

*Retranche la violence (Exiting violence) :
A project with transformative potential for
practices and policies in Quebec, development
and implementation of the partnership
initiative*

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Conference plan

1. A brief history of the project's emergence
2. Exiting violence: objectives, team, and workstreams
3. Workstream on collaborative and partnership practices
 - Workstream objective
 - Development of evaluation tools
 - Some preliminary results
 - The contribution of this workstream to
4. Exchange and discussion period



1. A brief history of the emergence of the project

- **Intimate, family, and structural violence (IFSV)** constitutes a major social problem with serious repercussions for victims, as well as significant social impacts and costs related to the care of both victims and perpetrators (ISQ, 2023; Laforest et al., 2018; WHO, 2025; Government of Quebec, 2022).
- In Quebec, 25,401 cases of domestic violence were **reported** to police services in 2022, with women representing three-quarters of the victims (MSP, 2024).
- 41,490 reports of child maltreatment were **retained** (Directors of Youth Protection, 2025).
- **Known cases = Tip of the iceberg**, as only 19% of victims of domestic violence and 5-6% of victims of sexual assault report their perpetrator (Cotter, 2021a, 2021b). This violence has **serious consequences** for victims (Chan et al., 2021; ISQ, 2018; WHO, 2025), but very little research focuses on how victims can exit violence.

1. A brief history of the emergence of the project

- 2020: Global pandemic
- Practice partners forced to rapidly adapt their services
- Increased violence (UN Women, 2020), challenges in accessing aid, and predictions that needs will persist in the post-pandemic period
- Collective reflection by RAIV members on a topic of common and unifying interest
- VIFS outing = selected theme
- 3 co-construction meetings for the project from 2021 to 2022
- Spring 2023: The "Exiting Violence" project is funded by the SSHRC

2. Retranche la violence (*Exiting violence*): general objective

To describe the pathways out of intimate, family and structural violence, in order to **identify the factors facilitating exit from violence and to mobilize** them in practices and public policies to improve services and their effectiveness in the post-pandemic period.



2. *Retranche la violence (Exiting violence): TEAM*



- Large group of experts, including:
 - 29 partners from practice or policy settings
 - 30 researchers from 8 universities
 - Several students
 - 5 experts with lived experience
- Funding of \$2.5 million for the period 2023-2030
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

2. Retranche la violence (Exiting violence): projects

Year 1 (2023-2024)	Year 2 (2024-2025)	Year 3 (2025-2026)	Year 4 (2026-2027)	Year 5 (2027-2028)	Year 6 (2028-2029)	Year 7 (2029-2030)	Year 8 (2030-2031)
C1: Life stories (100, 2/person) on exit pathway (qualitative component)							
C2: analyses of representative population surveys (quantitative component)							
		Development of a common grid, integration of results (C1 and C2)					
				C3: Intervention practices (focus groups with stakeholders and decision-makers)			
		Indigenous governance framework (2026 or 2027)			C4: Politics: Document Analysis		
		C5: Sharing and reviewing existing tools		C5: creation of new tools			
C6: Partnership analysis and development							
Committee of Experts in Lived Experience							
Steering Cpmmittee							

**Theme 6 of the project:
Analysis and development
of the partnership**

Members of the theme 6



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+ 2 students

+ cRETRANCHE coordination

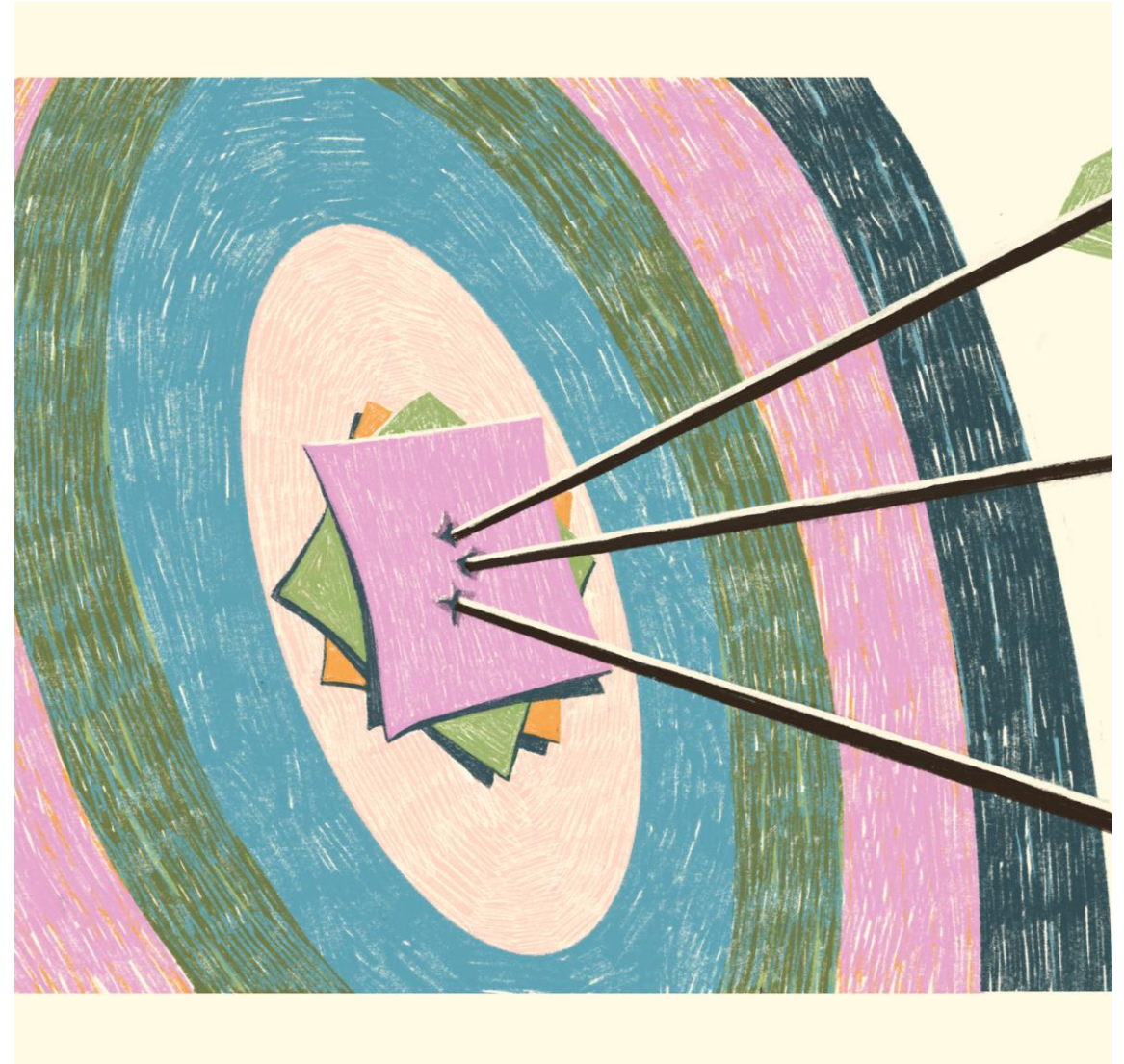
Objectives and Mandates

Strengthen collaboration and partnerships among the various stakeholders in the fields of disability, gender equality, and social inclusion in Quebec.

Recognize and **mobilize** diverse expertise through inclusive committee participation processes.

Document successful collaborative practices and strategies for addressing challenges.

Provide ongoing training for members to support and enhance the quality of partnerships.



Documenting collaborations: survey development process

- Review of different tools for measuring intersectoral collaborations (2024)
- Identification of dimensions of interest to RETRANCHE members (2024-2025)
- Discussion about the expected "qualities" of the measurement tool (2025)
- Creation of the tool (survey and observation grid) and the validation process (2025)
- Data collection (2025-2026)



The measurement tools that inspired the survey

- **CIROP** (King et al., 2003): potential impact and impact of partnership on individual, organizational, and collective capacities
 - **Integration of Human Services Measure** (Browne and Roberts, 2002): reciprocity and congruence
 - **Partnership self-assessment** (Center for the Advancement of Collaborative Strategies in Health): synergy
 - **Collaboration agreement template** (Bennett et al., 2022): communication
 - **Diagnostic tool for partnership action** (Bilodeau et al., 2017): relational dynamics
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Survey Format

Questions on Likert scales (5 points + don't know/doesn't apply)

Example: "Members are able to express and discuss differing viewpoints"
(relational dynamics)

Short-answer questions for each dimension

Participants

N= 39; survey administration + or – 12 mins 30

Group affiliations: researchers 33%; practitioners 31%; staff 18%; lived experience experts 10%; students 8%

Time involved: variable, but median over 25 months (51%)

Involvement in a construction project: 69% yes; 31% no

Number of meetings attended by the participant: 1-2 36%; 3-4 36%; 5 or more 26%; 0 3%

Preliminary results

- Communication (19 items): M=4.71/5; SD: 0.53
- One item at lower level: It is easy to identify who to contact when I need to communicate with the RETRANCHE coordination team (4.38/5)
- Synergy (5 items): M: 4.37; SD: 0.74
- Relational dynamics (5 items): 4.69/5; SD: 0.52
- Reciprocity and congruence (5 items x 2): significant differences for experts by experience + practitioners + inter-site relationships
- Impact potential (15 items): M: 4.62/5; SD: 0.65

The continuation.....

- Analysis
- Knowledge mobilization
- Next data collection
- Dissemination

THANK YOU for your attention!

Your questions and comments are welcome!

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