



Sunrise Program Fact Sheet

- **Sunrise Program** is an integrated community partnership delivered by Dufferin Child and Family Services, Family Transition Place and Headwaters Health Care Centre
- **Sexual Assault Survivors** supported through Sunrise Program:
2007/08 = 307 April 08/Sept 09 = 186 clients to date
- In 2006, Police **Services** in Headwaters investigated 60 cases of sexual assault and laid 42 charges.
- **Dufferin Child & Family Services** provides Sexual Assault Treatment Program for children under age of 18. When it's in the best interest of the child, DCAFS involves family from original assessment and treatment plan through to on-going counselling. Parents receive support in helping their children.
- **Family Transition Place** provides clinical counselling (individual & group) psycho-educational support, safety planning & case management; practical support including transportation & accompaniment as necessary; support in understanding options, choices re: medical treatment, contact with police, legal rights & engaging family support. FTP also provides emergency shelter, second stage housing, legal/transition support for woman abuse/assault survivors.
- **Headwaters Health Care Centre** (HHCC) provides emergency care to women, men and children who present to a hospital emergency department within 72 hours of being sexually assaulted (24 hours if children) or who are victims/survivors of intimate partner abuse. HHCC Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Team includes RN, SANE, MD, Social Worker and provides medical attention for men, women, children and youth including preventative treatment for STDs (sexually transmitted disease) and pregnancy, if appropriate. Any injuries requiring medical attention (lacerations, fractures, and head injuries are treated by emergency department physician). Forensic evidence collection (within 72 hrs adult/24 hrs child); follow up documentation or photographs. Clients can book appointment with the follow-up nurse without having to access via emergency SA/DV service. HHCC houses the "Sunrise Centre": special suite design to ensure privacy with non-clinical treatment room, waiting room, children's play area, private interview room.



Sexual Assault Fact Sheet

- **HHCC** was the first hospital in Ontario to work with its community partners to develop a complete medical/legal treatment centre for victims of violence and is one of 34 Provincial Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Centres in Ontario. The centres work collaboratively with community agencies to provide a continuum of care accessible to survivors, recognizing that the effects of sexual and domestic violence are complex and cannot be met by any one agency. There are 34 Provincial SA/DV Centres.
- Only 6% of sexual assaults are ever reported to police and only 1% of date/acquaintance rape are reported to police. Every minute of every day, a woman or child in Canada is being sexually assaulted.
*Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women – August 2006 & Ontario Women's Directorate 1995
- The most vulnerable age group is children under 12 years of age.
- Estimates have established that at least 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they reach the age of 18.
- 63% of sexual assaults reported to the police involve girls under the age of eighteen.
- Nearly 90% of sexually assaulted women do not consult with any helping professional after the assault.
- Youth under 18 represented 22% of the Canadian population in 2004 but made up 58% of victims of sexual offences.