

# VAW RESEARCH NEWSLETTER



## *Welcome to our newsletter!*

We're excited to bring you the latest updates from the work of the VAW Research Team now that this year is coming to an end. This edition serves as an end-of-year update, highlighting our progress, accomplishments, and what's next for our projects.

Any questions can be directed to [vaw@dal.ca](mailto:vaw@dal.ca).

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## *IPV Project updates*

Our team has been conducting interviews with health, VAW staff, and survivor participants, diving deeper into their knowledge and experiences. A total of 56 people have taken part in interviews so far!

Our team has also been busy analyzing our survey data, and we are excited to announce that the first paper from The IPV Project is currently under review, with more in progress

### HEALTH SYSTEM INTERVIEWS: 23 PARTICIPANTS IN NOVA SCOTIA

### VAW SECTOR INTERVIEWS: 20 STAFF AND 13 SURVIVORS ACROSS NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK AND ONTARIO

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“I'd really like to take this time to thank you both for taking the time to listen. I can't even express how **empowered** it feels. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

-From one of our VAW survivor interview participants

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## *Indigenous Project Update*

We received ethics approval from the Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch and Nova Scotia Health to expand our work with the IPV Project into an Indigenous-specific project, co-led with the Mi'kmaw Family Healing Centre. We held our first Indigenous advisory group meeting in Nova Scotia and look forward to building on this work in the province and interprovincially in the new year.

## *Health systems work*

We have held dozens of meetings with partners across Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario this term, in preparation for our intervention work focused on strengthening health systems responses to domestic and sexualized violence. We will be conducting needs assessments on health system readiness to respond to violence (NB and ON) and starting on implementing and evaluating intervention strategies in Nova Scotia in 2025. Our research ethics board application is currently under way for submission in the new year.

*Happy holidays and all the best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy new year from our team! See you in 2025!*

