

NWT Shelter Network launches New Website Highlighting Family Violence Resources

Site Features Free pan-territorial Training Hub for Territorial Shelter Workers

YELLOWKNIFE (March 30, 2026) The NWT Shelter Network – a coalition of representatives from all five family violence shelters across the Northwest Territories (NWT) – has launched a [new website](#) with a variety of safety resources including information on NWT family violence shelters and safe homes, resources for making a safety plan, and Frequently Asked Questions that cover topics ranging from what to expect when staying at a shelter, different types of violence, and options for survivors of violence who may not want to stay at a family violence shelter.

A key feature of the site is a pan-territorial [Training Hub](#). This tailored training is for workers in family violence shelters in Nunavut, Yukon and NWT and was developed after a year of consultation with shelter workers across the territories, who shared what barriers to training they currently faced and what additional training would be beneficial to them to best support northern women and their children. Included as part of the Hub is training videos, manuals, and other resources for shelter workers on topics such as trauma and violence informed care, shelter policy and administration, warning signals of violence, and working with survivors in a northern context.

YWCA NWT chairs the NWT Shelter Network of women's shelters that includes all five shelters across the NWT and our two safe homes and is also member of the Pan-territorial Shelter Network that includes shelters from the Yukon, Nunavut and the NWT. "Well-trained shelter workers are essential to help ensure shelters are safe, empowering environments that foster healing for survivors. For this often high-stress job, trained staff are critical for providing trauma-informed care and specialized advocacy for women and their children. In development of this training, Northern shelter workers shared the barriers to training they face, and how it didn't reflect Northern and Indigenous realities and perspectives. We interviewed more than 20 shelter workers and worked with Indigenous advisors to develop training for territorial shelter workers that can be taken online or delivered by shelter management staff in person." said Hawa Dumbuya-Sesay, Executive Director, YWCA NWT.

Training resources and videos are available absolutely free. Participants who complete the training and achieve a passing score on accompanying quizzes receive a certificate of completion.

Shelter Network URL: <https://www.nwtshelternetwork.ca/>

Training Hub URL: <https://www.nwtshelternetwork.ca/traininghub>

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