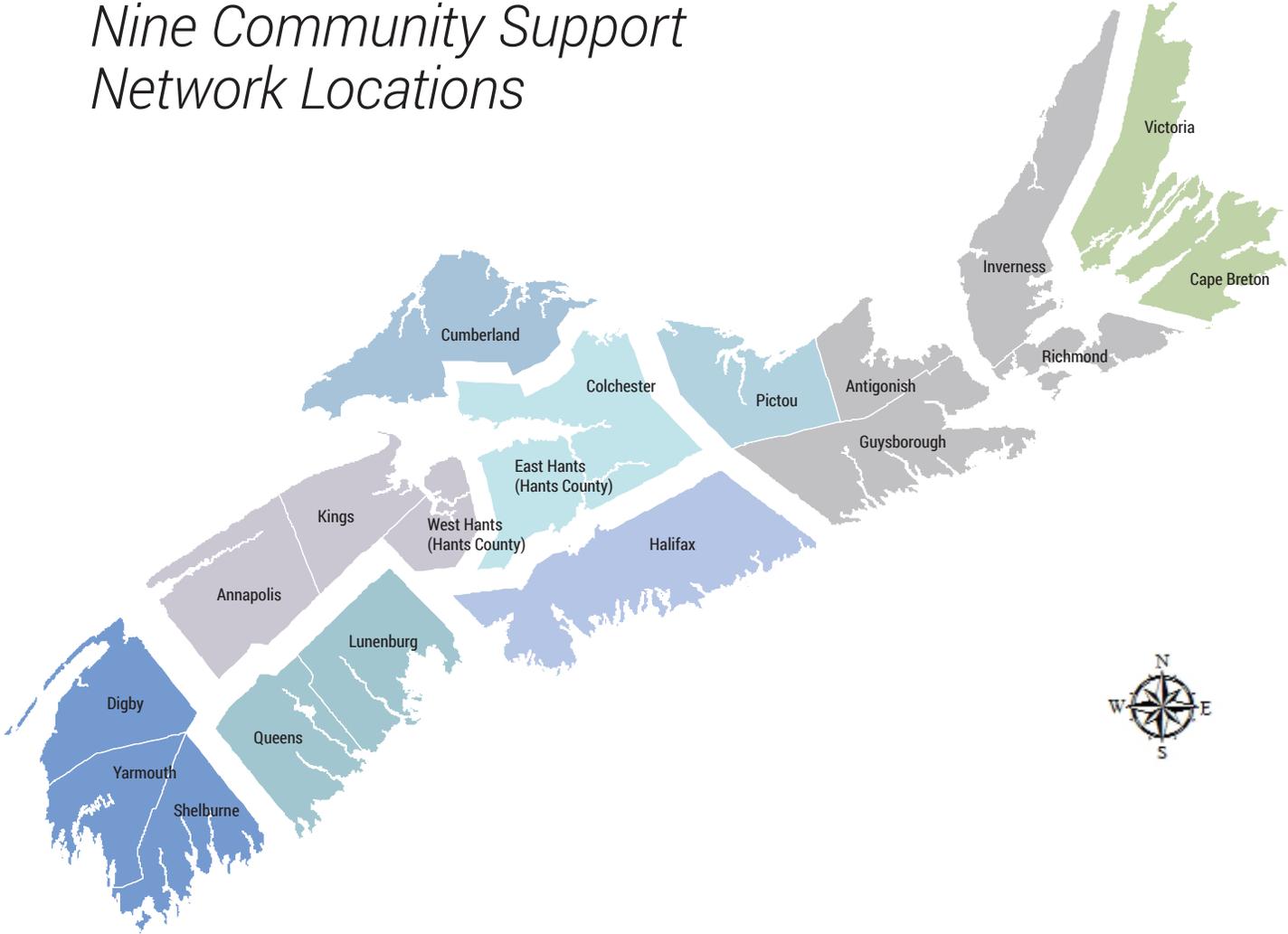
In Year 2 of the Sexual Violence Strategy, we held two-day workshops in nine regions of the province to help establish and/or build on existing community networks. Each region was provided funding in both Year 2 and 3, for a total of \$2.5 million, to support the work of these Community Support Networks (CSN). Fifteen organizations from across the province administered the funding and helped to lead this work. The goals for the CSN projects were rooted in what we heard from Nova Scotians while developing the Strategy: to build collaborative and compassionate service response for victims/survivors of sexual violence in our community through more coordinated counselling and supports; better navigation and visibility of supports; and non-judgmental services and safer spaces.

The second round of grant funding was distributed in March 2017, so the CSN projects are now in their second and final year of implementation. A list of the CSN grant recipients/lead organizations can be found in Appendix 1.

If you would like to contact your region's Community Support Network, email strategy@novascotia.ca and we will connect you with the appropriate person.



Nine Community Support Network Locations



CSN Grant outcomes include:

- Decrease harm that can happen when a victim/survivor has to tell their story multiple times.
- Increased awareness of available services and supports, assets, and resources for victims/survivors.
- Coordinated points of entry into support networks.
- More knowledgeable, skilled and connected service providers.
- Service providers’ network has a better understanding of sexual violence-related trauma.
- Increased access to counselling and services that are immediate, inclusive, culturally competent, and trauma-informed.

Below is a summary of the work carried out by Community Support Networks from April 2016-March 2017. Figures are based on information provided in the Year End Reports.

CAPACITY BUILDING:		
	# of times	# of participants
Provided educational workshops on sexual violence	108	1927
Hosted community conferences	12	734
Provided Trauma-informed training	24	512
Provided safer-space workshops	62	923
Provided cultural competency training	5	124
Hosted community conversations	56	1480
Other (ex. articles, presentations)	93	1092
Total	360	6792

NAVIGATION SUPPORT:
7 local tools were developed to assist service providers in navigating support systems
4 local tools were developed to assist victims/survivors in navigating support systems

COUNSELLING:

	# of sessions	# of individual clients
Individual Counselling	1796	383
Group Counselling	64	98
Support Groups	18	42
Other (e.g., referrals, informal support)	1890	550
Total	3768	1073

PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION:

10 organizations made 12+ connections with other organizations in the community

12 organizations made 11+ connections with other organizations in the community

All 16 organizations made at least two connections with other organizations in the community

DEMOGRAPHICS:

One of the goals of the Community Support Network Grants was to support and reach out to marginalized and underserved communities. The following data is limited as not all projects had the information available, and many of the demographics are based on self-reporting.

of youth served: 850

LGBTQIA2S+ served: 285

of African Nova Scotians served: 179

of other racially visible persons served: 147

of persons with disabilities served: 183

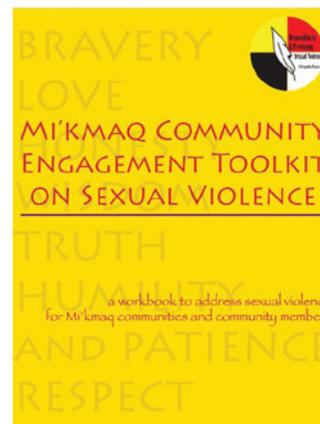
of indigenous people served: 440

of immigrants served: 140

Community Engagement

The Province of Nova Scotia committed in the Strategy to be inclusive of all Nova Scotians. As part of this commitment, a two-day engagement session with the Mi'kmaw community was held in April 2016. This gathering brought together a variety of service providers and community leaders from all First Nations communities in the province. It provided a space to share knowledge and collectively identify ways in which communities can come together to respond to and prevent sexualized violence.

At this gathering, we heard there was a need for a toolkit developed by and for the Mi'kmaw community. Since then, Paqtnekek Mi'kmaw Nation and Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, with support of the Strategy, have developed the resource, "Mi'kmaq Community Engagement Toolkit on Sexual Violence".



A Mi'kmaq Advisory Committee was also formed through this two-day gathering. This committee helped guide and develop the creation of a module for the provincial training "Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence." The module, Indigenous Perspectives, explores the connections between colonization, intergenerational trauma, racism and sexual violence. It also focuses on Mi'kmaq resilience and pathways to healing.

This year, a province-wide community engagement process will take place with the African Nova Scotian community. This will provide a forum to share knowledge and experiences, discuss the needs and lived realities of African Nova Scotians specific to sexual violence, identify ways in which communities can come together to respond to and prevent sexual violence, and how government can support this work. This community engagement will involve a wide range of stakeholders and community leaders and is being led by the East Preston Family Resource Centre.

In October 2016, the Canadian Federation of Students NS organized a provincial forum to discuss and organize around the issue of campus sexual assault. With a grant from the Sexual Violence Strategy, CFS was able to bring together 100 students from campuses across Nova Scotia for a 2-day event of workshops, panel discussions and open organizing space. Some of the topics covered include:

- Building Consent Culture in Student Life Programming
- Trauma-Informed Outreach and Support
- The Hows and Whys of Peer-To-Peer Support
- De-colonizing Consent
- Developing On-Campus Sexual Assault Policy

EXPANDING THE SANE PROGRAM

To improve the accessibility of services throughout the province, the Government of Nova Scotia committed to expanding the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program in Eastern Nova Scotia and Western Nova Scotia with a \$700,000 investment by the Department of Health and Wellness.

Following an RFP process, Nova Scotia Health Authority entered into contracts with Every Woman's Centre to lead the expansion of the SANE program in the Eastern Zone, and the Tri-County Women's Centre in the Western Zone. These organizations have successfully recruited coordinators to lead the expansion and oversee the operations of the program for them. Both coordinators have received their training and are now receiving the clinical hours required to become certified.

The coordinators have reached out to identified expansion sites within each area, and they are working with local leaders to identify appropriate space and to develop protocols that support service delivery. They are also meeting with and developing relationships with local organizations that will comprise the membership of the local Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART). As the next step, both organizations are seeking individuals who are interested in working as part of the SANE Program. Once identified, education and clinical training of the staff will take place, followed by implementation in a phased approach. As well, the Nova Scotia Health Authority is proceeding with the hiring of a provincial coordinator, who will assist with the expansion programs and the coordination of all four SANE programs delivering service across Nova Scotia.

What is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner?

These registered nurses have advanced training in providing nonjudgmental, confidential support as well as conducting medical exams and collecting forensic evidence. People of any gender can access this service.

A person may want to see a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner to: take care of any physical injuries, test for pregnancy, test for STIs and begin treatment if necessary, and collect evidence for police. Evidence will only be collected at the request of the person who has been assaulted. The victim/survivor has a minimum of six months to decide if they want the evidence to be transferred to the police.

Education and Prevention

During Year 3, the Strategy continued to raise public awareness of sexual violence through the creation of training materials and a public awareness media campaign for all Nova Scotians, led by two provincial committees. The purpose of this work is to positively shift the narrative around sexual violence and offer tools for those supporting victims and survivors.

Additionally, the province continued to provide Prevention Innovation Grants to invest in the expansion of best practices, better research and evaluation and better use of technology.

The focus areas were as follows and progress is noted below:

RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

Engagement results from the development of the Strategy strongly indicated the need for increased public awareness of the issue of sexual violence. The absence or inconsistency of this awareness often contributes to the perpetuation of myths, misconceptions and victim-blaming.

The Provincial Committee on Public Awareness was established in June 2015 and met for over a year. The Committee participated in the development of an awareness campaign with the aim of breaking the silence, increasing knowledge, and positively influencing social behavior related to sexual violence.

Nova Scotia's award-winning public awareness campaign was launched in October 2016. The campaign was targeted at Nova Scotians aged 14 to 20, and uses an animated, modern twist on the popular "Birds and Bees" metaphor to broach subjects like consent. The campaign is meant to spark conversations about sexual violence and to help Nova Scotians learn more about what it is and where to get help.

Campaign materials have been designed so they can be easily used by organizations, free of charge, around the province.

*The 2014 General Social Survey reports
that people between the ages of 15-24 are at
greater risk of being sexually victimized*



What Does the Campaign Include?

Videos

The 30- and 60-second videos feature bird-and-bee-type characters animated in the style of popular television shows (like The Simpsons or Bojack Horseman).

The episodes deal with situations of sexual violence that youth told us they face in today's world. The first 60-second video takes place at a house party and explores the issue of alcohol and consent. The 30-second video focuses on online harassment.

"I have friends who have been in situations like this. I think people my age will pay attention to this campaign. We need people to be more aware. There's a problem with things like cat-calling and how some people talk to women and girls. I find a lot of people don't have a voice. We need a change and not just with some people, with everyone."

*~ Emily Hammond
Student at Millwood High*

CINEMA

- The campaign videos ran for 8 weeks on 91 movie screens at 13 locations in Nova Scotia
- The 30 second spot ran 1 time before all films for a total attendance of 294,444
- The 60 second spot ran 1 time before all films for a total attendance of 160,882

Posters

Four posters were developed and can be downloaded from the website breakthesilenceNS.ca.

The poster messages focus on consent and alcohol, victim-blaming and hypersexualization, and the issue of non-consensual photo sharing.

The posters are available in both English and French.



Website

breakthesilenceNS.ca is bilingual and presents a variety of resources including three videos of Nova Scotians discussing the issue of sexual violence, a colouring book, and infographics. It also provides valuable information, such as:

- Where to go to get help
- How to support a friend
- Types of supports available
- What sexual violence is
- Access to an online training

Who Can Use the Campaign?

All campaign resources are simple and effective tools available to all Nova Scotians.

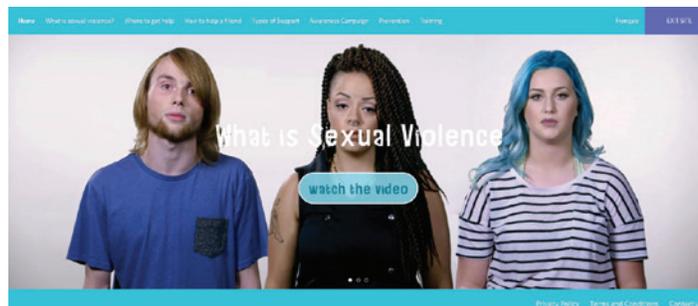
They were created to be used by individuals and organizations, including schools and community-based groups across the province to educate, inform and support those affected by sexual violence.

“Sexual violence thrives where there is silence, shame and confusion about what is right and wrong. We want this campaign to be an opportunity for all of us, especially youth, to speak where there has been silence, make sense out of the confusion, and use this new awareness to reduce the prevalence of sexual violence in our communities.”

*~ Rhonda McLean
High School Guidance Counsellor*

Campaign outcomes include:

- Increased comfort in talking about sexual violence
- Increased understanding of what constitutes sexual violence
- Increased understanding of consent
- Increased awareness about where to get help



DEVELOP TRAINING RESOURCES

Engagement results from the development of the Strategy also indicated the need for increased knowledge and understanding of the issue of sexual violence, including, most importantly, how to support victims, survivors, and their families in a trauma-informed way. Overwhelmingly, Nova Scotians identified training and professional development across multiple sectors as integral to improving services and support for victims, survivors and their families.

Developing consistent training materials and delivery leads to more knowledgeable and skilled service providers across sectors. This can help reduce the judgment and stigma many victims/survivors encounter when disclosing their experience and accessing support services.

A free online training course was launched in April 2017. *Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence: A Nova Scotia Resource* was created to help Nova Scotians learn more about sexual violence and how to support someone who has survived it. As of August 1st, more than 1,100 people have registered to take the course.

This training is for service providers, friends, family members, neighbours, teachers, first responders, counselors, and anyone who is acting as a support person, or is concerned about sexual violence.

What Does This Course Include?

This dynamic training is made up of six modules, which include a mix of text and interactive elements such as videos, infographics, timelines and quizzes. The training is not graded; a learner has completed the training once they have gone through all the content.

Sexual Violence: An Introduction defines what sexual violence is and who is impacted. It dispels common rape myths and explores how rape culture normalizes sexual violence.

Responding to a Disclosure provides information about what to expect when supporting a victim/survivor, the effects of trauma, and to respond if someone discloses they have been subjected to sexual violence.

Choices following Sexual Violence explains some of the options a person has after surviving sexual violence. It describes resources for victims/survivors, and what they might expect when navigating these resources.

Exploring Sexual Consent outlines the basic elements of sexual consent, ways to ask for consent, age of consent laws, and the impacts that power imbalances can have on someone's ability to consent.

Enhancing the Well-being of Support People outlines signs of stress in support people, and shares individual and organizational strategies to foster mental and physical well-being.

Indigenous Perspectives explores the connections between colonization, intergenerational trauma, racism, and sexual violence. It also focuses on Mi'kmaq resilience and pathways to healing.

"An amazing and comprehensive resource that a wide audience will find to be a concise and thorough means of learning about sexual violence in its many facets. I also think it is an extremely valuable tool for families and anyone who has children and youth in their lives. I was also incredibly impressed with the course's attention to culturally relevant content, language, and inclusion."

~ Natalie Flinn, Active Healthy Living Consultant Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

The training can be done as a whole, in part, all at once, or over a period of time. If someone needs to stop a module mid-way, they will be able to resume the training where they left off. The course takes about three to six hours to complete, and can be accessed at: www.breakthesilenceNS.ca/training



A Provincial Committee made up of community members from across Nova Scotia dedicated nearly two years of time, energy, and expertise to develop this important resource. This training would not exist without their dedication and passion. The Indigenous Perspectives module was developed with the guidance of and input from a Mi'kmaq Advisory Committee, for which we are extremely grateful. All who contributed to the training are credited on the training site.

ESTABLISH A PREVENTION INNOVATION FUND

The second round of Prevention Innovation Grants were awarded in the spring of 2017. The grants support the expansion of best practices, better research and evaluation, and the better use of technology to support victims and survivors. 60 applications from across the province were received. An evaluation team reviewed the applications, selecting 22 recipients to receive grants of between \$3,500 and \$50,000, for a total investment of over \$635,000. A key focus of this fund has been to support the work of young people. This year, several of the funded initiatives once again are either led by or will engage with youth. A detailed list of the grant recipients can be found in Appendix 2.

In the spring of 2016, 34 organizations received Prevention Innovation Grants. These projects were carried out from April 2016 - March 2017, though a few continued until the end of the school year. Below is a summary of the work carried out by the Prevention Innovation Grant recipients from April 2016-March 2017. Figures are based on information provided in the year end reports.

"I was working with a group of grade eight male identified participants to discuss sexual consent. The participants were talking about what consent is, and the impact that gender stereotypes has on our ideas about consent.

One young man asked, "what does the girl's group say about consent?" I told him that they learn the same material, and asked them how they thought a group of young women might feel about consent. The participants responded that consent might seem "more serious" for girls, or "more important."

I asked, "what would you like to tell the girl's group about consent?" and the same young man said, "I hope they know that we care about it."

*~Chebucto Connections:
Healthy Development and Relationships Program*

PROVIDED EDUCATION ON:		
	# of times offered	# of participants
consent	216	1906
healthy relationships	256	1710
gender roles & expectations	219	1574
self-esteem & assertiveness	215	1214
sexual health	161	972
media literacy	159	758
bystander intervention	113	856
other	133	1714
total	1470	10,704

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT:	# OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT DEVELOPED CURRICULUM ON THIS TOPIC
consent	12
healthy relationships	13
gender roles & expectations	11
self-esteem & assertiveness	12
sexual health	11
media literacy	11
bystander intervention	9
other	6

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:	# OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT DEVELOPED RESOURCES ON THIS TOPIC
consent	20
healthy relationships	21
gender roles & expectations	19
self-esteem & assertiveness	17
sexual health	15
media literacy	15
bystander intervention	12
other	9

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Of the data received, 2,376 people participated in the Prevention Innovation Projects.

One of the goals of the Prevention Innovation Fund is to support and reach out to marginalized and underserved communities. The following data is limited as not all projects had this information available, and many of the demographics are based on self-reporting.

CATEGORY	# OF PARTICIPANTS
Youth	1819
LGBTQIA2S+	424
African Nova Scotian	101
Other Racially Visible persons	73
Persons with Disabilities	25
Indigenous	399
Immigrant	52

Approach and Accountability

During Year 3, the focus was on working towards understanding the overlaps and gaps of supports and services across government. The focus areas were as follows and the progress is noted below:

Establish an Interdepartmental Committee

An Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) was formed in January 2016 and includes representatives from the Departments of Community Services, Health and Wellness, Justice, Labour and Advanced Education, Education and Early Childhood Development, as well as the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. The Interdepartmental Committee developed an inventory and analysis of policies and programs across government departments to identify gaps and opportunities. Government departments will continue to work together to ensure services and supports for victims/survivors, to allow targeted initiatives to give victims/survivors a choice and voice in the legal system, and to help prevent and respond to sexual abuse and exploitation of youth and children (including human trafficking).

Multi-Year Funding Agreements

Work has begun to establish multi-year funding agreements for existing sexual assault centres to enable better planning and service delivery. This work will be ongoing.

Public Polling

To better understand public awareness, attitudes and perceptions regarding sexual violence in Nova Scotia, and to set baseline data to measure long-term change, a telephone public opinion survey was conducted in June 2016 and February 2017. As might be anticipated, there were no statistically significant differences between the two survey points, as societal change takes time – especially on complex issues. As such, the figures below were derived from combining the two polls.

OPINION POLL ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE

69% of respondents personally knew at least one victim of sexual violence.

40% of respondents feel that sexual violence in Nova Scotia is a serious problem.

Respondents agree the following constitute sexual violence:

97% sexual assault/rape

96% using sex to control, insult or harm partner

91% sharing photos that are sexual or suggestive in nature without permission

91% unsolicited physical behaviour including touching

86% saying, writing or texting words that are sexual or suggestive, without permission

86% spreading a rumour about someone's sexuality or sexual activities

72% sexist jokes

60% of younger respondents (16-34yrs) were less likely than their older counterparts to consider sexist jokes a form of sexual violence.

Younger respondents (16-34) tended to estimate a lower frequency of occurrence for most forms of sexual violence, except for 'saying, writing, or texting sexual/suggestive messages,' which they estimated at a higher frequency compared to 35+ respondents.

98% agreed that sexual violence is never acceptable.

92% believed that the perpetrator of sexual violence is usually known to the victim.

71% of respondents indicated they can personally do more to address sexual harassment.

90% (approx.) of respondents intend to intervene if they witness someone making sexual advances to an intoxicated individual, compared to 85% if they witnessed sexual harassment.

22% expected a high likelihood of intervention (between 8-10). Despite indicating a high likelihood of their own intervention, when asked how likely they thought people from Nova Scotia would be to intervene (on a scale of 1-10), the average score was 6.1 and less than a quarter.

65% indicated that addressing sexual violence is a shared responsibility for everyone in society. The individual responsibilities identified most commonly on the surveys were: victim, police, government, bystanders, family/friends, schools, health care providers and the media.

22% were unsure where they could refer a victim of sexual violence. The most common referral response (35%) was to a physician, nurse or health clinic.

NEXT STEPS

The key focus for this year is to conduct an evaluation of the work of the Strategy so government can make evidence-based decisions on the future work of preventing and responding to sexual violence should include. This evaluation process, like all the work of the Strategy, will engage with a variety of communities and stakeholders. More Prevention Innovation Grants will be provided, and we will continue to work on public awareness and education.

Appendix 1

The following table provides a listing of the Community Support Network grant recipients / project leads in Year 3 of the Strategy.

REGION	LEAD ORGANIZATION(S)	KEY ACTIVITIES
Cape Breton 130,000	Cape Breton Transition House	Network development; Navigation; Supportive Counselling; Capacity building.
	Cape Breton Family Place	Developing a collaborative Men's Health Clinic to support male victims.
	Eskasoni First Nation	Support and network building through cultural practices and traditions.
Colchester 130,000	Colchester Sexual Assault Centre	Network development; Navigation; Counselling; Capacity building.
Cumberland 82,500	Autumn House	Network development; Navigation; Supportive Counselling; Capacity building.
HRM 355,000	Avalon Sexual Assault Centre	Navigation; Capacity building.
	Heartwood	Leading the CSN steering committee and network development.
	Lea Place Women's Resource Centre	Developing a rural Sexual Assault Response Team.
	New Start	Group and individual counselling for male survivors.
	Mi'kmaw Friendship Centre	Victim Support and Navigation for Indigenous women.
Kings/Annapolis 130,000	Women's Place Resource Centre	Network development; Trauma Informed Communities of Practice; Peer Support training.
Pictou 82,500	Pictou Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre	Network development; Navigation; Group Counselling; Capacity building.
Strait, Guysborough, Antigonish 130,000	Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia	Network development; Navigation; Capacity building.
	Paqtnkek Health Centre	Providing training and community events that are culturally safe to members of Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation.
Queens/ Lunenburg 105,000	Second Story Women's Resource	Network development; Navigation; Capacity building.
	Harbour House	Rural outreach.
Tri-County 105,000	Tri-County Women's Resource Centre	Network development; Navigation; Counselling; Capacity building.

Appendix 2

The following table provides a listing of the Prevention Innovation grant recipients in Year 3 of the Strategy.

GROUP	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT
Annapolis Valley First Nation	Annapolis Valley First Nation	Prevention of sexual violence through tradition, culture and dance	\$46,990
Autism Nova Scotia	Province-wide	Autism Sexual Education Project	\$50,000
Chebucto Community Development Association	Halifax	Healthy Development and Relationships Program	\$47,855
Community Justice Society	Dartmouth	The HIVE Girls Group & Vignettes	\$28,441.98
Autumn House	Amherst	Community Bystander Empowerment Program	\$49,985
Eskasoni Mental Health & Dalhousie University	Eskasoni	Break the silence: Be the change	\$48,458
Lea Place	Sheet Harbour	Taking Action for Growth Project	\$5,000
Heartwood Centre for Community Youth Development	Halifax	Loosen Up and Start Talking for “Grown Ups”	\$25,000
Immigrant Settlement Association of Nova Scotia	Halifax	ISANS Breaking the Silence: Immigrant Youth Sexual Violence Project	\$50,000
L’Arche Atlantic Region	Province-wide	SEXCESS Supporting Sexuality and Healthy Relationships	\$5,000
LOVE: Leave Out Violence Nova Scotia	Sipkne'katik	Kesaluei Sipkne'katik	\$35,750
LunaSea Theatre Company	Halifax	SLUT The play	\$50,000
Nova Scotia Native Women's Association	Sydney	Sisterness Outreach Care Project; Increasing Safety for Mi'kmaq Women and Girls Gathering	\$28,784.13 \$5,000

GROUP	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT
Residence Life, Saint Mary's University	Halifax	SMU Res Consent Project	\$4,200
Sackville High School Student Support Group	Sackville	Sackville High Girls on Fire	\$3,500
Second Story Women's Centre & Be the Peace Institute	Lunenburg	The Pink Snowsuit Project	\$25,000
Sexual Health Nova Scotia	Province-wide	AFFIRMATIVE - Sexual Violence Prevention and Intellectual Disability	\$50,000
Shelburne County Youth Health and Support Association	Shelburne	Paint n Chat	\$5,000
The Youth project	Province-wide	Healthy Relationship Education for LGBTQ + Youth	\$20,000
Youth Art Connection	Dartmouth	Intergenerational Arts Mentorship (IAM)_ Youth Arts Leadership Project (YALP)	\$16,380
Youth Health Centre Advisory Hosting Team	Sydney Mines	"Opening our Eyes"	\$5,000
YWCA Halifax	Spryfield	SafetyNET Living Labs	\$30,591

