

2018 - 2019 IMPACT REPORT

The Woman Abuse Council of Toronto (WomanACT) is an incorporated, social profit and membership-based organization. Our membership represents key agencies and institutions working to end violence against women. This year WomanACT embarks on a new and ambitious 4 year strategic plan where we have set out to focus our work, develop new partnerships, better measure our work and diversify our funding. We believe this will help us deepen our impact. We will continue to strive to achieve systemic change for women through coordination, policy and education.

VISION
WomanACT envisions a world where all women are safe and have access to equal opportunities.

MISSION
WomanACT works collaboratively to eradicate violence against women through community mobilization, coordination, research, policy and education.

RESEARCH AND POLICY

We conduct research and convene conversations to better understand the pressing issues experienced by survivors. Working alongside survivors, women's organizations, communities and governments, we analyze public policy through an intersectional gender lens and help shape policies, programs and practices that advance gender equity.



One Policy Forum



One Press Conference



Four Policy Briefs Developed



108 Agencies Consulted



Two Literature Reviews Completed



Six Policy Consultations Held

EDUCATION

CYBER SEXUAL VIOLENCE FORUM

We deliver training, develop resources and facilitate knowledge exchange. Education and support helps workplaces, services and communities better prevent, recognize and respond to violence against women.

WomanACT hosted a one day forum on Cyber Sexual Violence in Toronto. We brought together different services from across sectors to exchange knowledge and increase community partnerships.



Five Speakers



96 Attendees

COORDINATION

We coordinate networks, committee and meetings to promote an integrated and efficient community response to violence against women. Coordination provides opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration across sectors.



1 Resource Developed



300 Enrolled in e-Learning



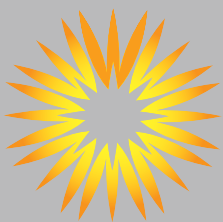
93 Agencies Engaged



63 Meetings

NETWORKS

Transitional Housing and Support Program Network
Toronto Region Violence against Women Coordinating Committee
Shelter and Support Services Committee
Childrens Aid Societies and Violence Against Women Toronto Region Advisory Committee



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HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

FINANCIAL ABUSE AS A FORM OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

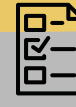
In partnership with The University of Guelph, WomanACT conducted community-based research on the experiences and impact of financial abuse. The project completed a literature review as well as conducted qualitative research with service providers and survivors.



86 Research Participants



Two Focus Groups Held

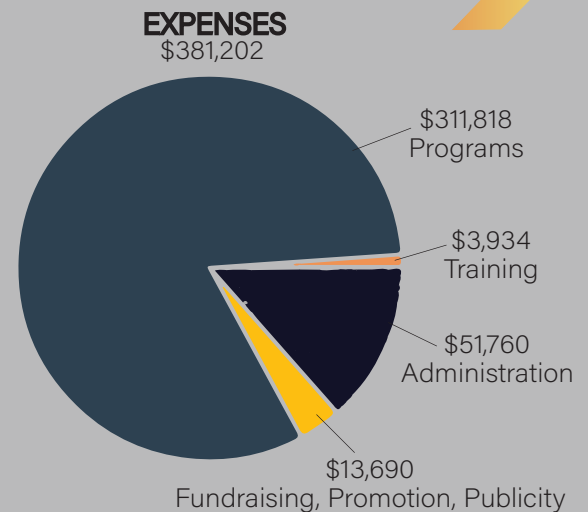
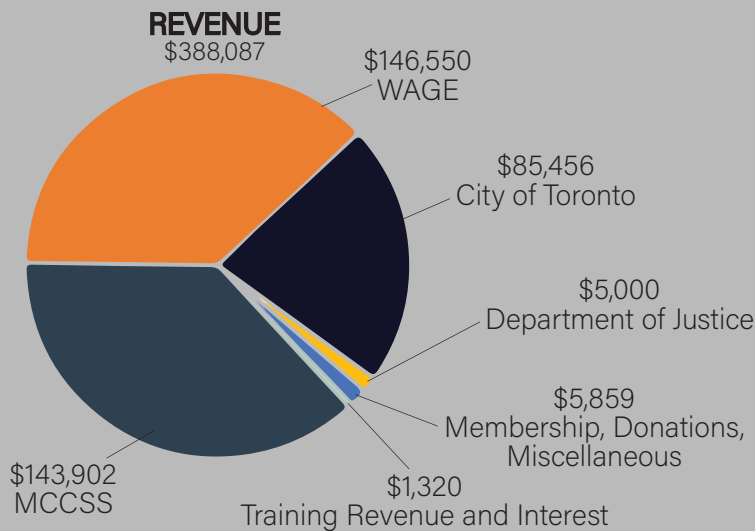


55 Surveys Completed



14 Interviews with Survivors

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



NEW PROJECTS AND GRANTS



Women and Gender Equality Canada

WomanACT has received funding from Women and Gender Equality Canada to pilot the MARAC model in Canada. The MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) model is a recognized multi-agency approach to reducing high-risk domestic violence. Over the next four years, WomanACT will adapt the MARAC model to the Canadian context and will test and evaluate the model in two communities in Ontario.



WomanACT has developed a partnership with Uber Canada as part of Uber's Driving Change Initiative. The partnership will bring together community expertise and the scope and reach of Uber Canada to develop educational materials for drivers and riders to raise awareness and prevent sexual and domestic violence.



The project will conduct a literature review and undertake survivor-led research to better understand how women experiencing violence use technology to obtain legal help. Tech For Women's Justice, funded by The Law Foundation of Ontario, will also explore solutions and promising practices around access to justice, violence against women and technology.