

# North Shore Women's Centre

Host Agency

The North Shore Women's Centre (NSWC) has proudly hosted the NS VAWIR committee for over 15 years.

The purpose of the NSWC 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.

The NSWC provides a variety of resources, programs, and support to women on the North Shore. These include but are not limited to:

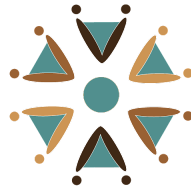
- Drop-in resource centre.
- Computer training program.
- Family law clinic.
- Health & wellness program.
- Single Mom's support group.
- Girls empowerment camp.
- Educational workshops.

*A Place for Women  
A Voice for Women*



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## North Shore VAWIR Committee



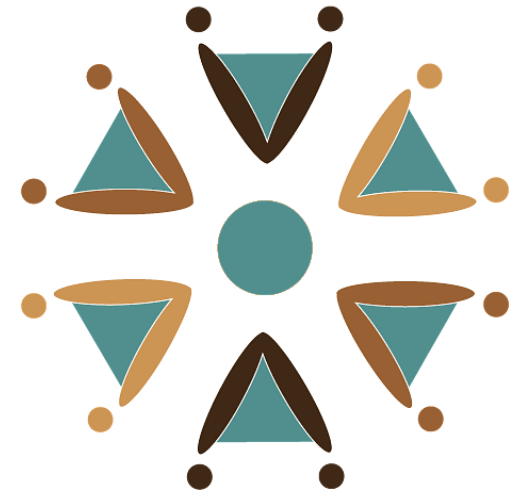
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If you are a service provider interested in joining the committee, contact us at the NSWC:  
[info@northshorewomen.ca](mailto:info@northshorewomen.ca)

If you are an individual looking for assistance with relationship violence, call 911 if it is an emergency, or access our service providers through the committee website:  
[www.northshorevawir.com](http://www.northshorevawir.com)

## North Shore VAWIR

Coordinating  
Committee to End  
Violence Against  
Women in  
Relationships



An integrated response to  
ending relationship violence  
on the North Shore

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# North Shore VAWIR

## Committee Background

In the early 1990's, the North Shore Coordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women in Relationships (NS VAWIR Committee) was formed.

Since July 2001, the Committee has been hosted and supported through coordination and administration by the North Shore Women's Centre.

The Committee includes representation from a wide range of community service providers involved in areas such as policing, probation, victim's services, crown counsel, health, First Nations, immigrant and multicultural services, counseling, advocacy, and legal services.

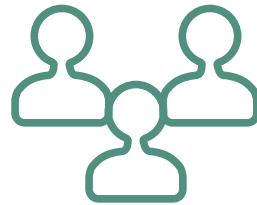
The committee itself does not provide direct service to members of the community. Rather, it is a way to coordinate information and services amongst various agencies. Individuals who are not service providers can access the committee's website for links to various agencies and their programs.

## Committee Membership & Meetings

- New and returning members are welcome.
- There are approximately 6 meetings per year.
- Meetings typically last 2 hours.
- They often include a guest speaker and information sharing.
- Members share relevant information throughout their respective agencies.

The committee is working toward a coordinated response in the following ways:

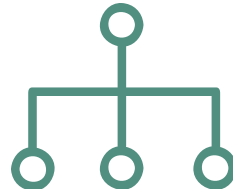
### SERVICE DELIVERY



### EDUCATION



### SYSTEMIC RESPONSE



## Service Delivery

- Opportunities for front line workers to meet face-to-face.
- Commitment to providing best practices.
- Meetings allow for communication about services and referral protocols.
- Service gaps and trends within various sectors are identified.
- The Integrated Case Assessment Team sub-committee improves victim safety in the highest risk situations.

## Education

- The committee conducts public education via community forums, information tables, etc.
- Capacity is built through training in the following areas: legal systems, tech safety, risk assessment and intervention, collaboration, cultural awareness.
- The NS VAWIR website includes resources for the public, and training for service providers.

## Systemic Response

- The committee works to understand and address the systemic nature of violence against women.
- Policies and legislation are reviewed to make recommendations for change when appropriate.
- Liaising with other community response networks, prevention organizations, government, and justice systems.