

PROJECT AT A GLANCE:

BUILDING CONNECTIONS: A GROUP INTERVENTION FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE IN RELATIONSHIPS

PROJECT GOAL:

To enhance the capacity of CAPC/CPNP/AHSUNC projects to identify and respond to mothers and/or children (birth-6 years) at risk for, or impacted by, family violence or child abuse.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To build awareness, capacity and confidence among CAPC/CPNP/AHSUNC project staff regarding family violence and/or child abuse
- To develop a community of practice of certified trainers to deliver the *Connections* intervention across Canada through CAPC/CPNP/AHSUNC sites
- To deliver the *Connections* intervention to community-based sites across Canada
- To translate and disseminate the knowledge developed from this initiative broadly and to a wide range of audiences

PROJECT LEADS:



Mothercraft®



Breaking the Cycle

Mothercraft is a multi-service organization serving families with young children birth—6 years through community childcare, community-based early years programs, and early intervention programs for families experiencing complex risks including interpersonal violence and child maltreatment.



PREVNet

PREVNet (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) is an umbrella network of 122 leading Canadian research scientists and 62 national youth-serving organizations whose mission is to stop bullying in Canada and to promote safe and healthy relationships for all Canadian children and youth.

PROJECT ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

Building Awareness, Capacity and Confidence

*Engage CAPC/CPNP/AHSUNC staff in foundational training to build awareness, capacity, and confidence in responding to family violence and child abuse

Train and Support Facilitators

*Train certified facilitators to deliver the *Connections* intervention in project sites, and develop a community of practice to support facilitators in the delivery of the intervention

Delivering the *Connections* intervention

*Deliver the *Connections* intervention to 400 participants in 30 CAPC/CPNP/AHSUNC sites

Evaluation

*Evaluation of the intervention and research components will continue in order to assess the implementation, fidelity, engagement, and progression over time