NEWS AND NOTES / NOUVELLES ET COMMENTAIRES

Film is a powerful form of communication and a useful aid in understanding the complex themes in women's lives. The National Film Board of Canada has numerous films of special interest to women and professionals working with mental health issues experienced by women. For example, the "Family Violence Collection" is an excellent resource of audio-visual material dealing with battering, sexual abuse, and child abuse. There are approximately 20 films in this collection addressing treatment issues, innovative services, and prevention programs. The "Recovery Series" of four films focuses on women recovering from drug or alcohol dependence. A new release entitled *D.E.S.: An Uncertain Legacy* is the first Canadian film to provide critical information to the public about the marketing and tragic medical consequences of this synthetic estrogen prescribed to millions of pregnant women between 1941 and 1971 to prevent miscarriage. Other new releases include films focusing on women in mid-life (*The Best Time of My Life: A Portrait of Women in Mid-Life*), menopause as revealed through women's subjective experiences (*Is It Hot in Here?*), and the barriers overcome by physically disabled women (*The Impossible Takes a Little Longer*). All productions may be borrowed free of charge in 16mm format. Contact the National Film Board office nearest you, or write:

Terry Richmond
Film Officer
Specialized Markets
National Film Board of Canada
P.O. Box 6100, Station A
Montreal, Quebec H3C 3H5

WOMEN'S HEALTH INTERACTION

Women's Health Interaction (WHI) is a growing network of women's, health, and development groups in Canada, which provides a platform for women to speak out on health concerns. WHI aims to link local and international health issues through the development of educational resources and exchanges. Its activities have included: the production and distribution of an information kit on the pharmaceutical industry, *For Health or for Profit?*; production of a touring play on women and drugs called *Side Effects*, in conjunction with the Great Canadian Theatre Company; and the co-writing of a brief to the Eastman Commission on the Pharmaceutical Industry. The group is now moving to the issues of population control and family planning. For more information call or write:

Karen Seabrooke
Women's Health Interaction
c/o Inter Pares
58 Arthur Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 7B9
(613) 563-4801

**THE CANADIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN (CRIAW)**

The Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women was founded in April, 1976, as a response to International Women's Year and to mark the beginning of International Women's Decade (1976-1985). CRIAW is a non-profit organization with membership from across Canada. Its purpose is to encourage, co-ordinate, and disseminate research about women's experience. Its activities include the CRIAW Bank of Researchers, Research Grants-in-Aid, publication of the CRIAW Papers and a quarterly newsletter, and an annual conference. For more information on these and other CRIAW activities, contact:

CRIAW/ICREF
408-151 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3
(613) 563-0681

**10TH CRIAW CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF MONCTON
NOVEMBER 7-9, 1986**

Feminist research: Retrospect and prospect will include numerous workshops, conferences, informal sessions, films, artistic happenings, and cultural exhibitions on the following themes:

- the women's movement (alternative tools, feminist politics, young women's involvement);
- women and development (socio-economic, regional, international);
- women and violence, women and peace;
- reproduction and new technologies.

For further information please contact:

Isabelle McKee-Allain or
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ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN SOCIAL WORK

Statement of Purpose

The AWSW was formed in March 1984 with the following purposes:

- To further the development of feminist values, knowledge, assumptions, research, and behaviors; to promote their infusion into social work practice and education;
- To facilitate the formation of feminist networks, support and work groups among social workers;
- To model and foster the development of learning and practice environments which reflect feminist values and concerns in their structures and processes;
- To promote in the membership the development of the knowledge and skill base required
 - to protect women from the effects of oppression (including, but not limited to, oppression on the basis of gender, race, class, age, disability, and sexual and affectional preference), and
 - to enable us to advance the interests of women in mainstream and alternative organizations;
- To promote the development and legitimation of policies, services, and political action to meet the special needs and concerns of women;
- To promote the infusion of feminist values, principles, priorities, and content within the standing organizations of the profession.

Membership in the association is open to practitioners, students, educators, and others interested in social work.

To join the Association for Women in Social Work, send \$10 (more if you can, less if you can't) to:

AWSW
Box 110
Dowelltown, TN 37059
U.S.A.