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To: Ontario Non-profit Victim Services and Mental Health Services Organizations

The Ontario Victim Services Secretariat (OVSS) is inviting all interested community agencies across the province to apply for funding to deliver the *Support Services for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse* initiative.

The funding application and guidelines for *Support Services for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse* are now available.

The OVSS will be allocating approximately \$2 million over the current fiscal year and next fiscal year to:

- Develop and implement a province-wide crisis assistance and referral service.
- Establish four regional networks of community agencies to provide coordinated, specialized services for male survivors of sexual abuse across Ontario and build professional capacity across the sector.

Overview of *Support Services for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse*

Provincial Crisis and Referral Service

One community agency will receive funding to deliver a province-wide crisis assistance and referral service that will provide counselling, support, information and referrals to men in English and French. This service will build on existing infrastructure and will work with existing crisis lines and services province-wide.

Regional Networks of Co-ordinated Services

Four regional networks of community agencies (located in the North, Central, East and West regions of the province) will receive funding to deliver a suite of region-wide coordinated services, which include short-term individual and group counselling and peer support for male survivors. The regional networks will also make referrals to longer-term community supports and provide training and other professional development opportunities to service providers within the region. Each regional network will be led by one agency that will be required to form collaborative partnerships with community organizations.

Timelines

Support Services for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse are expected to start no later than **January 3, 2011**.

Application packages must be received or postmarked by **October 1, 2010**.

Application Package

An information copy of the application package is available on the Ministry of the Attorney General's website, which may be found at:

<http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/ovss/>

If your organization is interested in applying, or for more information about *Support Services for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse*, please contact:

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Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Bishop, for". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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