

Women's Center in Video Project

by Dawn Currie

Women's Centers CONNECT film crew was in Antigonish last Thursday to film a segment for its documentary video to be used by women's centers in the province. The Antigonish visit was an opportunity for the film's director Lulu Keating, and former Antigonish resident, to return to the community of her youth.

With her on the production crew were project co-ordinator Terri Whetstone, production assistant Marie Koehler van der Graaf, soundman Frank Kavanagh and cameraman Fred Macdonald.

The local segment of the video will include actor Nancy Wright in her 'fishplant worker' role; a discussion with Lucille Harper, former director of the Antigonish Women's Resource Center; local psychologist Chris Tragakis; and Betty Anne Fraser of the Northumberland Health Unit.

The video will be shot in seven locations in Nova Scotia, including Antigonish, Bridgewater, Bridgetown/Middleton, New Glasgow, Port Hawkesbury/Mabou, Sydney and Halifax.

Director Keating explains, "For three months, representatives of Nova Scotia's Women's Centers in Anna-



THE ANTIGONISH WOMEN'S Resource Center will be included in the upcoming video which features the work of women's centers in the province. Lucille Harper (left) discusses the services offered by the local center with the video's director Lulu Keating of Halifax, a former Antigonisher.

polis County, Antigonish, Sydney, Pictou, Bridgewater and Port Hawkesbury have been meeting to write the script and plan for the shooting of an informational video about women's centers in the province.

"The 15-minute video will be used for discussions about the multi-faceted work of women's centers in the province. It will depict the various ways that women's centers in Nova Scotia

have made contributions to Nova Scotia communities. For instance, centers have acted in support of rural women; have initiated projects; performed public education; offered counselling and referral services for women; and been involved in community development, etc."

The video is produced by CONNECT, the provincial association of Women's Centers in Nova Scotia.

"CONNECT provides co-ordination and information to women's centers, and articulates a common voice about their activities, concerns and needs," project co-ordinator Terri Whetstone notes. "This video will be used by the various centers in the province to illustrate the work carried on by the centers for the women in their communities."