

WOMEN FROM DIVERSE CULTURAL, RACIAL AND LINGUISTIC BACKGROUNDS

Women from various immigrant, cultural, racial and linguistic communities may need additional support to access services in the community. They may not speak English and consequently they may have difficulty communicating their needs and may experience difficulty in finding appropriate resources. Immigrant and refugee women may also be hesitant to disclose abuse because their partners have told them that disclosing would put their immigration status at risk or may cause them to be deported. These women may have limited knowledge of Canada's legal systems and its responses to violence against women.

SERVICES:

1. Quinte United Immigrant Services
2. Community Advocacy and Legal Centre

For More Information Regarding Abuse of Ethnically Diverse Communities, See:

UN Special Report on Violence Against Women

<http://www.un.org/wcar/statements/violence-womenE.htm>

Immigrant Women & Domestic Violence Fact Sheet

<http://www.cleo.on.ca/english/pub/onpub/PDF/apr04/immwomdy.pdf>

Project Blue Sky

<http://www.projectbluesky.ca/English/index.html>