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Valerie Pottie Bunge, has been a civil servant for the past 16 years at both the federal and provincial government level. As the Director, Policy Planning & Research with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, Valerie is responsible for the management and oversight of this unit. She provides advice and support to senior officials on various policy issues such as crime prevention, family violence, and youth crime.

Valerie has extensive experience in researching family and domestic violence and is the author of a number of publications on family violence, including analysis of the 1999 General Social Survey module on domestic violence and her most recent work on intimate partner homicides. Valerie was also the principal author and editor of 2 editions of *Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile*. She has presented papers on domestic and intimate partner violence at workshops and conferences locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.

Valerie holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Masters Degree in Sociology. In 2008, she was awarded the Premiers' Award of Excellence for her work on Nova Scotia's Crime Prevention & Reduction Strategy.