



Ministry of Justice

VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS TRAININGS APPLICATION

The BC Victims of Homicide (BCVOH), an initiative of the BC Bereavement Helpline (BCBH), will be hosting training sessions for victim service providers who support family members of those who have been murdered or gone missing. Eight sessions are being offered in 2014 and early 2015 throughout BC. Funding is being provided by the BC Government through a financial contribution from the federal Department of Justice Victims Fund.

To apply or for more information, contact the Helpline at 1-877-779-2223 or email Asya at bcvoh@telus.net.

***Please note that registration is subject to availability and priority will be given to BC contracted victim service providers. A waiting list will be established.*

Name:	Email:
Phone:	Address:
City:	Postal Code:
Agency:	Agency Location:
Position:	

Please check the training session you would like to attend:

Kelowna Friday, May 30, 2014	Dawson Creek Friday, October 24, 2014
Nelson Friday, June 20, 2014	Terrace Friday, November 21, 2014
Merritt Friday, July 25, 2014	Nanaimo Friday, January 23, 2015
Prince George Friday, September 26, 2014	Surrey Friday, February 20, 2015

Do you need a travel subsidy? (Only available to those travelling more than 100km. Only one subsidy is available per agency.)

Do you have any food allergies or restrictions? If yes, please specify. (Lunch will be provided)



DESCRIPTION OF TRAININGS FOR VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

OBJECTIVES:

1. Increase knowledge of homicide bereavement and its unique characteristics
2. Increase knowledge of understanding shock and trauma
3. Increase knowledge of preparing for initial response during family notification of a homicide or missing persons
4. Increase knowledge of cultural sensitivity
5. Increase skills in supporting the police officer who is providing the notification
6. Increase skills in supporting the family after receiving notification

The training is designed to be an interactive workshop/training that will enhance knowledge, skills and abilities for first time responders. The agenda will be flexible to meet the unique needs of the community and the attending participants.

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE TWO FACILITATORS:

JOHN DUBE

John Dube is a registered social worker and registered clinical counsellor. He began his work in the area of suicide and bereavement in 1985 responding to family and community needs to a suicide or traumatic death. John's areas of interest are working with clients who are struggling to incorporate a health diagnosis, bereavement due to a suicide, traumatic death or homicide and working with men. Over the past 25 years, he has conducted numerous workshops and trainings to professionals on bereavement, professional self-care, and communication. John is currently the clinical advisor of the BCVOH initiative.

FREDA ENS

Freda Ens is a caseworker with 24 years of experience supporting victims across British Columbia. Freda was part of the team that supported families of missing and murdered women in the Robert Pickton case. She currently works for the Ministry of Justice supporting victims and consulting on projects involving Aboriginal communities.