



After She Leaves:

Supporting Women through the Family Court Process

Developed by Luke's Place Support and Resource Centre and designed for frontline workers, this online training provides strategies, resources and information on family court issues encountered when working with woman abuse survivors. Topics include:

Dynamics of Abuse

- What is woman abuse?
- Why women stay or return
- The effect of woman abuse on children
- Post-separation violence and its impact on family court proceedings

Family Law Overview

- The laws and the language
- Custody and Access, Child Support, Spousal Support, Property Division, Domestic Contracts

Safety

- Why is safety an issue?
- Threat assessment, risk management and safety planning
- Safety while attending court
- Restraining orders
- The matrimonial home

Presenting Evidence about Abuse to the Court

- The role of evidence in the family court proceeding
- What evidence needs to be provided and where it can be found
- The affidavit
- Dealing with the abuser's evidence
- Preparing paperwork

Family Court Process

- Steps in a family law case
- Bringing an emergency motion
- Family court process and services

Working with a Lawyer

- Why women need lawyers
- Legal Aid Ontario
- Paying for a lawyer
- How to find the right lawyer and work effectively
- What to do when problems arise

Role of the Advocate

- Setting boundaries and self care
- Confidentiality and active listening
- Working with lawyers and court officials
- Preparing for court and supporting a woman after court
- Becoming involved in the court process yourself

After Court Is Over

- Post-court violence and abuse
- Access difficulties
- The alienated child
- Mobility
- Ongoing safety issues

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