

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

As you know, last year our research team was working on a research project and the Pressbook “**Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities: Case Studies**” (Abstract below) was launched in September 2020.

Here is the link to the English language version of our book:

<https://openlibrary.ecampusontario.ca/catalogue/item/?id=dac5e9c2-6997-4e12-ad6a-0e352c4bfe79>

Here is the link for the French translation of the case studies:

[https://source.sheridancollege.ca/conferences\\_dvic\\_book/2/](https://source.sheridancollege.ca/conferences_dvic_book/2/)

It is an **open source** eCampus pressbook available for **free online**.

These case studies are based on real cases of clients before the family courts in Ontario).



**I will appreciate it if you could share this resource with your network and people who could use this educational resource.**

At this time these case studies are being used as a teaching resource by York University for the Social work program and Family Mediation program and also being used by an IRCC funded nationwide on-line course about GBV and working with newcomers, immigrants, and refugees.

**Here is the abstract of the book:**

## **Abstract**

“Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities: Case Studies” is a freely accessible eCampus Ontario Pressbook containing case studies of immigrant women experiencing domestic violence to be used as educational materials. The contents were created by analysing closed legal case files of 15 immigrant women living in Ontario who experienced domestic violence. The comprehensive case studies that emerged from this research present domestic violence experienced by immigrant women in all its complexity, highlighting their unique vulnerability at the intersections of race, gender and immigration status. The book also highlights the different legal processes that these women encounter in seeking justice and the challenges they face in relation to re-establishing their own lives and the lives of their children. In addition to the cases, the book contains questions for reflection; a description of legal processes involved in DV cases, and a glossary of the



terms used throughout the case studies. This interactive Pressbook is an ideal resource for social work and legal practitioners, including students in social service work, social work and law programs, in order to increase their understanding about the complexity of domestic violence cases in immigrant families and develop strategies for culturally informed interventions.

If you need any other information or have any suggestions or contacts that you wish me to connect with- please let me know. We hope that the French translation of these case studies on our official language will make it accessible to the Franco-Ontarian community.