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**Family Service Association of Toronto offers Safety Tips
For Women Experiencing Violence or Abuse**

In light of National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6th), Family Service Association of Toronto offers **Safety Tips** and **Warning Signs** for women experiencing abuse (**see attached sheets**). Dorothy Bakos, the manager of the Violence Against Women program at Family Service Association of Toronto, will be available December 3, 4 and 5 to elaborate on safety tips, signs of abuse, and related topics.

While the December 6th tradition of remembrance began in response to the 1989 tragedy at L'École Polytechnique, this national day for remembrance and action has raised the larger issue of widespread family violence. In fact, 30 to 40 women are killed by their partner each year in Ontario alone. Please see the attached **Fact Sheet about woman abuse** (source: Reports published on Health Canada Web site).

Dorothy Bakos has more than 14 years experience working with women who have experienced abuse in the hands of their male partners. Each year the Violence Against Women program offers confidential support to over 1000 women.

Family Service Association of Toronto is a leading nonprofit social service provider and a United Way member agency. For more than 80 years, the association has been helping families and individuals in the greater Toronto area through counselling and community development programs. More information about Family Service Association of Toronto is available at www.fsatoronto.com.

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