Submission on

Child, Early and Forced Marriage

Our project, The Forced Marriage Project (FMP) of Agincourt Community Services Association was funded by the Status of Women Canada (federal government of Canada). Our work can assist with two of the areas outlined in the Call for Submissions on Child, Early and Forced Marriage.

* Projects undertaken to promote the elimination of child, early and forced marriage specifically including action taken to address the issue in practicing communities, and to address or mitigate its impact.
* Recommendations on or examples of good practices regarding possible appropriate measures and strategies to prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage.

# The Forced Marriage Project

To view the work we have done, please visit our website: <http://www.fmp-acsa.ca/> We are continually adding to, and updating, our website.

Our website assists survivors and those at risk of child, early or forced marriage in the following ways:

1. Providing them with:
   1. Emergency Resources
   2. Legal Resources
   3. Information on how to seek help when taken abroad
2. Profiling survivors who have gone on to have productive, fulfilling lives, through:
   1. Videos
   2. PowerPoint presentations
   3. Written accounts
3. Assisting them in other ways:
   1. Promoting activities and events that address child, early and forced marriage
   2. Assisting them in starting their own events, activities and Circles of Support
   3. Presenting a list of resources: books, film, TV, documentaries, newspaper & magazine articles, dance & theatre productions, advertisements, & music that address child, early and forced marriage
   4. Information about the different types of forced marriage
   5. Information about other aspects of child, early and forced marriage

Our website has a separate section to assist service providers so that they can effectively intervene in cases of child, early or forced marriages. In this section can be found:

1. Workbooks used in our training sessions on the following subjects:
   1. Introduction to Forced Marriage
   2. Working with Parents (on child, early and forced marriage)
   3. Engaging Youth (on the subject of forced marriage)
   4. Intervention in Cases Involving Forced Marriage
2. Workbooks and Videos for introducing the subject of forced marriage into ESL classes, including a Facilitator’s Guide (some of this is in the process of being added to the site)
3. Information on how to make connections with other organizations and agencies working on child, early and forced marriage
4. Information on how to bring workshops, presentations and other events to their organization or agency.

In addition we work to address child, early and forced marriage by:

* Hosting workshop series on child, early and forced marriage in the Greater Toronto Area
* Conduct free workshops on child, early and forced marriage at agencies, organizations or community groups (if outside of the GTA, inviting group pays accommodation and transportation)
* Host community events that address child, early and forced marriage
* Have a Facebook page - The Forced Marriage Project – that is updated regularly with news about child, early and forced marriage
* Publish a monthly Newsletter with information and stories on child, early and forced marriage

**We welcome additional information and resources from others and will include them on our website if sent to:**

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**We also wish to share all of the materials that we have created, with others who are working to end child, early and forced marriage anywhere in the world, free of charge.**

## For more information on how we have found it useful to work with parents and youth in affected communities, please see the content in our workbooks in the Service Provider Section of the website.