



LUCIE JOYAL

Lucie Joyal has worked tirelessly to eliminate violence against women and children. Since the 1990s, she has helped advance research, detection and prevention of spousal and family violence throughout the province of Quebec. In 1995, she launched and coordinated a provincial initiative for the systematic detection of spousal abuse – a first in Quebec. She initiated the creation of the Centre d’expertise Marie-Vincent, Canada’s first centre specialized in caring for sexually abused children. Established in 2005, the centre is internationally recognized for its innovative service model, which improves support to young victims of sexual assault.

Now Executive Director of the Centre, Ms. Joyal ensures linkages between prevention, psychosocial intervention and research. Highly respected for her many achievements and deep understanding of family violence, Ms. Joyal acts as Canada’s advisor to a number of organizations in Europe, where her leadership, passion and determination are well known. In Quebec and elsewhere, she is described as a social innovation visionary in the service of young victims of violence, and her efforts in this field will continue to benefit children and women for generations to come. Ms. Joyal lives in Boucherville, Quebec.