

Philosophy

The purpose of the North Shore Women's Centre is to improve the social, economic and political status of women and to encourage and support self-empowerment by acting as a resource and a catalyst for change from a feminist perspective.

We believe that women have the right to:

- Self-determination in all aspects of our lives
- Equal access to society's resources
- Safety and security of our person
- Fairness in the administration of justice
- Freedom from all forms of discrimination

Goals

- To provide women with access to resources (information, referral, advocacy) to assist with life choices.
- To actively address violence against women at all levels of the community.
- To challenge sexism and all other forms of discrimination against women at all levels of the community.
- To work towards the elimination of the feminization of poverty.

The following resources, programs and services are provided free of charge:

■ **Information, Referrals and Support:** Women's issues and concerns are listened to by phone or in-person. Confidential support, help finding information and resources, and referrals to other community organizations are provided.

■ **Multi-Media Resource Library:** Women's issues books, journals, articles, reports and video/audio materials are available for use in the Centre or to be borrowed.

■ **Public Access Computer Terminals:** Computers are available on a drop-in basis for writing letters and resumes, checking email, doing Internet searches and much more. Support is provided.

■ **Basic Computer Training:** A personalized introduction to computers, word processing and the Internet. 6 one-hour lessons are provided. Registration is required.

■ **Women's Legal Clinic:** Women family law lawyers provide private legal information and advice for one hour about issues such as separation, divorce and child custody and access. Appointments must be booked in advance.

■ **Single Mom's Support Group:** A weekly, facilitated support group for North Shore single mothers includes discussions, information, and social networking. On-site childcare is provided and registration is required.

■ **Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Drop-In and Coming Out Groups:** Regular drop-in sessions and a 9 week coming out group for lesbians, bisexual women and women questioning their sexual identity. Discussion, information and social networking opportunities provided. Coming out groups are scheduled several times a year and registration is required. Trans inclusive.

■ **Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteer positions are available to support Centre programs and services. On-going training is provided.

■ **Forums and Workshops:** Educational information sessions on women's issues and concerns are scheduled whenever possible. Visit our website or call for upcoming sessions.

■ **Community Organizing:** Speakers available for groups or events. Special community events organized to recognize the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, International Women's Day, and other occasions. Representatives sit on community committees and coalitions to represent issues of concern to North Shore women. The Centre hosts the North Shore Coordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women in Relationships and the North Shore Women's Forum Coalition.

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**North Shore
Women's Centre
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