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Media Launch: 3rd Annual Impact of Family Violence Conference May 1st and 2nd 2013

Violence in the home is not something unique to South Asian families. All communities, across economic class, race, ethnicity, Canadian-born and immigrant etc., experience their own form of violence against women, seniors and children. Violence is rooted in a system of power and control that has distinct characteristics for different populations. The Social Services Network (SSN) and their partners have made it their imperative to understand the specific nature, systems and complex cultural and family dynamics that pose barriers and challenges to preventing and responding to the abuse that is occurring in South Asian families.

Social Services Network in partnership with the Peel Regional Police with the support from York Regional Police, Toronto Police Services' Community Mobilization Unit and Durham Regional Police Service, India Rainbow Centre, Peel and York Region Children Aid Society, United Way of Peel Region, Peel and York District School boards would like to invite you to the upcoming Media Launch for the 3rd Annual Family Violence Conference "Impact of Family Violence- a South Asian Perspective" scheduled for:

**April 11th - from 11 am-12 noon at:
Peel Police Headquarters
7750 Hurontario Street, Brampton**

Guest Speakers:

Naushad Hirji – Board Chair – Social Services Network

Deputy Chief Chris McCord - Peel Regional Police

Sheridan College

Shelly White - United Way of Peel Region

Bal Gosal – MP

Jagmeet Singh -MPP Greetings

India Rainbow Community Services

Rav Bains – ED Peel Children Aid Society

Rabia Khedr- ED Diversity Works

Zul Kassamali Vice-Chair – Toronto Police South West Asian Committee

**Naila Butt, Michael Bowe - ED Social Services Network, Supervisor Diversity and Outreach CAS
York Region**

We encourage your attendance and coverage to support our endeavor to provide a Community Forum to those who have, and are experiencing Family Violence. A gathering of this nature will provide a venue for all to share their narratives and have their voice heard towards greater awareness and change.

Please RSVP your attendance to Naz Arain narain@socialservicesnetwork.org

For media interview please contact Dr. Naila Butt nbutt@socialservicesnetwork.org