

about the nature of violence within families and to collect information on wife assault, child abuse and neglect and abuse of the elderly.

As part of its public awareness program, the clearing house sent information on wife-battering in October 1982 as a family allowance cheque insert to an estimated 3.8 million homes, with suggestions about where to seek help.

A major research project carried out by the clearing house in co-operation with 168 transition

houses and shelters across Canada should lead to increased knowledge about the financial status of Canadian shelters for battered women, the composition of transition house staffs, and the extent and type of services provided to women and children from violent homes. A directory of transition houses and information kits were being prepared.

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