

# Children as Victims and Witnesses of Domestic Homicides

Lessons Learned From the Ontario Domestic Violence Death Review Committee

**This workshop will address safety planning and risk reduction strategies for victims of domestic violence and their children. Although the community increasingly recognizes the harmful impact of domestic violence on many children, the dangers posed for adult victims and children at the point of separation are not fully appreciated. Ontario's DVDRC has highlighted the fact that children are often overlooked as witnesses and potential victims of domestic homicides. In some cases, this risk is minimized because there is no history of direct child abuse and the risks posed by separation and prior domestic violence is not connected to child safety. Reviews of past tragedies suggest the need for enhanced risk assessments and collaboration amongst service providers. The critical role of CASs and the family court will be highlighted.**

## About the Day:

- 8:00 Registration & Coffee  
8:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 8:45 **Keynote Presentation – Dr. Peter Jaffe**, Professor, Academic Director, Centre for Research on  
Violence Against Women and Children, Faculty of Education, UWO  
9:45 Coffee Break
- 10:15 **Group Discussion – Risk Assessment & Safety Planning** - Panel Members: Dr. Peter Jaffe –  
CREVAWC, Detective Paul Martin – London City Police; Maureen Reid – CAS; Kate Wiggins –  
Women’s Community House; and Dr. Barbara Lent – Associate Dean, Equity and Gender Issues, and  
Faculty Health, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, UWO
- 11:30 **Working Lunch:**
- Vicarious Trauma Presentation – Deborah Sinclair, Consultant, Member DVDRC**
- Child Abuse Prevention Council’s Purple Ribbon Award”**
- 1:15 **Presentation – From Assessment to Intervention - Peter Jaffe & Deborah Sinclair**
- 2:15 Coffee Break
- 2:45 **Risk Reduction and Collaboration** - Panel Members: Dr. Peter Jaffe - CREVAWC, Tim Kelly –  
Changing Ways; Megan Walker – London Abused Women’s Centre; Mr. Justice Grant Campbell –  
London Family Court; Dr. Peter Collins – Forensic Psychiatrist , OPP
- 3:45 Closing Remarks

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**London Convention Centre**  
**November 2, 2006 8:00 a. m. – 4:00 p.m**  
**Lunch Provided**

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2:45 p.m.	Community Panel - Risk Reduction and Collaboration
3:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks

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## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Maureen Reid	CAS	Sherry Waghorn	CAS
Tim Kelly	Changing Ways	Elizabeth Karry	CAS
Susan Dill	Women's Community House	Megan Walker	LAWC
John Pare	London Police Service		

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**FEE: Conference \$50.00 (includes lunch)**

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