

# Introduction

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Welcome to the PATHS Research-Informed Promising Practices Manual. Our hope is that this manual will help guide your practice in working with those affected by Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and assist you in providing the best services possible. This manual is meant to be kept close to staff, in the spaces where you will be interacting with clients, enabling you to refer to the binder whenever necessary.

Working with those affected by IPV will always provide new and interesting challenges; therefore, this manual will be useful in training both new and existing staff. We also recommend that staff meetings be used as an opportunity to review and reflect on a section of the manual as a group, enabling you, as a staff, to build a capacity for using research-informed promising practices in the workplace on a day-to-day basis.

This manual contains what we believe is the best information and material that is currently available. As information is constantly changing and new themes emerging, we encourage you to *treat this manual as a living document and to add to it freely.*

The manual is divided into five sections: printed material and resources on **Principles of Practice**, information and resources on **Putting Principles into Practice**, printed material and resources related to **Working with Diverse Populations**, printed material and resources on **Policy Guidelines for Saskatchewan Shelters and Services**, and **Online resources for Shelter and Services Staff**.

Sections 1-4 contain printed material as well as further resources relating to the various topics, which you will find listed in the table of contents and then summarized at the end of each section. Section 5 contains only resources; all “further resources” including web pages and pdf/word documents can be found on the PATHS website <http://pathssk.org/> .