

**PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***McGuinty Government Invests In London Victim Safety Project***NEWS**

April 24, 2009

Ontario is supporting a new justice initiative designed to better protect victims of domestic violence in London.

This project is part of a province-wide joint initiative between the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The project supports and protects victims of violence by allowing for quick identification of risk factors to enhance safety.

The project will be funded through a Victim Safety Project grant of \$149,000.

The project will involve a partnership of five agencies:

- London Police Service
- Women's Community House
- John Howard Society of London and District
- Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children
- Changing Ways.

Under the Victim Safety Project, grants are available to municipal and First Nations police services that are partnering with not-for-profit, community-based victim service agencies.

**QUOTES**

"This local project, funded through the Victim Safety Project grants, will provide protection for victims of violent crime who are at greatest risk. The government is proud to support innovative solutions developed by communities, for communities to keep women safe."

— Chris Bentley, Attorney General

"These initiatives address the need for victims of crime and domestic abuse to feel secure in their homes and protected in their communities."

— Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

"Partnerships between police and community agencies will help ensure a more coordinated response to women abuse. Abused women will be safer and better supported as a result of these local initiatives."

— Deb Matthews, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues

## QUICK FACTS

- This year, the McGuinty government is investing just over \$2.8 million in the Victim Safety Project, for 26 projects to enhance victim services and victim safety.
- Funding for the Victim Safety Project grants comes from the Victims' Justice Fund, which is a surcharge added to all fines, except parking tickets.
- Ontario invests more than \$208 million each year in services to address violence against women.

## LEARN MORE

Read what people are [saying](#) about today's announcement.

Read about [Supporting Victims of Woman Abuse](#)

Find out how to contact [Ontario's Victim Support Line](#)

E-mail or talk to someone to find out how you can [volunteer](#) to help victims of crime, including victims of domestic violence, in your community through Ontario Volunteer Centres.

---

Jessica Bishop, Ministry of the Attorney General,  
Minister's Office, 416-326-3266  
Brendan Crawley, Ministry of the Attorney General,  
Communications Branch, 416-326-2210

[ontario.ca/attorneygeneral-news](http://ontario.ca/attorneygeneral-news)

*Disponible en français*