

Support for Families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

The Family Information Unit (FILU) is intended to provide families access to information from various government agencies about the loss of their loved ones and to deliver services in a trauma, culturally safe and respectful manner.

Family Information Liaison Unit (FILU)

FILU staff serve families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls by:

- Gathering case-specific information about the police investigations, court proceedings, or other government processes (such as coroner's investigations/inquests) and providing information to families in a trauma informed, confidential manner.
- Connecting families with Indigenous Elders, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, Healers as well as mainstream trauma/counselling supports.
- Collaborating with similar units in other provinces and territories, where needed, to coordinate and obtain information about a loved one.

FILU staff are Indigenous community members who come with years of experience providing front line services to Indigenous women and girls and the unique needs of families who have suffered the loss of a loved one to such violence.

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If you do not live near a FILU, call the Team Lead, Toll Free at: 1 (844) 888-8610 to arrange for FILU staff to travel to your location.

Families can access FILU services regardless of their participation in the National Inquiry into MMIWG.

