

# = 98/99 Funded Research

## Equitable Access to Health Care, Promotion and Prevention By Immigrant Women In NS

This project will conduct interviews among non-English speaking immigrants about increasing equitable access to health care in Nova Scotia.

## Social Reform Scan: Women's Perspectives in the Atlantic Region

This synthesis paper summarizes the results of a regional literature scan conducted as part of a Centres of Excellence for Women's Health Program national project. The purpose of this working paper is to assess the extent to which existing health reform literature documents the impacts of privatization on women's health in Atlantic Canada.

## PEI Well Women's Clinics: A Case Study of Gender Specific Clinics

The paper will be used as a background to support new health policies related to different interventions that can be utilized to increase health screening methods for gender specific conditions, including, cervical cancer or prostate cancer; two diseases that respond well to early detection.

## A Response to Health Protection Branch Discussion Papers

A response to the Health Protection Branch (HPB) transition prepared by MCEWH. The paper describes concerns about how well practice will fit with the ideals described in the consultation phase of the HPB transition.

## An Exploration of the Stress Experience of Mi'kmaq Female Youth in NS

The purpose of this project is to deepen our understanding of what lies behind the stress experience of Mi'kmaq female youth with an eye to policy and program intervention.

## Empowering Black Mothers with Addictions to Overcome Triple Jeopardy

This participatory action research is designed as a pilot project, to begin a process of inquiry into a critical social issue that is quickly becoming a social phenomena that is out of control - drug use, more specifically crack cocaine addiction and abuse in the African Nova Scotian community.

## The Black Women's Health Program

This research support will enable the Black Women's Health Project to recruit a black women's health researcher to build on the research conducted to date and to enhance the existing bibliography development and analysis of secondary data on black women's health.

## Towards Non-Heterossexist Policy and Regulation in Health and Income Security Agencies

Health and social security agencies have policies and regulations which are generally based in heterossexist assumptions about the nature of family relationships. This project uses electronic communication technologies to develop tools through which health and social security agencies and practitioners can assess and correct the heterossexist bias in their programs and activities.

## Gender Equity Policy Case Studies

The Maritime Centre of Excellence for Women's Health recently conducted a series of in-depth interviews to investigate the application of gender-based analysis (GBA) tools in the public policy process. The aim was to gain direct insight into the development and uptake of this approach to engendering Canadian public policy.

## Everyday Struggles with Environmental Health Disorders: Participatory Research with Community Groups and Survivors

In light of the exposures from Sydney Tar Ponds and Camp Hill Medical Centre, this graduate student's thesis project will design and host a public workshop to examine the prevention and treatment of human exposures to toxic chemicals in homes, workplaces and the environment-at-large.

## Black Women's Health Research: Policy Implications

This small project development initiative hired a consultant from the black women's community to address the lack of research on the health care of black Nova Scotian women. The objective of the project was to identify health care needs of black women for policy and program changes in the IWK Grace Health Centre's Women's Health Program.

## Women's Survival Guide to the Poor Economy

Using participatory research with women at food banks, resource and community centres, and women living in poverty, the researcher will research, write and illustrate a 50 page handbook on how to maintain health and happiness by actively tackling poverty and dealing with social assistance issues.

## Social and Economic Inclusion of Women, Children, Families

The purpose of this project is to facilitate the social and economic inclusion of traditionally excluded groups - low-income women, their children and their communities. The project addresses the poorest of the poor within Canadian society and presents a new development paradigm for enhancing their health.

## Exploring Links Between the Perception of Access to Ethnomedicine and the Well Being of the Mi'kmaq Community of Indian Brook

The study is intended to recognize the validity of Mi'kmaq women's experience and perceptions of their own well-being in relation to their accessibility to ethnomedicines.

## The Relationship Between Prescription Drug Utilization and Employment for Single Mothers on Social Assistance

The ultimate aim of welfare policies is to return employable individuals back to work. Yet one of the main barriers to successful employment programs is the loss of drug benefits for people leaving social assistance. This graduate student's thesis project examines the links between high record high levels of unemployment, increased reliance on social assistance and prescription drug utilization.

## Pattern Identification and Expansion of Consciousness During the Transition of Low-Risk Pregnancy

The goal of this qualitative study is to gain a deeper understanding of the transition to low-risk pregnancy so that health care workers can be better prepared to facilitate the transition process. The research will utilize Margaret Newman's innovative nursing theory, "health as expanding consciousness", which eliminates the dichotomy between theory and practice.

## Off Reserve Aboriginal Women's Health Assessment

The current federal policy of shifting responsibility for health care to the provinces will likely become a reality in the next few years. If provinces become responsible for health care for urban Aboriginal women, there is a strong possibility those women will be left behind, as current health care policy does not reflect the input of Aboriginal women. This study will examine the current lack of national standards with respect to the health of aboriginal women.

## Trying To Work It Out: Women Examine The Effects Of Workplace Environment

By linking with other community groups in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Women's Health Network Newfoundland and Labrador will facilitate the creation of focus groups that will examine the affects of workplace environment and workplace policy on women's health. This research will also explore the particular needs and concerns of lesbian women, women with disabilities, and single mothers that may not be addressed by current workplace policies or in the workplace environment.

## In an Authoritative Voice: Women and the Politics of Health Policy In New Brunswick

This doctoral student's thesis project is concerned with health policy formulation and implementation during the current era of neo-liberal economic restructuring. The researcher will critically analyze the process of restructuring in New Brunswick so as to further our understanding of the forces, ideas and people sharing decisions in the health sector.