

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FAMILY INFORMATION LIAISON UNIT (FILU) AND THE NATIONAL INQUIRY PROCESS

ONTARIO FAMILY INFORMATION UNIT (FILU)

NATIONAL INQUIRY ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

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**Indigenous Justice Division
Ministry of the Attorney General**

**The National Inquiry Commissioners
(Independent from Government)**

PURPOSE

Frontline unit designed to address the need identified by families, as part of pre-Inquiry process, for access to more consistent, reliable and fulsome information about the loss of their loved one.

Inquiry process to inform report and recommendations to:

- Address systemic causes of violence and increase safety for Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada
- Honour and commemorate the Missing and Murdered

FOCUS

FILU staff will help families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls get information* about their loved one by:

- Gathering existing information on behalf of families from system/agency partners (e.g., police, corrections, child and family services, coroner's and health services)
- Sharing the gathered information with families in a trauma-informed and culturally-sensitive way
- Helping families access available services and supports to promote wellness and healing (e.g., cultural supports, mainstream grief or trauma counselling)

The Commission will lead an Inquiry process designed to examine and report on:

- Systemic causes of violence against Indigenous Women and Girls (e.g., social, economic, cultural, historical and institutional)
- Policies and practices that respond to violence against Indigenous Women and Girls

INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILIES

- Families seeking information about their loved one may access the FILU directly by calling **TOLL Free 1-844-888-8610**
- Families seeking information about their loved one may be referred to the FILU by The National Inquiry Commissioners and/or by organizations working with the families

- The Commission is asking family members, loved ones and survivors of violence wanting to share their experiences with, or testify before, the National Inquiry to contact them with your name, contact information and location, by:
 - **Phone: 1-844-348-4119**
 - **Email: Profile@mmiwg-ffada.ca**