

# 2004-2005 Annual Report



**Canadian Centre for Victims  
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# Mandate

## "Hope after the Horror"

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) aids survivors to overcome the lasting effects of torture and war. In partnership with the community, the Centre support survivors in the process of successful integration into Canadian society, works for their protection and integrity, and raises awareness of the continuing effects of torture and war on survivors and their families. The CCVT gives hope after the horror.



# A Message From the Executive Director

This year has been challenging for anti-torture groups and for human rights advocates in general. The human rights of ordinary men, women and children were disregarded or grossly abused in every corner of the globe. Economic interests, political hypocrisy and socially orchestrated discrimination continued to fan the flames of conflict around the world. The “war on terror” appeared more effective in eroding international human rights principles than in countering international “terrorism”. The millions of women who suffered gender-based violence in the home, in their community or in war zones were largely ignored. The economic, social and cultural rights of marginalized communities were almost entirely neglected.

In 1973 the first report on torture was published by Amnesty International. It found that: “torture thrives on secrecy and impunity. Torture rears its head when the legal barriers against it are barred. Torture feeds on discrimination and fear. Torture gains ground when official condemnation of it is less than absolute.” The pictures of detainees in Abu Ghraib, Iraq, show that what was true 30 years ago remains true today.

The indifference, apathy and impunity that allows violence against millions of women to persist is shocking. In countries around the world, women suffer many forms of violence including genital mutilation, rape, beatings by partners, and killings in the name of honour. There are now international treaties and mechanisms, laws and policies designed to protect women, but they fall far short of what is required. In addition, there is a real danger of a backlash against women's human rights from conservative and fundamentalist elements.

Sixty years ago, out of the ashes of the Second World War, a new world order came into being, putting respect for human rights alongside peace, security and development as the primary objectives of the UN. Today, the UN appears unable and unwilling to hold its member states to account.

At the national level, the ability of the state to protect human rights is in crisis. In some places, armed groups – warlords, criminal gangs or clan chiefs – hold sway over people's lives. We need to work harder for a sober reappraisal of what needs to be done to revive the human rights system and our faith in its abiding values.

During the past 12 months CCVT has assisted a total of 1039 clients from over 52 countries, providing a range of therapeutic services. CCVT has collaborated with several agencies at home and abroad to strengthen the global human rights movement and to hold governments accountable to the international human rights treaties and conventions. CCVT has provided training on the effects of torture and war to front line workers, educators, health professionals, External Affairs officers, Foreign Service officers, private sponsors, and faith groups. As well, we have received visitors from Germany, Sweden, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Denmark and Russia.

CCVT is considered a pioneer in the rehabilitation of survivors of torture. An achievement of this nature is only possible because of the engagement and contributions of a broad range of individuals, organizations and institutions including our donors and funders. CCVT staff, volunteers and board members remained committed to the needs of survivors and the interests of the Centre. This commitment and boundless support has made my role as Executive Director easier and rewarding. I am grateful for that.

Mulugeta Abai  
Executive Director



# A Message from the Chair

By the time you read this, CCVT would have held its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual fundraiser entitled, "First Light Celebrations & Community Leadership and Awards Night" on Thursday November 24, 2005. I hope that this one proves to be an even greater success than last year's which was outstanding. This is one way in which we have been attracting new donors: a delicious meal, great entertainment, very attractive prizes to be auctioned, and dancing late into the evening. The fundraising committee, under the able guidance of Doug Lehrer, has worked hard to organize this event. For those of you who have attended in the past, thank you for being part of a fun-filled evening, knowing that you will have the added satisfaction of contributing to the important work at CCVT.

Thanks to the efforts of our Executive Director, CCVT continues to be financially stable. There have been quite a few unusual demands on our finances this year, but through our fundraising efforts, as well as our regular and new donors, we continue to keep our financial house in order. Most charitable organizations in Ontario have been finding it increasingly difficult to find sufficient grants and funding resources to deliver their programs. Non-profit organizations must now compete for funding, not only with sister-agencies, but also with for-profit organizations. To complicate matters further, the number of clients served by CCVT has declined this year, and one of the major reasons is the Safe Third Country Agreement signed with the U.S. in December 2004. In order to improve access to CCVT for more survivors, we have begun to focus our efforts in three major areas: forming partnerships, sharing information with other agencies and educational institutions, and provision of services to groups using group models. Such strategies will enable CCVT to be better prepared to face these new realities, while meeting funders' requirements as well as being responsive to client needs.

CCVT continues to gain international recognition for the high quality of its programs, and its contributions to research and public education. A member of our staff, Ezat Mossallanejed has written an outstanding book entitled "Torture in the Age of Fear". It is an in-depth look at torture, its root causes, methods, victims and victimizers, and its absolute prohibition under international law. Ezat examines the impact of 9/11, official justification of torture, erosion of human rights and the right to asylum, the practice of torture by some western democratic governments, legal instruments against torture and a global overview of the torture of children.

Our staff continue to dedicate themselves to serving our clients. In addition to their excellent counselling services provided to survivors of torture, our staff have provided training to senior government visa officers assigned to overseas posting, training at conferences here at home and overseas, e.g. Uganda, and training also to others who work with survivors of torture in the school and health systems. They continue to soldier on despite many of the stresses that are built into their jobs. In the coming year, CCVT's Board of Directors, through its Personnel Committee, in partnership with the staff and management, will undertake a major review of organizational and operational procedures with the view of promoting a workplace that is relatively stress-free. While care for the clients that come to CCVT is our priority, we are also concerned about the welfare of our care givers.

As always, all our successes this year were made possible through the efforts of our many dedicated volunteers, who work closely with our outstanding staff. Sometimes we forget that our Board Directors are volunteers. We have had a group of outstanding directors whose contributions to our monthly Board meetings and Committee meetings reveal a dedication and professionalism that we are proud of. There will be a few departures this year, and we wish them well, and thank them for their unselfish efforts over the years.

Hari Lalla  
Chair, Board of Directors



# Report of the Health and Program Committee

The role of the Health Committee is to develop guidelines for the assessment of clients, to oversee the provision of health related services to clients and to provide health related educational events. The work of the committee involves relating to the Legal Committee and other committees to ensure that the approach to services integrates health care with the legal and social concerns of clients.

During the past year the Health Committee made presentations at *Transcultural Rounds* held at Toronto Western Hospital in October 2004, the Canadian Psychiatric Association meeting held November 2004 in Montreal, the *Psychiatric Grand Rounds* at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto in February 2005, and at the *International Conference on Global Trauma* in Toronto in May 2005. In order to facilitate such presentations the committee, led by Dr. Lisa Anderman and Dr. Debra Stein, took the initiative of developing a poster which documents CCVT's comprehensive approach to serving victims of torture. The poster is a great resource which is useful for both conferences and displays.

This year CCVT staff members have also made health centred presentations at numerous conferences including: *Healing from Trauma* organized by SYNERGAIA Danish Rehabilitation Centre (November 12-13, 2004 in Hering, Denmark), *Community Crisis Response: Looking Through a Cultural Lens* organized by the city of Toronto Community Safety Secretariat (June 9, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario), and *Health, Equity and Diversity: Local Realities & International Perspectives* (June 10-12, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario). Staff lead professional development sessions for Family Medicine residents at the North Hamilton Community Health Centre (Hamilton, Ontario, May 12, 2004), Family Medicine residents at the Scarborough General Hospital (April 6, 2005), and doctors, nurses and social workers of St. Joseph's Health Care Victim Support Program (April 14, 2005). CCVT provided a display of its services at the University of Toronto International Health Program's community information day (January 28, 2005) and the University of Toronto Peace Week Networking Fair (November 9, 2005).

The Health Committee organized a presentation by Dr. Molyn Leszcz of Mount Sinai Hospital on "Group Process and Effective Mental Health Treatment Teams". As well, thanks to the initiative of Dr. Lisa Anderman, Dr. Patience Onyut, Director of the Ugandan branch of *vivo International*, spoke to CCVT staff about her work with Somali and Eritrean refugees in Uganda.

Health Committee member Dr. Donald Payne is the Canadian representative on the IRCT (International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims) Council, and attended IRCT Council meetings in Antalya, Turkey and Helsingor, Denmark.

Members of the Health Committee have been called to do CCVT related work in their personal capacity. Dr. Donald Payne testified at the Royal Commission on Mahar Arar on the issue of torture. An affidavit by Dr. Payne was presented to the Federal Court on the problem of "reverse order questioning" of refugee claimants, a procedure instituted by the government in which refugee claimants are cross-examined on their claim before they have had a chance to present their history orally at their hearing.





In addition to all the above mentioned responsibilities and activities, members of the Health Network have continued to provide medical-legal assessments and treatment for CCVT clients. The recruitment of new members to the Health Network remains vital for the enhancement of CCVT health related work and activities. We are pleased to have Dr. Debra Stein presently doing a placement at CCVT as part of her psychiatric residency program. She is providing much-needed mental health care services for survivors of torture.

The Health Committee looks forward to another year of productive work.

Co Chairs: Dr. Donald Payne Dr. Lisa Anderman  
Members: Dr. Rosemary Meier and Dr. Debra Stein  
Staff Support: Dr. Mohamed Ahmed and Dr. Teresa Dremetsikas



CCVT Client with a member of the Health Network, Dr. Jill Blakeney



# Report of the Legal Committee

The CCVT Legal Committee is composed of four lawyers (in different fields of refugee/immigrants and human rights), two CCVT Board members and two CCVT staff members who bring the legal problems of the CCVT clients to the attention of the Committee. The Committee recruits its members from the CCVT Legal Network and volunteers as well at least one member from both the Board and the staff. The Legal Committee's mandate is to improve the legal services offered to CCVT clients through policy analysis, legal support and research. It also provides recommendations to the CCVT Board.

During the past year, the CCVT Legal Committee has been involved in the following areas of policy support:

## **Canada's Compliance with the Convention Against Torture (CAT)**

The Legal Committee helped CCVT prepare to give feedback at a conference, held in Ottawa, on Canada's compliance with the United Nations Convention Against Torture. The conference was attended by twenty representatives from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Heritage, the Canada Border Security Agency and the RCMP.

## **Feedback to the Parliamentary Standing Committee**

With the committee's support, the CCVT staff liaison spoke before the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration and provided the Committee with feedback on the Citizenship and Immigration Act with special attention to survivors of torture and CCVT clients. This was followed by the official report of the CCVT to the chair of the Standing Committee.

## **CCR Task Force**

The CCVT staff member of the Legal Committee joined an ad-hoc task force of the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) to prepare reports to the UN Human Rights Committee (Fall 2005) on Canada's compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

## **Clients' Immigration Issues**

The Legal Committee provided CCVT with advice for client in the areas of immigration limbo, family separation, inadmissibility problems and acceleration of landing process for vulnerable groups. One such case involved a 75-year-old senior citizen who has been a CCVT client since 1998 and possesses a Minister's permit. He is suffering from multiple diseases including severe and chronic heart problems. He has been left with no government health or financial assistance. Through the Legal Committee, CCVT worked with a legal clinic, found a lawyer for him and collaborated with his lawyer. The greatest success we had was in the case of family reunification of a client whose son was entrapped in Iraq. Through the efforts of the Legal Committee the boy was transferred to Jordan and within a few days came to Canada.

## **Working with Canada Border Security Agency (CBSA)**

With the help of the Legal Committee, CCVT staff made effective connections with the Canada Border Security Agency in order to advocate for clients who had been deemed inadmissible to Canada and were facing deportation or removal orders. In some cases, CCVT succeeded in changing the condition of the client's release. The greatest success was in the case of a stateless client who had come to Canada from Africa in 1989. He had been reporting to the Enforcement Centre every month for the last 12 years. This year, with the help of the Community and Legal Aid Services Programme (CLASP) and the CCVT Legal Committee, he received status as a landed immigrant.

## **Legal Aid Ontario**

The CCVT staff continues to act as a member of the Legal Aid Ontario's Advisory Committee and keeps the Legal Committee posted about new developments especially those that may affect CCVT clients.

## **Clients in Detention**

The Legal Committee is following the conditions of Immigration detention centers in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). We work with a large coalition under the umbrella of the UNHCR legal office in Toronto to monitor the situation of detention centers in Ontario and provide CCVT services to detainees, when it is possible.

Chair: Sil Salvaterra

Members: Douglas Lehrner, Susan J. Woolner, Nancy Elliot, Ezat Mossallanejed and Thilaga Jeganathan



# Public Education

The function of the Public Education Committee is to contribute to the implementation of the organizational mandate to raise awareness of the continuing effects of torture and war on survivors and their families and to work for their protection and integrity. The committee strives to increase public awareness of torture, its effects and its global dimensions and to contribute to the development of human rights theory and practice. CCVT is a learning centre on issues related to torture and human rights. Activities include research, the production and distribution of learning materials, onsite training and educational programs for staff, volunteers, students and the community, as well as public forums and presentations - locally and globally. During the past year, the committee focussed particularly on the need for absolute prohibition of torture, the principle of non-refoulement to torture and holistic rehabilitation of survivors of war and torture.

## Training and Education

The terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001 brought with it new challenges for human rights and service agencies like CCVT. We have to deal with ever-increasing rates of fanaticism of all kinds – religious, nationalistic, and other as well as racism, xenophobia and the outright call for torture. Terrorism of the worst kind is also showing its ugly face everywhere. Canada and other countries have implemented security legislations that might lead to restrictions on people's civil and human rights. The impacts of the new rules and regulations on non-citizens, specifically survivors of torture, can be irreparable. All these prompted CCVT to quadruple its efforts towards public education. Following are some of our activities during the past year:

- A presentation to more than 120 members of Amnesty International and activists from various community agencies on the need for absolute prohibition of torture.
- A workshop to a group of 25 artists at an art gallery for immigrants and refugees in Toronto. We shared our experiences of helping newcomers, especially survivors to settle in Canada.
- A two-day workshop on torture, health, and human rights to the managers and consular officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa. This was followed by a second session with Consular officers in Ottawa several months later.
- The Mount Sinai round table discussion for residents in the Psychiatry Department and provided a workshop titled "Community Approaches to Working with Trauma: Lessons from the Canadian Center for Victims of Torture."
- In early Spring a group of students and teacher from the McMaster University visited CCVT. We provided them with a workshop on "Working with Victims of Torture: CCVT programs and services."
- A presentation at York University, Centre for Refugee Studies on the devastating impacts of terrorism on survivors of torture.
- A workshop for the family physicians of the Scarborough General Hospital.
- A workshop to the care-givers at St. Joseph Health Care in Hamilton titled "Community Approaches to Working with Trauma: Lessons from the Canadian Center for Victims of Torture."



- A meeting with Mrs. Louise Arbour, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, on the new reform at UN High Commission on Human Rights. Participants included different NGOs coming from Quebec and Ontario and was held at the headquarters of Amnesty International.

In addition to the above, staff, volunteers and board members of the CCVT frequently made other presentations in a variety of settings (both locally and internationally) on torture and the work of the Centre. CCVT participated at two consultations of the Canadian Council for Refugees and delivered workshops on the needs of torture survivors. CCVT also provided workshops for members of the Immigration and Refugee Board as well as Refugee Protection Officers in Toronto.

CCVT created learning opportunities for developing professionals by offering learning placements to law, medical and social work students. Public education on the issues concerning victims of torture was promoted by the CCVT through participation in public events, hosting of local and international guests, monthly education meetings for CCVT volunteers, and CCVT's annual celebration of June 26 as the United Nations Day in Support of Survivors of Torture.

Chair: Susan McGrath

Members: Mulugeta Abai, Fred Case, Teresa Dremetsikas, Michelle Millard, and Ezat Mossallanejed



Volunteers managing an information display

# Report of the International Committee

The CCVT International Committee monitors the activities and services of a network of organizations that support survivors of war and torture and makes necessary recommendations to the CCVT Board of Directors. This committee also works towards monitoring and responding to the global issues relating to the prevention, exposure and eradication of torture. During the year 2004-2005 the International Committee was involved in the following activities:

## **Protection of Human Rights Workers and Torture Survivors**

The International Committee monitored the persecution of human rights workers throughout the world and assisted CCVT to intervene in the following:

- CCVT intervened in the case of a sister agency in Kenya. The Canadian as well as the Kenyan governments were requested to make an immediate intervention to protect the safety and security of the personnel and clients of the Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU).
- The International Committee monitored cases of torture and gross human rights violations in Iran. They wrote to the governments of Iran and Canada to work towards the immediate release of the Iranian journalist Mr. Akbar Ganji and other Iranian human rights supporters - writers, journalists, union and women activists in Iran. They also intervened in the case of Jila Izadi, a thirteen year old Iranian girl, pregnant out of incest, who was condemned death by stoning in the northern city of Kurdistan, Marivan.
- Based on reports from the media and its sister agencies, CCVT intervened in the case of Ms. Shazia Khalid, a physician who had experienced gender-related torture in Pakistan. Dr. Khalid fled to London (UK) after being raped at a petroleum plant where she was employed in Pakistan. In Pakistan, instead of receiving protection she was further persecuted by Pakistani officials. CCVT requested the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to provide her with Canadian protection.
- CCVT intervened in the case of Mr. Leenco Lata Waqayyo whose case of 10-year family separation was brought to its attention by several community and human rights organizations.

## **Presentations at International Events**

Following are presentations made by CCVT at various international events:

- "Working with Victims of Torture" at the "Healing from Trauma" Conference organized by SYNergaia Danish Rehabilitation Centre.
- Trauma and Global Health, the 3rd Annual Global Health Research Conference, Toronto, Ontario.
- "Violence Against Ethno-cultural Minorities, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Children", a presentation for the United Nations Secretary General's Study on Violence Against Children in North America held in Toronto.



- “Working with Refugees and Survivors of Torture and War”, Health and Equity and Diversity Conference, Local Realities & International Perspectives in Toronto.
- “Trauma Counselling and Coping Strategies for Human Right Defenders”, Human Right Defenders Conference for East and Horn of Africa, Entebbe, Uganda.

### **Feedback to the Government on Global Human Rights Issues**

A CCVT representative attended the annual human rights conference of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa. The meeting was attended by approximately 150 NGO representatives. It was held for Canada's preparation in attending the UN Human Rights Commission. The representative frequently intervened and spoke about CCVT, its services, the need for protection of survivors of war and torture as well as other issues related to torture and impunity, sharing experiences in serving clients from different countries with a view of helping Canada to strengthen its activities against torture and for the protection of survivors at the global level.

### **Raul Wallenberg's International Symposium**

CCVT actively participated at a two-day symposium about torture, impunity war crimes and crimes against humanity in commemoration of Raul Wallenberg at York University. The symposium was attended by representatives of various universities and human rights organizations as well as lawyers and government officials from all over the world.

### **Protection of Canadian Citizens against Torture**

CCVT spared no effort in bringing the public and the Canadian government's attention to the plight of Canadian citizens who were sent to other countries to be tortured or ill-treated (the practice of rendition). They specifically supported the cases of clients Mr. Ahmed Abou El-Maati as well as Zahra Kazemi, Mr. William Sampson and Mr. Maher Arar and provided feedback to the government of Canada.

### **Optional Protocol**

The International Committee continued to monitor developments regarding An Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, dealing with the mandate of the UN Committee against Torture to enter and monitor conditions in places of detention. This important Protocol has been adopted by the UN General Assembly and is ready for accession. CCVT will work to persuade the government of Canada to accede to this crucial international legal instrument and encourage other governments to do the same.

### **Canadian Centre for International Justice**

During the past year, CCVT continued its collaboration with the Canadian Centre for International Justice (CCIJ). The CCIJ is now incorporated as a non-profit NGO. The mandate of CCIJ is addressing the global problem of impunity and bringing torturers, war criminals and people who have committed crimes against humanity to justice in Canada.

Chair: Fred Case,

Members: Mulugeta Abai, Susan McGrath and Ezat Mossallanejed



# Intake and Settlement Program

The activities of the Intake and Settlement Program staff during the fiscal year April 2004 to March 2005 incorporated a strong planning component in order to increase the capacity of CCVT to respond to the specific needs of survivors of torture and to adequately fulfill its reporting obligations to funders who reciprocally have supported its programs. Activities involved individual needs assessment, orientation session on settlement issues, brief counseling sessions, referrals to services and medical care, support groups, interpretation, and employment related services, and development of a new outreach strategy. Staff received a refresher training on information and referral resources, outcome evaluation and tools, data entry, First Aid and self care.

Again this year, in reporting numbers the faces and emotions of clients remain absent. The graphs and numbers reported in the statistical section of this report cannot accurately reflected the pain experienced by families as well as their achievements in integrating to Canadian society and the support received by CCVT staff in collaboration with other agencies. Perhaps the following vignettes, taken from interviews with CCVT clients and recently published in Ezat Mossallanejad's book "Torture in the Age of Fear", illustrate this aspect of CCVT's work more accurately.

*"For God's sake please do something for this poor girl. She is dying every day. She is ill to the point of death, she has no money to pay for a doctor" (page. 260)*

*"We contacted the visa officers overseas and explained her situation: "Please expedite her process. Her children are living with an aunt with inadequate protection. The old aunt is trying to hide the identity of the children, but this can only be successful for a limited period of time. They may be at risk at any time due to their mother's identity and her status as a target for a militant group.*

*In July 2003, her children arrived in Canada. They have integrated well into Canadian life and attend day-care while Mana works." (page. 274)*

*"I owe my life to CCVT. I never forget the protection you offered to me when I was near my last breath. There are many people like me in Canada. I am a successful established person today after the horrible trauma of torture. I started building my life from my refugee shelter, Matthew House and The Salvation Army. I beg you all to protect the Canadian humanitarian and compassionate tradition like your eyes" (page. 285)*

This year CCVT assisted 739 new clients composed of 263 women, 329 male and 157 children and youth. In addition 140 women, 98 males, and 62 children and youth, for a total of 300, were previous clients who returned to CCVT for services. The total case load was 1039 clients.

Teresa Dremetsikas  
Intake and Settlement Coordinator





# Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Program is the pillar that upholds CCVT's principle mandate of community building and solidarity with victims of torture. Through the commitment and hard work of volunteers, clients are able to access many services essential to the establishment of their new lives. Volunteers act as interpreters, escorts and ESL tutors for newly arrived clients. Most importantly, through the Befriending Program, they offer friendship to many victims of torture who, newly arrived in Canada, live in isolation and without someone with whom they can relate. The vital support offered by CCVT volunteers assists clients in their transition from victim to active survivor.

There were numerous training sessions organized this year for the volunteers including the following:

- Initial orientation sessions. There were nine orientation sessions for new volunteers this year attended by 83 new volunteers.
- There were five skills training sessions delivered to volunteers interested in participating in the befriending program and the tutoring programmes.
- In addition regular meetings for volunteers took place on a monthly basis.

Many of the events organized by the CCVT throughout the year are made possible as a result of hours of work by committed volunteers. These events include but are not limited to:

- The annual "First Light" fundraising dinner, auction and award ceremony held on November 25, 2004 of this fiscal year. The evening's fabulous entertainment was provided by Zero Gravity Circus and the Silk Road Acrobats. Special guest Olivia Chow did a great job conducting the live auction.
- The well attended Holiday Party held at the Bickford Centre on December 12, 2004 which was a pleasure for the over one hundred children in attendance.
- Our annual commemoration to victims of torture was held this year on June 23, 2004 at the Innis Town Hall. During the day there was a panel discussion titled "The Absolute Prohibition of Torture in the Face of Security Concerns". Members of the panel were Dr. Lisa Anderman (psychiatrist and CCVT board member), Audrey Jamal (executive director of the Canadian Arab Federation), Ron Levy (assistant professor of criminology at the University of Toronto), Ron Poulton (lawyer) and Mariana Valverde (professor at the Institute of Criminology at the University of Toronto). In the evening we were pleased to have with us guest speakers Regine King, who spoke about the Rwandan Genocide and Yeik Maung, who spoke about the situation in Burma. Their presentations were followed by the beautiful performances of talented singers and dancing groups.

The annual potluck picnic in High Park on July 24, 2004.

We thank all of the dedicated volunteers for their many contributions which have been essential to the successes of the CCVT over the past year.

Teresa Dremetsikas



# Children's Program

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) continues to be active in assisting child and youth survivors as well as their families in healing from their traumatic past and rebuilding their lives in Canada. With the uniqueness of the services offered at CCVT, the Child/Youth Program is geared to the special needs of child and youth survivors. The services provided are: individual and family counseling; support groups for children, youth and parents; art therapy; ESL & Computer training classes for youth aged 18 or older; referrals to medical professionals for treatment and documentation; social and recreational activities and public education on the issues and challenges faced by the child and youth survivors.

The Child/Youth Program's primary goal is to empower the young survivors and equip them with the necessary tools to cope with traumatic events that they have experienced. The program's secondary goal is to reach out to schools and the larger community to help professionals recognize the special needs of these young clients and ultimately to implement appropriate long term healing and solutions on an individual and societal level.

This year, CCVT registered 233 children and youth. The top 5 countries served were Iran, Sri Lanka, Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan and Ethiopia. Their stories were diverse. Some came to Canada as unaccompanied minors, others had been orphaned and others still had escaped situations of torture & war with their families intact.

The need for social and recreational programs, particularly in the summer months, was addressed this year through several initiatives. In the month of August 2005, the Child/Youth Program launched "Summer Quest", an educational field trip for children and youth. The children and youth went on a gardening expedition and visited the Ontario Science Center and the Royal Ontario Museum. In addition, from May to August, the Child/Youth Program helped several families register their children for recreational activities through the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department. This was an exciting summer for the children and youth at the CCVT and we hope to continue the spirit next year.

This year was marked by the Child/Youth Program's successful implementation of its first Homework Club at the centre. The goal is to create a positive space for children and youth where they receive assistance with their homework, improve grades, socialize with other children and youth, make friends, and have fun. In doing so, the Homework Club empowers the children and youth, aiding them in overcoming the lasting effects of torture and war. Successful implementation of this program would not have been possible without the help of our committed volunteer tutors. Due to the support, encouragement and homework assistance they receive from the volunteer tutors, the children and youth enjoy coming to homework. A deep thank you to these dedicated volunteers!

Public education remains a priority for the CCVT Child/Youth Program, especially in promoting awareness of the unique needs of child and youth survivors of torture. Over the course of this past



year, the Child/Youth Program organized information sessions and training workshops for various groups, including settlement counselors, SEPT (Settlement & Education Partnership) workers, SWIS (Settlement Workers In Schools) workers, community workers, volunteers and schools, notably Rose Avenue and Jarvis Collegiate. This year CCVT has collaborated with Jarvis Collegiate Institute to launch its first Newcomer and Leadership forum. Moreover, as the CCVT Child/Youth Program expands, further initiatives (such as peer programs and youth empowerment and leadership training) will be explored. We hope all future ventures of the Child/Youth Program will be as successful as those of this past year.

Mbalu Wembo  
Child/Youth Counselor



Participants of the Homework Club

# English as a Second Language and Computer Training Program

In the past 16 years, the CCVT English Language Program has been delivering a key component in the successful rebuilding of the lives of torture and organized violence survivors. Our English program caters to the needs of adult learners who suffer from debilitating imprints that make the learning process harder and strenuous. Our classes are specially adapted to the learning abilities and needs of CCVT clients. Our teachers are specially trained and our curriculum adapted to assist students in the acquisition of various skills related to their immediate life goals. The classroom atmosphere and supportive environment we foster in the program provide the clients with encouragement, hope, community and the multifarious help they need to progress with their language and social skills.

The class levels available to our clients range from low beginner to advanced classes. Every year, CCVT provides language training for approximately 300 clients from 60 countries. Clients stayed with our English Language Programs for an average of 3 to 18 months, moving through the language proficiency levels at various paces. Classes are provided strictly on CCVT premises in order for clients and teaching staff to access counselors in case counseling on emotional or other kinds of difficulties as necessary. The ESL program is funded partly through the Federal Government's Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) project and partly through the Toronto District School Board and through fundraising efforts.

We are constantly seeking for ways to improve our programs through collaborative work with instructors, counselors, CCVT Computer training, CCVT volunteers and other partner agencies in Europe. The CCVT English Language Program has accumulated significant expertise in providing workshops and seminars for other English language and educational professionals and delivering services to traumatized refugee learners. CCVT has already developed its reputation as an active and leading organization that can provide professional insight into newcomer, refugee learners' issues, as well as curriculum and delivery practice.

CCVT has also incorporated a Computer Training Program in order to educate our clients in New Technology and help them find gainful employment. Basic and advanced computer curriculum is taught that included, MS Office, Internet, e-mail, and Office Procedures. This year's numbers for the computer program were as follows: the total number of computer students was 59, 39 women and 20 men. Of the participants 22 women and 13 men graduated.

Despite challenges, the CCVT language program continuous to be an irreplaceable component of a successful recovery program for our clients. It is also the first point of contact within the new home of Canada for our clients. Our English program at CCVT has become a source of strength and support that helps our clients resume their lives independently with dignity and confidence.

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# Financial Report

## Consolidated Schedule of Operations Year Ended March 31, 2005

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Citizenship and Immigration Canada – ISAP A	324,762	306,310
Citizenship and Immigration Canada – LINC	217,843	206,985
Donations	171,839	163,430
United Way	163,649	151,897
United Nations	24,700	26,100
City of Toronto	22,500	18,700
Ministry of Citizenship		
- NSP	45,622	43,992
- Pay Equity	23,311	44,511
Interest and sundry income	(7,651)	(5,482)
Foundations	5,046	28,283
Honorarium	1,350	1,780
	992,971	986,506
Expenses	924,442	980,383
<b>Excess of Revenues Over Expenses</b>	68,529	(6,123)





## Consolidated Statement of Expenses Year Ended March 31, 2005

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Wages and benefits	608,715	660,971
Partnerships/Sponsorships	5,046	20,283
Fundraising expenses	86,261	66,899
Program supplies and expenses	57,023	55,353
Stationery and supplies	6,302	6,951
Common expenses	19,271	18,332
Traveling expenses	33,385	27,930
Conference and meetings	170	3,623
Telephone	6,854	5,412
Maintenance and cleaning	16,626	15,822
Bookkeeping	18,107	16,727
Resource Production	605	
Mortgage interest	6,159	6,542
Utilities	10,307	11,695
Postage and courier	3,899	5,179
Insurance	6,442	7,894
Printing and photocopying	2,274	2,553
Interest and bank charges	2,933	6,938
Professional fees	3,309	8,076
Equipment rental	12,468	11,459
Development and travel	2,958	2,898
Dues and fees	2,884	3,214
Publicity	300	3,097
Amortization	12,144	12,535
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<b>Total</b>	<b>924,442</b>	<b>980,383</b>
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Note: To view the complete audited financial report, please contact CCVT at 416-363-1066



# CCVT Programs

- **Mental Health:** mutual support groups, crisis intervention, art therapy, individual and group therapy, coordinated professional services including legal, medical and social care which provide treatment, documentation and legal support. The use of art assists survivors in learning to cope with the torture experience and transforms it into one that is understood and objectified.
- **Settlement Services:** employment, housing, language, skills training, social assistance, applications for family reunification, sponsorships, orientations based on the client's needs are provided to assist in settlement, Volunteers also facilitate the settlement process by providing interpretation, escorting, Befriending and English tutoring.
- **Children's Program:** Art and Play Therapy, mutual support groups, settlement services, mental health.
- **Volunteer Program:** a Befriending Program that assists survivors in rebuilding their connections to others as well as to the greater community; an ESL Tutoring Program to help students learn and practice their English; Escorting and Interpreting for survivors at different appointments (medical, legal, social) More than 200 volunteers assist in all programs of the CCVT and hold monthly meetings, usually with a guest speaker. A structured orientation program prepares volunteer befrienders to work with torture survivors within a context of community understanding of global issues. The "CCVT Newsletter" is sent to all volunteers each month, which provides information on CCVT events, volunteer opportunities and job postings. A volunteer guide has also been prepared.
- **Public Education:** responds to numerous requests for information, assistance and consultations on torture and the effects of torture as well as regularly producing resource materials. CCVT's semi-annual publication "First Light", is produced which discusses issues related to the CCVT's mandate and ongoing work.
- **Language Instruction and Computer Training:** English as a Second Language courses which are specifically designed to meet the needs of survivors and include a strong life skills component. Classes include all levels of literacy: beginners, intermediate and advanced. Computer courses in Microsoft Office and Windows are provided at introductory and intermediate levels.
- **International Projects:** CCVT is associated with a coalition of Centres which support victims of organized violence, repression and torture, in exile or in their own countries



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### City of Toronto

- Community Services Grant

### Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation

- Newcomer Settlement Program (NSP)

### Toronto Board of Education

### United Way of Greater Toronto

- Membership allocation

### United Nations Voluntary Fund for Torture Victims



# CCVT Survivors

Figure 1. New Clients with Convention Refugee or Landed Immigrant Status (by Country)  
April 2004-March 2005

**TOTAL NUMBER: 490 MEN: 173 WOMEN: 188 CHILDREN: 129**

Country	Adults		Children/Youth		Total	Country	Adults		Children/Youth		Total
	F	M	F	M			F	M	F	M	
Afghanistan	2	3	15	12	32	Montenegro	1				1
Albania	18	16	10	8	52	Nigeria	1	2	1		4
Azerbaijan		1			1	Oman	1				1
Bangladesh	1	2		1	4	Pakistan	9	17	3	3	32
Bolivia		1			1	Palestine	1	2			3
Bosnia	3				3	Peru	1	2		1	4
Burundi		1			1	Poland	1	1			2
Libya	1				1	Portugal	1				1
Cameroon	2	1			3	Russia		1			1
Cambodia			1		1	Rwanda	1	1	2	1	5
Czech R.	1				1	Sierra Leone		1	1		2
Chile	2				2	Somalia	18	3	12	11	44
China	7	7	1	1	16	South Africa		1			1
Colombia	7	5			12	Sri Lanka	20	12	5	6	43
Congo Dem. Rep.	13	8	2	2	25	Sudan	1	3	1		5
Cuba	2	1			3	Syria		1			1
Egypt	1				1	Tanzania	1	2	4	2	9
Eritrea	5	4	4	4	17	Togo	1				1
Ethiopia	23	8	1	5	37	Turkey	4	27		1	32
India	1	2			3	Ukraine	1				1
Iran	19	19	2	4	44	Uganda	1	1	1		3
Iraq	6	8			14	Venezuela	1	1			2
Lebanon		1			1	Yemen		1		1	2
Liberia	1				1	Zimbabwe		1			1
Kenya				1	1						
Kosova	4	2			6						
Macedonia	1				1						
Mexico	3	2			5						
						<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>490</b>



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Figure 2. Previous Clients with Convention Refugee and Landed Immigrant Status (by Country)  
April 2004-March 2005

**TOTAL NUMBER: 263 MEN: 81 WOMEN: 125 CHILDREN: 57**

Country	Adults		Children/Youth		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Afghanistan	17	11	4	2	34
Albania	10	9	3	3	25
Angola		1		1	2
Bangladesh	1	1			2
Colombia	4	3	1	1	9
Congo Dem.	5	1		2	8
Djibouti		1			1
Eritrea	3	1	2		6
Ethiopia	6	4	2		12
India		1			1
Iran	37	28	9	13	87
Iraq	3	5	1	1	10
Mexico	2	1		1	4
Palestine		1			1
Russia	4				4
Serbia				1	1
Sierra Leone	1				1
Somalia	16	1	3	1	21
Sri Lanka	10	3		3	16
Sudan	1	2	1	1	5
Tanzania		3			3
Turkey	5	3			8
Uganda		1		2	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>263</b>



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Figure 3. New Refugee Claimant Clients (by Country)  
April 2004-March 2005

**TOTAL NUMBER: 249 MEN: 75 WOMEN: 146 CHILDREN: 28**

Country	Adult		Child/Youth		Total	Country	Adult		Child/Youth		Total
	F	M	F	M			F	M	F	M	
Afghanistan		3	1	1	5	Iraq		3			3
Albania	11	8	1		20	Ivory Coast		1			1
Algeria	1	1			2	Kenya	4	3	1	1	9
Angola			1	1	2	Kosova	2	5			7
Argentina		1			1	Libya		2			2
Azerbaijan		1			1	Macedonia	2	3			5
Bangladesh	1	4			5	Mauritania		1			1
Bosnia		2			2	Mexico	3	3	1	1	8
Brazil		1			1	Namibia	2				2
Burundi		1		1	2	Nigeria	2	5			7
Cameroon		1	1		2	Pakistan		3			3
China	1				1	Palestine		3		1	4
Colombia	2	2	1	3	8	Peru	1	1		1	3
Congo Dem	7	5		1	13	Rwanda		3	1	1	5
Dominican R.		2			2	Sierra Leone	1	2			3
Ecuador	1	1			2	Somalia	3	1		1	5
Egypt		1			1	Sri Lanka	8	9		1	18
Equat. Guinea		1			1	Sudan	4	3			7
Eritrea	3	2		1	6	Syria		2			2
Ethiopia	8	8	1	1	18	Tanzania	1	2			3
Georgia		1			1	Togo		1			1
Ghana		1			1	Turkey	2	17			19
Guatemala		1			1	Uganda	1	1			2
Guinea				1	1	Ukraine	1				1
Guinea Bis-sau		1			1	Uruguay		1			1
India		3			3	Venezuela		1			1
Indonesia	1				1	Yemen	1	1		1	3
Iran	1	16	1		18	Zambia		1			1
						<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>249</b>



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Figure 4. Previous Refugee Claimant Clients (by Country)  
April 2003-March 2004

**TOTAL NUMBER: 37 COUNTRIES: 23 MEN: 17 WOMEN: 15 CHILDREN: 5**

Country	Adult		Child/Youth		Total
	F	M	F	M	
Afghanistan		3		1	4
Albania	5	5			10
Angola	1				1
Bangladesh		1			1
Burundi	2				2
Cameroon				1	1
Colombia				1	1
Guinea				1	1
Iran	2	4			6
Iraq		1			1
Montenegro	1	1			2
Nigeria	1				1
Palestine	1				1
Somalia	1				1
Turkey		2			2
Uganda				1	1
Uruguay	1				1
Grand Total	15	17	0	5	37



Figure 5. Source of Referrals

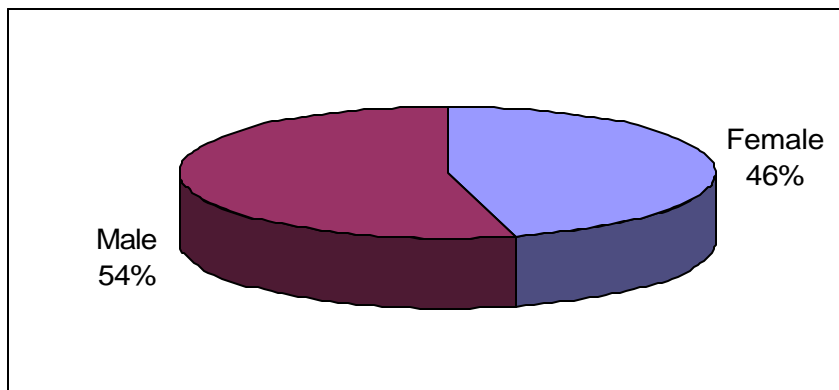
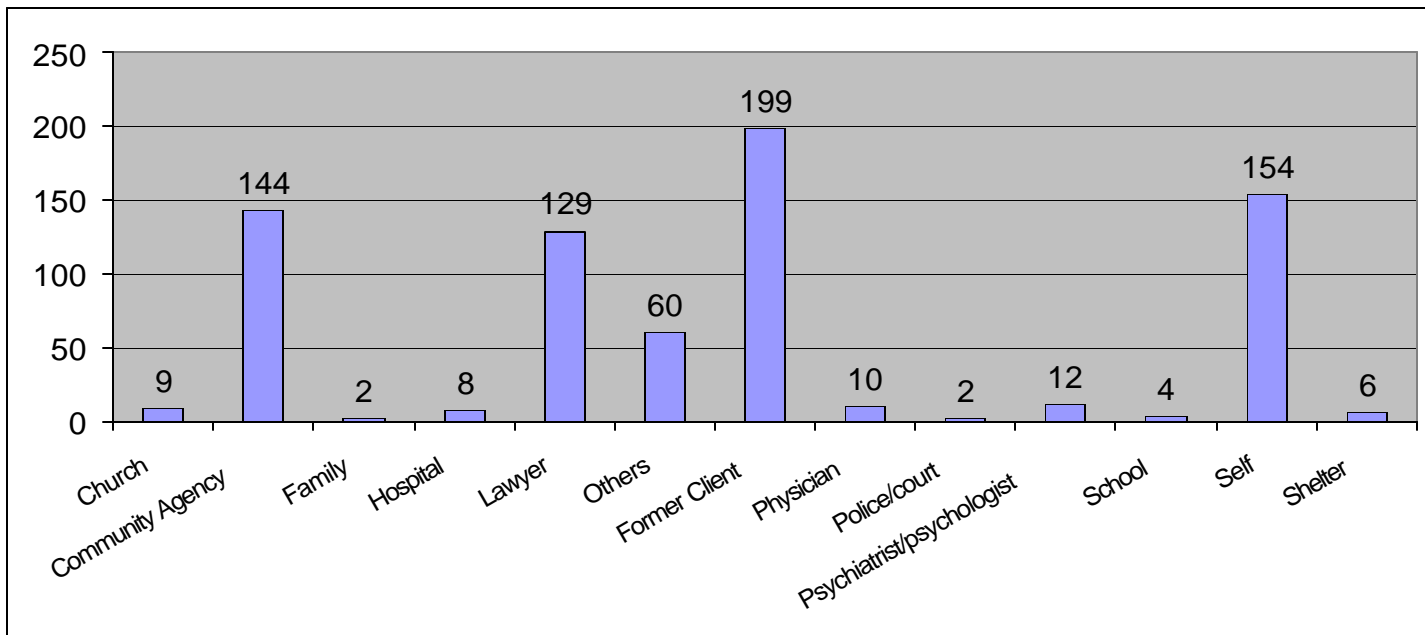


Figure 6. Gender of New Clients

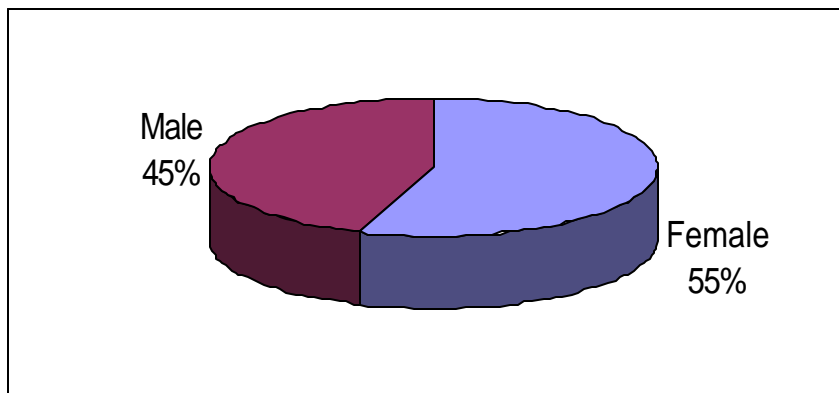


Figure 7. Gender of Previous Clients



Figure 8. Immigration Status of New Clients

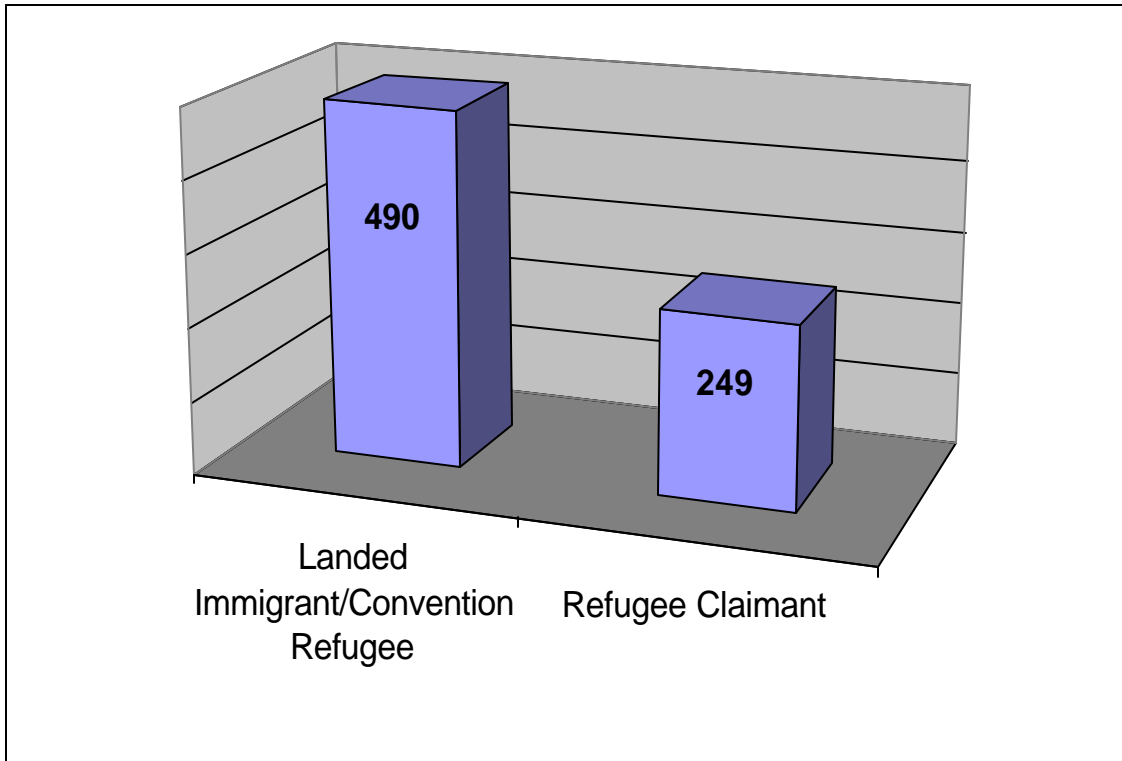


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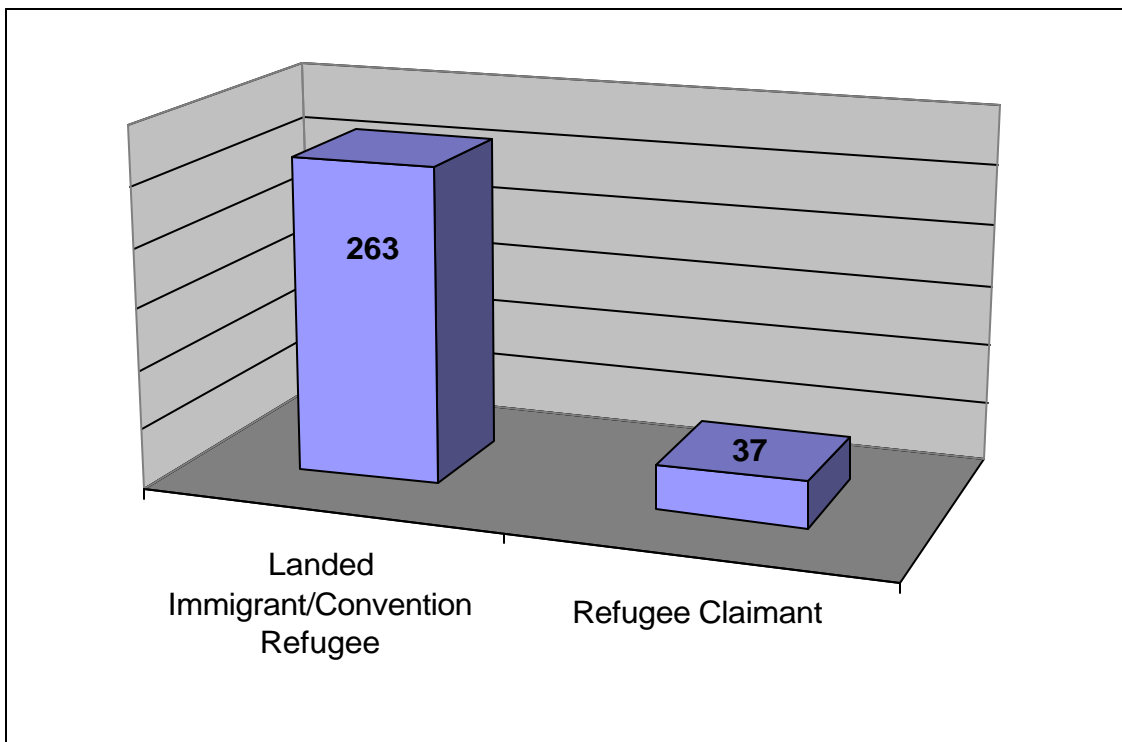


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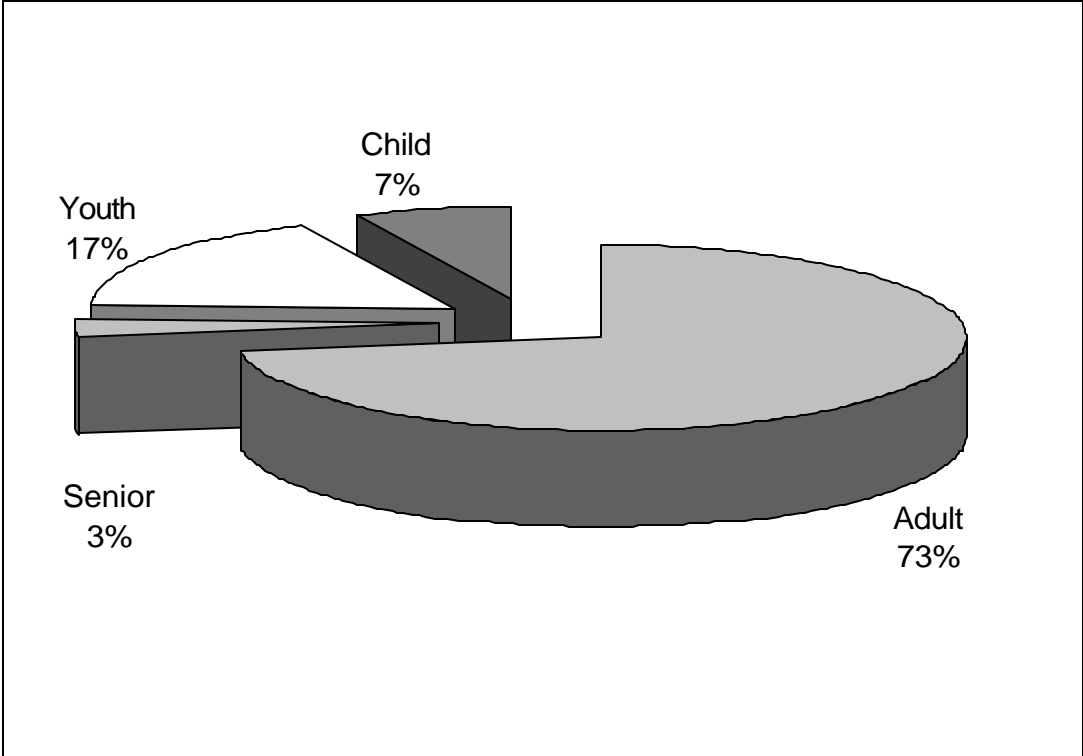


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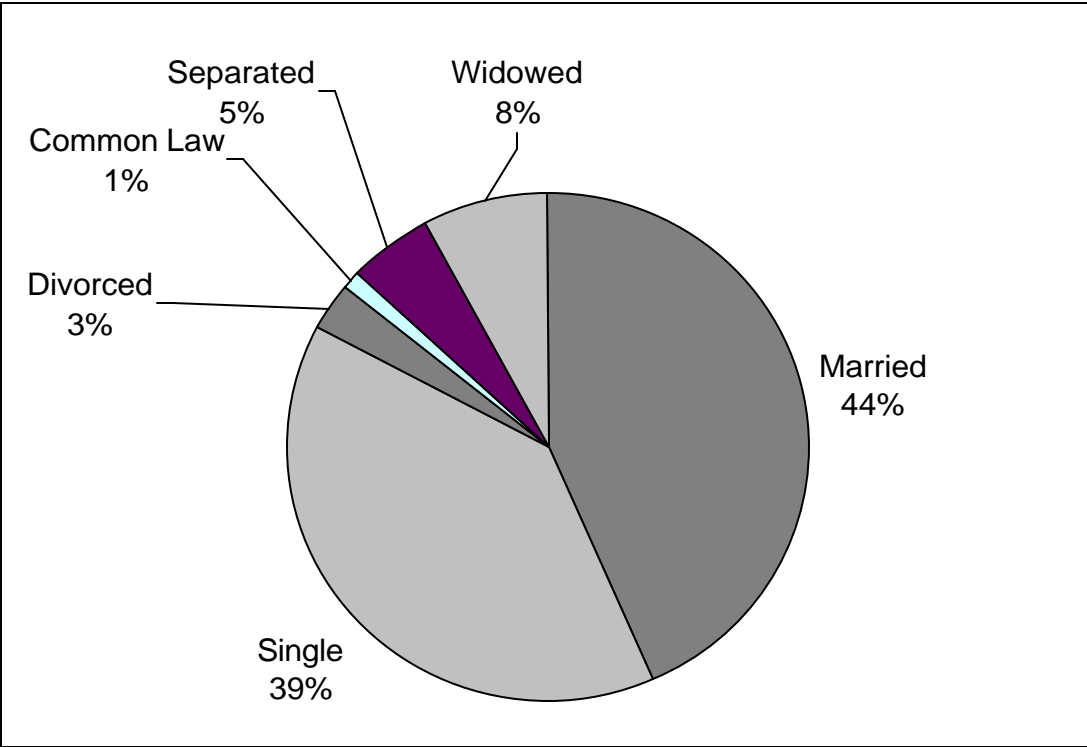


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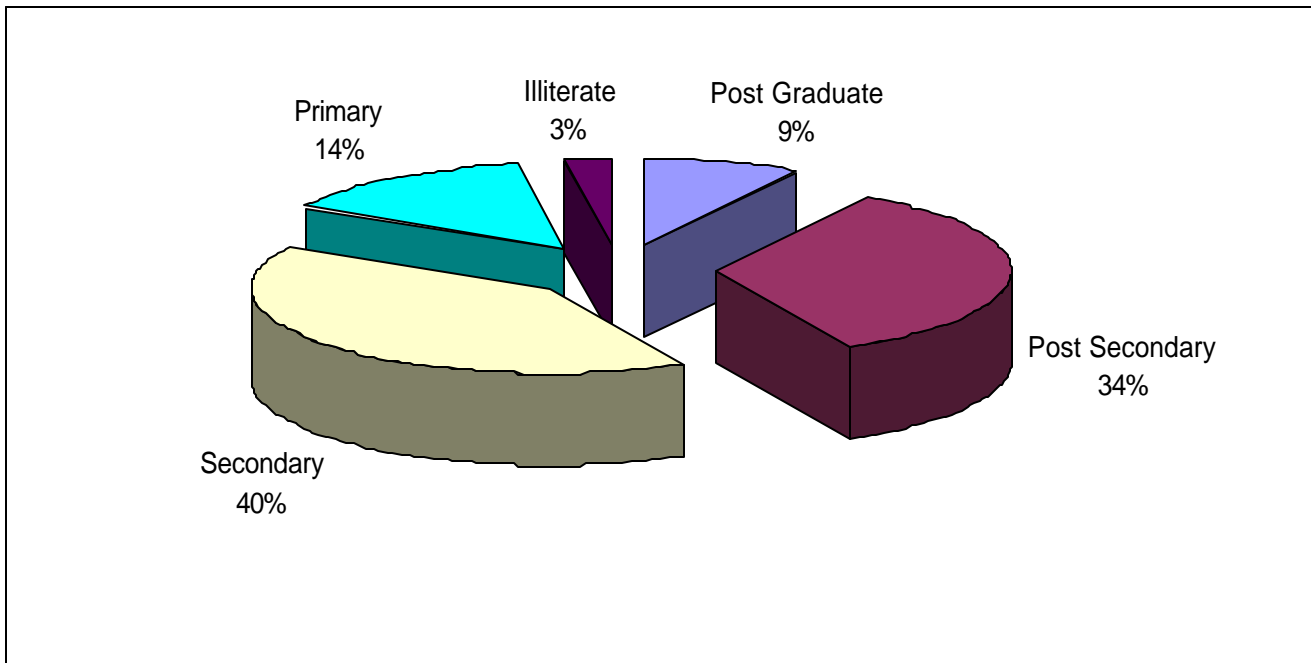


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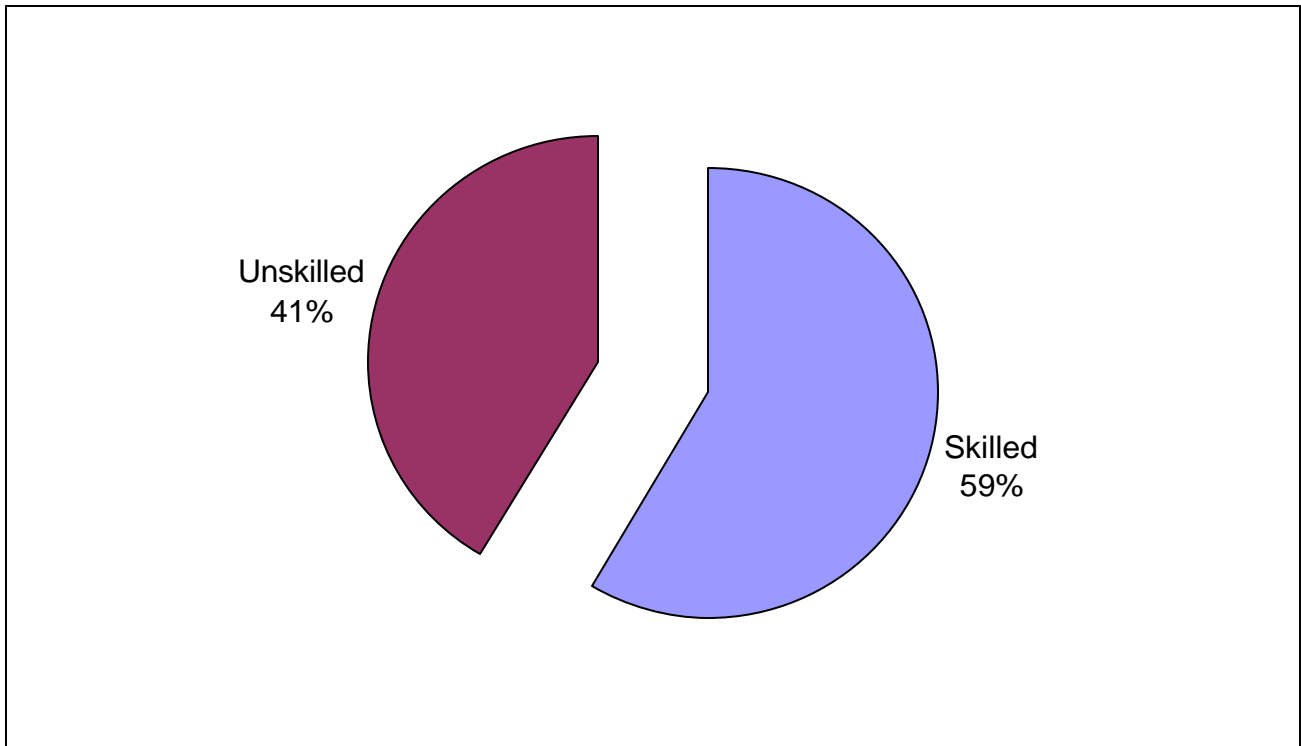




Figure 14. Type of Torture

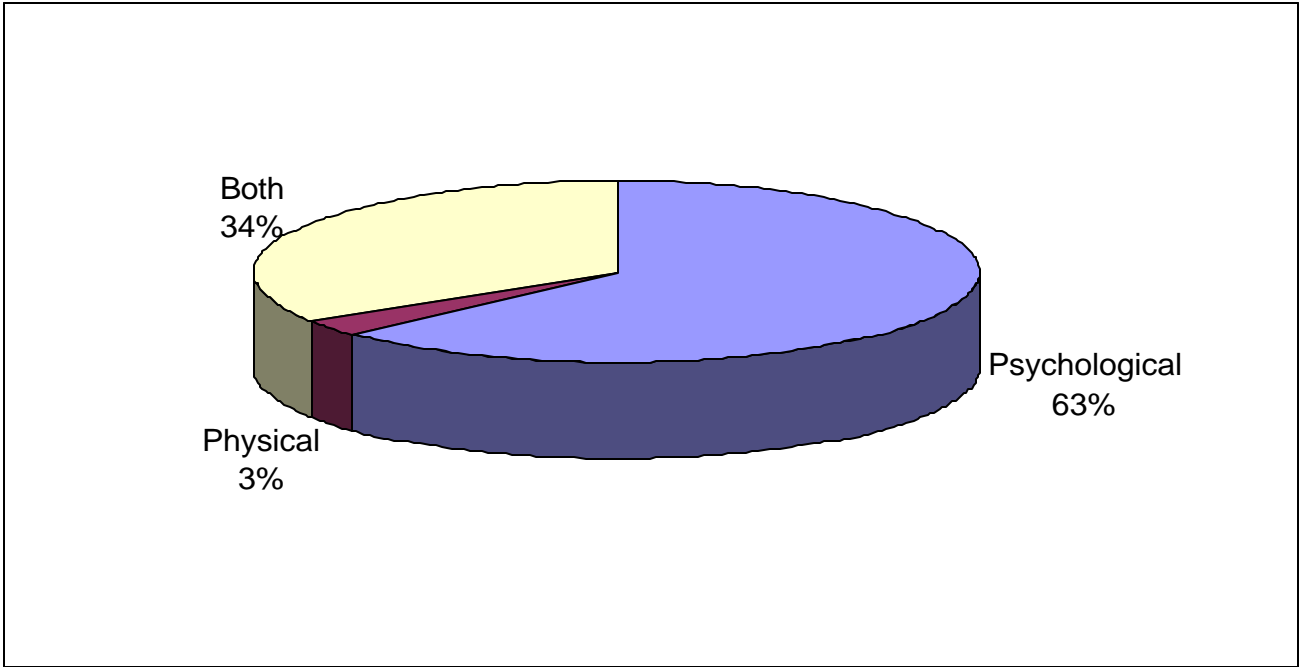
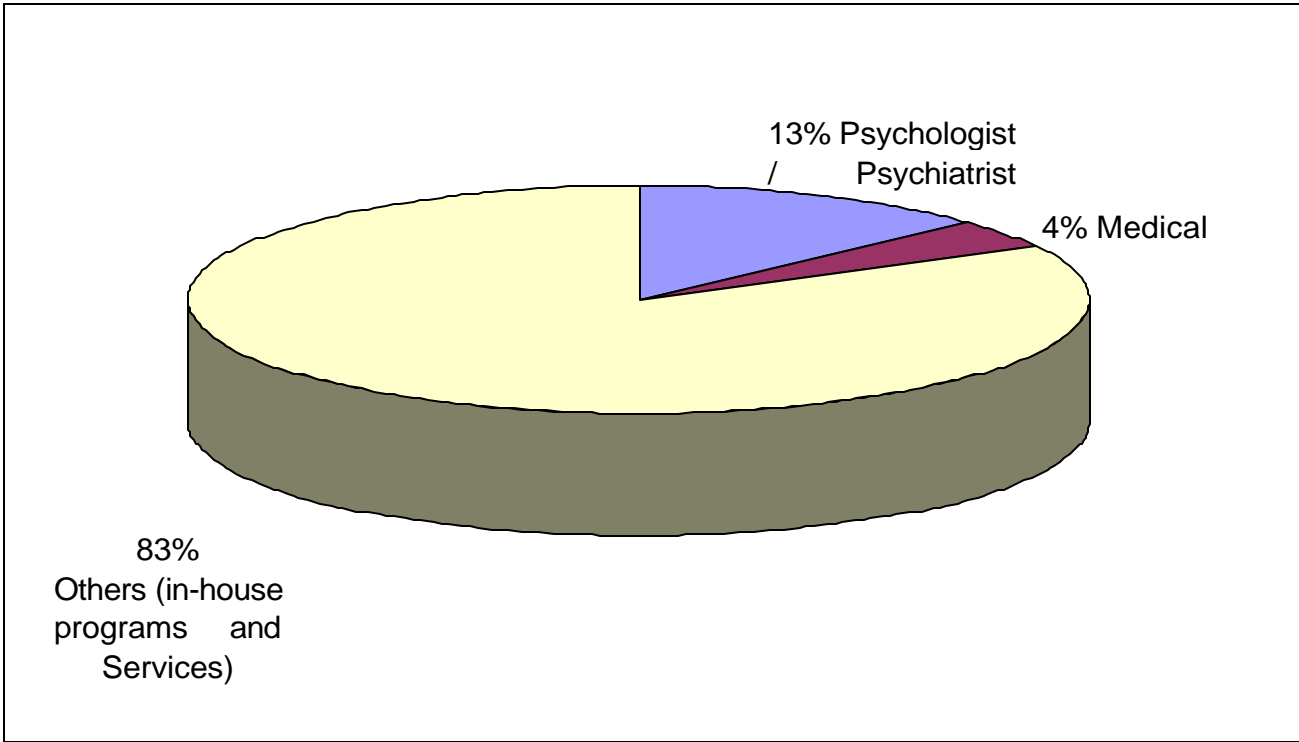


Figure 15. Client Referral



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