

Statistics: Program Extension for Men and Boys

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The following statistics inform program and service extension to boys and men.

Employment & Income

- 40% of the permanent households in Muskoka earn less than \$30,000 annually. (2002 Muskoka Housing Review Report, District of Muskoka)
- 789 automotive manufacturing jobs in Muskoka have been lost due to closures of DURA, Algonquin Automotive, and Cequent Towing effective 2006-2008. This is the equivalent of 48,000 lost jobs in the GTA.
- Among employed males in Muskoka, the average income varies by community: \$31,257 in Gravenhurst, \$37,048 in Bracebridge, \$41,603 in Huntsville. (Financial Post Canadian Demographics, 2007)
- 38% of men in Muskoka are employed in the Trade, Transportation and Equipment operators sector. (Financial Post Market Profile, 2007)

Violence

- Partner Assault Response Program data confirms a relationship between employment and violence against women by men: 32% of participants are unemployed, 32% have an annual income less than \$10,000, and 30% have an annual income less than \$25,000.
- The average age of men participating in the sanctioned Partner Assault Response Program is 36.6 yrs. (Katreena Scott, Ph.D. C. Psych. OISE/University of Toronto, March 2008)

Shelter & Housing

- Muskoka has a homeless problem. There are no shelter services for men in Muskoka. The closest shelter is Lighthouse Shelter in Orillia.
- The Salvation Army oversees the 3 Emergency Family Units funded through the district of Muskoka in Huntsville, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst; 30 families are placed in Emergency Housing for durations of 4-6 weeks annually.
- Muskoka has an affordable housing crisis. There are currently 376 applications on the wait list for 384 subsidized housing units in Muskoka up from 305 in 2007 and 217 in 2006. (District of Muskoka, 645-2231)
- 90% of users of Muskoka Affordable Community Housing pilot program for emergency vouchers for singles are males between the ages of 17 – 25. (Kim Doughty, MACH)
- Wenonah House for young offenders, an eight-bed open custody program for male youth from 13 to 18 years of age located in Gravenhurst, closed September 2008.

Trauma & Abuse Services

- One in six men has been abused sexually as a child. (Fireweed Project, Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre of Nipissing, 2007).
- There are no funded support services in Muskoka for males 16 and over who have been sexually abused, or are dealing with childhood sexual trauma, despite repeated proposals. These services are available elsewhere in the province, funded by the province.
- Seventy percent of the victims of non-sexual assault under the age of 12 are boys. (Vanier Institute for the Family, [Canadian Boys: Growing Up Male](#), Spring 2003)
- There are no publicly funded adult mental health services available in Muskoka for mild to moderate depression.

Addictions

- In the fiscal year ending March 2008, Addiction Outreach for Muskoka-Parry Sound served 553 male clients, representing 59% of their client base.
- Boys account for 90% of juvenile alcohol and drug violations. (Vanier Institute for the Family, [Canadian Boys: Growing Up Male](#), Spring 2003)

Social Welfare and Ontario Disability Support Program

- In Muskoka, there are currently 230 male clients on the Ontario Works caseload, and 689 on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) caseload.