



NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

L'ASSOCIATION DES FEMMES AUTOCHTONES DU CANADA

Support for Families and Loved Ones of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

The families and loved ones of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), inclusive of missing and murdered transgendered women and two-spirit individuals, deserve support that is trauma-informed and culturally appropriate. This may include a variety of counselling services, access to Elders, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, and Healers as well as services to help families better understand court proceedings, coroner's inquests, and court investigations.

Getting to Know the Family Information Liaison Unit

Family Information Liaison Units are a new service for families of MMIWG. The Units are intended to assist families in accessing available information about their missing or murdered loved one from government sources. Every province and territory will have a Unit, which builds on the existing victim services in each region. The Units will provide a critical infrastructure to gather and share up-to-date information, ensuring the varied information needs of family members are addressed and responded to in a coordinated, culturally safe, and trauma-informed manner. In addition, the Units will also ensure that families have knowledge of the existing networks and programs in place to assist and support them, including financial programs and grief and trauma counselling.

Family Information Liaison Units are not part of the National Inquiry and are a parallel investment through the Department of Justice Canada. The Units were announced in August 2016, when the three federal ministers announced the names of the commissioners and the terms of reference for the Inquiry. The funding for the Units is available from September 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019.

Community-Based Funding

Funding is also available to Indigenous community-based organizations, non-governmental community-based organizations, and victim services to increase the availability of direct assistance for family members across Canada and to support culturally responsive, trauma-informed community-based services for families of MMIWG. Read more about the funding available here:

<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fund-fina/cj-jp/fund-fond/vict.html>

The Native Women's Association of Canada is providing this list in order to provide families of the MMIWG with contact information for the individuals responsible for their province's FILU. **Please note that not all FILUs are yet operational and that these FILUs are not associated with NWAC. They are supported by the Department of Justice.**

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