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The Victim Services & Violence Against Women Program Directory provides contact information for service providers across British Columbia that assist victims of crime and women and children impacted by violence.

- Community-based victim service programs provide services primarily to victims of family and sexual violence.
- **Police-Based Victim Service programs** provide services to victims of all crimes
- Stopping the Violence Counselling programs provide individual and/or group counselling for women who have experiences childhood abuse, sexual assault and violence in their relationships
- PEACE (Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling and Empowerment) programs (formerly Children Who Witness Abuse programs) provide group and

individual counselling for children ages 3 – 18 who have witnessed abuse, threats or violence in the home

- **Outreach Services programs** provide women with supportive counselling, information and referrals, and accompaniment and transportation to other services
- Multicultural Outreach Services programs provide assistance to immigrant and visible minority women in their own language
- **Court Support Programs** provide information and support to victims of all types of crime involved in a criminal court process
- **Sexual Assault Services Programs** provide culturally safe, client-centred, trauma informed support to survivors of sexual assault.

Other Key Service Contacts

VictimLinkBC

<u>VictimLinkBC</u> is a toll-free, confidential multilingual service available across BC and Yukon 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It provides information and referral services to all victims of crime and immediate crisis support to victims of family and sexual violence.

Crime Victim Assistance Program

Financial assistance and benefits are available through the <u>Crime Victim Assistance</u> <u>Program (CVAP)</u> to help eligible victims of violent offences, their immediate family members and some witnesses.

Victim Safety Unit

Victims can register to be notified about the status of an accused or an offender through the <u>Victim Safety</u>
Unit (VSU).

Seniors First BC

<u>Seniors First BC</u> (formerly BCCEAS) operates a province-wide, information and help line for seniors.

Ending Violence Association of BC

<u>Ending Violence Association of BC</u> (EVA BC) provides referrals, support, and information is provided to help connect victims and programs with the appropriate service.

BC Society of Transition Houses

<u>BC Society of Transition Houses</u> (BCSTH) provides support to Transition, Second and Third Stage Houses, Safe Homes, PEACE, and Violence is Preventable programs through training, advocacy, research and resources.

Police Victim Services of British Columbia

<u>Police Victim Services of British Columbia</u> (PVSBC) provides leadership, support, advocacy and training to professionals working in the field of victim services.

BC Housing (Transition Houses, Safe Homes, and Second Stage Housing)

BC Housing provides housing for women impacted by violence.

- Transition houses provide safe, temporary 24/7 staffed shelter with support services.
- Safe homes provide safe, temporary short term shelter and support services.
- Second-stage houses help women who have left abusive relationships make plans for independent living. Women and their children usually stay in a second-stage house for 6-18 months.

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