

HELP & SHELTER
UNIFEM GBV PROJECT PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009

Date	Organization	Facilitator/s	Day/time	Numbers	Topic/s Discussed	Feedback	Suggestions/Requests
03. 09. 09	Geod Intent Health Centre	Genevieve	1 hour	18 females	DV/ DVA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical abuse was discussed with the participants, they were also given definitions on Domestic violence, the Act and the services of Help & Shelter. • Matters arising from the discussion include; a story of a young woman who is being raped and physically abused by her husband continually since they were married, it was said that she had ignored her parents and pursued a relationship with the perpetrator which led to the parents consenting to marriage. The young woman suffers in silence since she is reluctant to report the matter and also for the fact that her husband is well respected in the community and happens to have a good relationship with the police. • However, a brochure on 	

						<p>DV, was given to the friend to pass to the victim and also to encourage her to seek assistance at the crisis centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A man also reported that his son is a victim of psychological abuse at the hand of his wife who left him after he became disabled due to an accident, it was reported that she left him with two children and has since returned to her previous relationship, they were encouraged to seek counseling at the human services office or visit H & S. 	
05. 09. 09	T. T. H Youth Group	Karen	3 hrs	15 males 3 females	Child Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed after 2 days workshop, aim to reach other youths and bring awareness on the effects of DV and Substance abuse and also to assist young addicts overcome their addiction 	
07. 09. 09	WAD Youth Group	Kevin	2 hours	19 females	Child Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is made up of teenage mothers, some of whom are mothering two children at age 14, the aim of the session is to provide necessary skills that will assist the mothers in empowering 	

						<p>themselves, deal with their own childhood issues and also to care for their children without the use of violence and other forms of abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed their childhood experiences and how these can affect their relationship with child/children, the various forms of abuse, reasons children are vulnerable to abuse, the importance of listening to children and reporting and seeking help for victims. • It was brought to my attention that the youngest member of the group is ten years old and pregnant, she was absent for the session. • The group was very vocal, some sharing personal experiences while others point out situations they can recall. • The session went very well, participants requested continuous sessions. 	
08. 09. 09	La Grange Health Centre	Genevieve	1 hour	12 females	Gender & Gender Roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discussion involved the baby story, roles and expectations of boys and girls, the session was done in the form of a 	

						group therapy, the women shared stories from their childhood, about the first pregnancy and relationships with their relatives and family members.	
08. 09. 09	Houston Nursery School	Karen	1 hour	3 males 25 females	Child Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session was done with the PTA, parents shared views on the sessions particularly in relation to the effects of violence on children and the possible outcomes. 	
08. 09. 09	St. Rose's High School	Karen	2 hours	10 males 35 females	Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of violence on children with focus on coping mechanisms • Session was done with the parents of the fourth form students. 	
10. 09. 09	Airy Hall Development Group	Karen Kevin Margaret	2 days	2 males 36 females	Substance Abuse, TIPS, Self and Gender Based Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation 	
10. 09. 09	Goed Intent Health Centre	Genevieve	45 mins	5 males 31 females	Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence was discussed, the various forms with emphasis on physical violence, signs and causes • The DVA was also discussed, Nearly all participants had no prior knowledge of the Act. The three orders under the act were discussed with the participants and surprise was evident particularly when they 	

						learnt of the occupation and tenancy orders , participants were very thankful for the lecture.	
12. 09.09	Grove S.D.A Church	Julian	1 hour	6 males 9 females	Be Safe Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers were overwhelmed with the information and plan to fit it into their program soon 	
12. 09. 09	Transitional House	Karen	1 hour	3 males 17 females	Substance Abuse and the Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The session was welcome by the students 	
14. 09. 09	WAD	Kevin	2 hours	21 females	Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The discussion was requested after the child abuse session where one participant was in tears, she later disclosed that her partner has been very abusive to her physically. It should be noted that most of these girls are either pregnant for or have children for men twice and in some cases three times their age. Participants were told of their value and why no one should be allowed to abuse them in spite of their situation. Most participants disclose that their partners are jealous while others feel it is OK. The different form of abuse was discussed also the possible effects of abuse, participants were also told of the DVA and 	

						how it can help them, they were also given the option of accessing counseling for their relationship.	
14. 09. 09	Houston Community High	Johnson	½ hour	40 males 62 females	Anger Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participation was very good, the class too large • However, the discussion look at the aims of the students and the effect anger can have on them achieving their goals • They were told to find out what makes them angry and how important it is to communicate this. They were also told of situations that contribute to anger. • Participants were encouraged to deal with anger by taking a time out, removing from the situation to avoid conflict knowing that people will always do things to hurt us 	
16. 09. 09	Covent Garden Secondary	Johnson	45 minutes	15 males 33 females	Anger Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participation was excellent, issues discussed include life, communicating anger, avoiding situations that contribute to anger etc. 	
17. 08. 09	Goed Intent Health Centre	Genevieve	55 mins		DV & Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the session, one woman reported that her neighbour allows her 	

						<p>husband to have sex with her daughter, recently she had the child do an abortion after becoming pregnant by the same man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another report indicated that a 14 year old is infected with HIV and has declared her intentions of infecting any married man that crosses her path. • The villagers were encouraged to call Ministry of Human Services. 	
18. 09. 09	Ketley Primary School	Julian	2 hours	66 males 80 females	Watching someone you care about being hit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These students were receptive to the information and did not find offensive to say that there is violence in their home. 	
18. 09. 09	Ketley Primary School	Julian	2 hours	45 males 55 females	Everyone has a body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was new to students given their transition from nursery so they weren't very receptive. 	
18. 09. 09	South Ruimveldt Secondary	Johnson	40 minutes	20 males 54 females	Anger Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation was very good 	
19. 09. 09	Ladies of Faith	Karen	1 hour	20 females	Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn why women stay in abusive relationships and the long term effects 	
21. 09.09	Windsor Forest Health Centre	Genevieve	70 min	1 male 12 females	Healthy/Unhealthy Relationship/ DV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship of DV to H/UH relationship, the 	

						male participant feels young people needs counseling before embarking on long term relationships and marriage, he believes it is difficult to talk to young people because of their attitude, he also feels awareness programs are a waste of time since they are bias and women who are the focus have become the perpetrator	
21. 09. 09	Houston Community High School	Johnson	½ hour	35 males 55 females	Anger Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a continuation of the first session. 	
22. 09. 09	Help & Shelter	Julian	1 day	2 males 2 females	Conflict Resolution Anger Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The client were empowered to understand the concept above for the purpose of self awareness and also understanding intelligence of emotions. 	
21. 09. 09	Covent Garden Secondary School	Johnson	45 minutes	10 males 30 females	Anger Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a continuation of the first session. 	
24. 09. 09	Goed Intent Health Centre	Genevieve	45 minutes	1 male 20 females	Child Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group was interactive and attentive, the subject aroused their interest. The signs, and behaviours of child abuse was discussed also prevention. 	
25. 09. 09	Kitty Women's Group	Kevin	1 hour	2 males 19 females	Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The session was very good, participants include women of all ages, issues discussed include cycle of violence, socialization of children (gender) and services available to 	

						provide assistance to victims of DV.	
25. 09. 09	Ketley Primary School	Julian	2 hours	76 males 81 females	Watching someone you care about being hit	• These students were overwhelmed	
25. 09. 09	Houston Community High School	Julian	40 minutes	5 males 65 females	Stress Managemnet	•	
26. 09. 09	Leguan Secondary	Karen Kevin Margaret	2 days	6 males 14 females	Substance Abuse, TIPS, Self and Gender Based Violence	• See evaluation	
28. 09. 09	Berbice High School (Forms 4 – 5)	Karen	1 hour	28 males 48 females	Substance Abuse and Violence	• Students enjoyed the drama	
28. 09. 09	Berbice High School (Forms 2 – 3)	Karen	1 hour	28 males 48 females	Substance Abuse and Violence	• Students enjoyed the drama	
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HANDOUTS DISTRIBUTED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009

POSTERS:

GHARP - 47
Child Abuse - 19
Help & Shelter - 119
Father's Are Parents Too - 65
Trafficking in Persons - 36

BROCHURES:

H & S Handouts - 4690

CONDOMS:

Female - 208
Male [boxes] - 23