



CENTRES IN THE NWT FUNDED BY GNWT:

IQALUIT - Shelter
 RANKIN INLET - Shelter
 SPENCE BAY - Shelter
 TUKTOYAKTUK - Shelter
 INUVIK - Family Counselling Centre
 - Batterers Group
 - Community Friends Program (To be cut April 1st)
 YELLOWKNIFE - Shelter / Second Stage House
 - Family Counselling Centre
 - Batterers Group
 FORT PROVIDENCE - Counselling Centre
 - Safe Home Network
 HAY RIVER - Shelter / Second Stage House
 - Counselling Centre
 FORT SMITH - Shelter / Second Stage House

SERVICES PROVIDED BY CENTRES:

Because they are often the only service available in a community or region, counselling centres and shelters, whatever their stated mandates, must deal with a whole range of issues and problems. These include:

- Abused women (spousal assault)
- Sexual assault (adult women)
- Child sexual assault
- Batterers
- Depression / suicide
- Social / Justice / Housing advocacy

Despite the number of issues that each centre must deal with they receive funding and support services from one program only - Family Violence Prevention. This program of the Department of Social Services has only one employee.

VALUE FOR THE DOLLAR SPENT:

Because these programs are run by non-profit / non-government organizations the government receives tremendous value for its dollar. For instance employees of these centres receive no cash overtime pay, and have no benefits. Despite the fact that their work differs little from that of a social worker, they make on average \$10,000 less a year.

Most centres also utilize volunteer labour (for many tasks), are governed by volunteer boards (who do not receive remuneration for service) and fund raise to cover the costs of their services not presently paid for by government.

The money saved in the areas of health care, legal aid, Social Service office time and so on cannot be calculated but is also very significant.

COUNSELLING CENTRES / SHELTER USE IN THE NWT:

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Female Clients	431	972
Male Clients	123	266
Children	296	597
TOTAL:	850	1835
 Crisis Line Use:	 972	 1236
 COUNSELLING:		
Crisis Counselling	77	236
Ongoing Counselling (regular visists)	198	478
Informantion / Education	57	194
TOTAL:	332	908

Most shelters have doubled their occupancy in the last six months. This means that they are now working above their licensed limits and having to turn away clients. In addition, NWT Family Counselling (Yellowknife) has a six month waiting list.

<u>THE FAMILY VIOLENCE BUDGET: (\$000)</u>	<u>1990/91</u>	<u>89/90</u>	<u>88/89</u>
Family Violence Prevention	\$1820	\$1857	\$1482 *
Family Counselling and Education	101	103	106
Prevention of Child Abuse	49	-	-

Most of the funding received by centres in the NWT is received through a contribution agreement. Of this, approximately 40% is recovered through the Canadian Assistance Plan (CAP) program. The figures above reflect total spending including CAP.

(* While the funding reported for 88/89 is reported as actual, approximately \$600,00 of this budget was lapsed in this year.)

WHAT THE CUT TO THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM BUDGET WILL MEAN:

- Communities, such as Inuvik, Pangurtung and Coopermine, who are working toward shelters will not have funding available to them
- As shelters in the NWT have already reached their capacity and new shelters are not planned for, many more women and children will be turned away from safe shelters
- Programs, such as Yellowknife and Iqaluit, which need to expand their services will not be able to
- Counsellors will be denied any sort of cost of living increase, yet will be asked to take on increased counselling loads. Should they decide to leave their jobs because of the pressure there will be no funding available to train new counsellors.
- Education and advocacy programs presently developing (in Fort Good Hope and Fort McPherson) will not be able to continue

