

## Conference Description:

### “Making a Difference” Conference

A Multi-Disciplinary Approach: Responding To, Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assaults, is a 3 day conference hosted by Avalon Sexual Assault Centre, the RCMP, and the Halifax Regional Police.

This conference will focus on the benefits of a multi-disciplinary approach to effectively addressing the barriers to the criminal justice system and improve the experience and services for victims/survivors of sexual assault.

The main goal of this conference is to have communities from across the province come together to coordinate their responses in an effort to share knowledge and information amongst key stakeholders to promote/improve interagency and community collaboration.

## Who Should Attend:

- Law Enforcement Personnel
- Justice Personnel
- Policy Makers
- Public and Mental Health Providers
- Social Workers/Counsellors
- Medical Personnel
- Offender Service Providers
- Community and System Based Victim Advocates
- Other Service Providers

## Conference Highlights:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th**  
7:30am - 4:30pm  
Registration 7:30am - 8:00am

Presentations by **Joanne Archambault:**

- Dynamics of Sexual Assault
- A Multidisciplinary Approach to Sexual Assault (discussion to follow)

**Lisa Jacek**, Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General Ontario:

- Preparing the Victim/Witness for Trial
- Techniques for Dispelling Rape Myths During Trials

**RECEPTION: 5:00pm**

To commemorate December 6th: A Day of Remembrance and Action

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th**  
8:00am - 4:45pm

**Joanne Archambault:**

- Investigating Difficult Cases
- Sexual Assault on Campus
- False and Unfounded Allegations of Sexual Assault.

**Jackie Stevens**, Community Education/Training, Avalon Centre:

- Secondary Wounding in the Legal System

**Brenda Zareski**, SANE Co-ordinator, Avalon Centre:

- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program

**Panel Discussion** (speakers to be announced)  
System and community based Victim Service groups will provide an overview of services and how to improve services for victims/survivors of sexual assault.

**PUBLIC LECTURE: 7:00pm**

Honorable Elma Bellini, Rochester, New York:

- Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence - Specialized
- Court Models.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th**  
8:00am - 1:00pm

**Glenda Hayden**, Therapist, Avalon Centre:

- The Importance of Follow-up Counselling

**Dr. Angela Connors and Mikaela Vidmar-Perrins**, Clinical Forensic Psychologists:

- Youth and Adult Offenders

## KEY NOTE SPEAKER



**Joanne Archambault**  
Sergeant (Retired)

Joanne Archambault is the Executive Director of End Violence Against Women (EVAW) International and the President and Training Director of Sexual Assault Training and Investigations (SATI), Inc.

Prior to full time consulting work, Ms. Archambault worked for the San Diego Police Department for almost 23 years, until her retirement in October 2002. Ms. Archambault has written and co-authored a number of articles and chapters on various subjects relating to the criminal justice response to sexual assault crimes, including the role of the police, the forensic examination, the impact of DNA, and overcoming a consent defense.

She has lectured extensively to multi-disciplinary audiences on the role of police in the investigation of sex crimes throughout the US and abroad.

## PRESENTATION:

Ms. Archambault will be presenting 3 key areas of interest in sexual assault investigation:

1. Sexual Assault Dynamics: Effectively Recognizing and Responding to Sexual Assaults
2. Investigating Difficult Cases and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault
3. False and Unfounded Allegation of Sexual Assault