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# WHO ARE WE?

Action ontarienne contre la violence faite aux femmes is a province-wide francophone and feminist coalition of organizations working toward, or committed to, eliminating violence against women. For more than 30 years, we have been providing French-language educational materials and other resources to the community. We also work to ensure that francophone survivors of violence have access to high-quality services in their language.

#### **TRAINING**

Our training institute, the "Institut de formation", offers free online and in-person training to workers in the field of violence against women, as well as all professionals who work with survivors. www.institutdeformation.ca

#### **AWARENESS**

We coordinate the francophone portion of two awareness campaigns on violence against women.

 "Traçons-les-limites" (Draw-The-Line) is an interactive campaign that aims to engage Ontarians in a dialogue about sexual violence. The campaign challenges common myths about sexual violence and equips bystanders with information on how to intervene safely and effectively.

#### www.traconsleslimites.ca

• "Voisin-es, ami-es et familles" (Neighbours, Friends and Families) is a public education campaign to raise awareness of the signs of woman abuse so that those close to an at-risk woman or an abusive man can help.

## www.voisinsamisetfamilles.ca

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

Our legal aid centre "Centre de services juridiques pour femmes francophones de l'Ontario" coordinates the "Femmes ontariennes et droit de la famille" campaign (Familiy Law Education for Women), which enables all francophone women in Ontario to access plain-language family law resources. www.undroitdefamille.ca

The Centre also provides information and general family law advice to francophone women who are experiencing or who have experienced violence. The services are free and available to every woman regardless of income. They are offered by phone by a paralegal and family law attorneys. www.aocvf.ca/service-juridique

# **ISSUES ANALYSIS**

Francophone women and French-language services in Ontario often face new issues. We identify and study them from a feminist perspective. These analyses take different forms, including publications, position statements, media commentary and consultation with decision makers.

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH-LANGUAGE SERVICES**

Over the years, we have made every effort to ensure that francophone women experiencing violence have access to high-quality services in their own language, across Ontario. We have worked with successive governments to create shelters, sexual violence crisis centres (CALACS) and programs on violence against women for francophone women. We continue to develop and improve the French-language services available in the province.

#### **COOPERATION**

In a linguistic-minority situation, it is essential that Ontario's francophone workers cooperate to make the best use of resources, form partnerships, share best practices and end their isolation. Over the years, we have created spaces where francophone workers can meet and talk. The ultimate goal of cooperation is to deliver high-quality French-language services to Ontario's francophone women.

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