

MALE SURVIVORS



**Support for men who have been
sexually abused or assaulted.**

**A Professional Luncheon with
Keynote Speaker Author Tom Wilken**

Thursday April 26th, 2012
DaVinci Centre, 340 S. Waterloo Street
Noon - 2:00 p.m.

* Registration required (no fee). Please RSVP to: <mailto:conniemcleod@shaw.ca> or 627-9718

Thunder Bay Counselling Centre and its partners invite you to a special event being held in the City of Thunder Bay in conjunction with the 7th annual National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

Research shows that approximately 1 in 6 men will experience sexual abuse in their lifetime.

This luncheon will feature keynote speaker author Tom Wilken as he discusses how we as professionals can help people feel more comfortable about talking about sexual abuse, and how we can respond when someone discloses that they are a survivor.

“Our communities “collective denial” surrounding this topic is so strong that we unknowingly contribute to the silence and isolation of victims. If we want to create a safe and supportive environment for male survivors, we need to start talking about sexual abuse.” ~ Tom Wilken

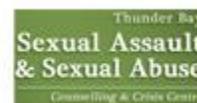


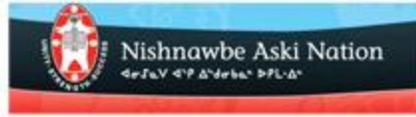
Tom Wilken has worked as a Probation Officer for the past nine years with both the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ministry of Children & Youth. His writing career began in 2002 when he was contracted by Health Canada to write an Overview Paper titled: *Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse* which was distributed throughout Canada by the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence. His first book called *Rebuilding Your House of Self-Respect: Men recovering in group from childhood sexual abuse* was published and printed in 2003. Tom is the Project Coordinator for the Silence to Hope project, and he has partnered with the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness and the Diocese of London to become the largest education and awareness program of its kind in Canadian history on the topic of male sexual abuse. In 2010 Tom's book was translated into Norwegian and is being used mainly in the addictions and prisons systems.

The event is proudly sponsored by the seventh annual National Victims of Crime Awareness Week (NVCAW) 2012, taking place from **April 22 – 28, 2012**. NVCAW is an opportunity to raise awareness about victim issues and about the programs, services and laws in place to help victims of crime and their families. The theme for NVCAW 2012 is: **“Moving Forward.”** For more information please visit: www.victimswweek.gc.ca

For more information on support services for male survivors of sexual abuse please visit the [Thunder Bay Counselling Centre website](#).

Coming together to recognize National Victims of Crime Awareness Week in Thunder Bay





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