

Additional Support Services Available for Families with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

The Residential School Health Support Workers (RHSW) and the Cultural Support Workers (CSW) are announcing a new support initiative with the following objectives:

Ensure survivors, family members and those affected by MMIWG have access to culturally appropriate community based health and cultural support services by:

- conducting community outreach and working with partners to inform community members about available support services offered locally
- providing workshops and support groups locally
- assisting clients seeking mental health counselling services to access registered providers either through the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (Non Insured Health/Benefits/Indian Residential Schools-Resolution Health Support Program) or a direct referral to a registered mental health provider
- working with partners to inform survivors, and family members and those affected by MMIWG about other support services (Victim Support Services)

Support the delivery of health and cultural support services at National Inquiry sanctioned events

- In collaboration with Indigenous Services Canada, the National Inquiry into MMIWG and other local and regional partners, the RHSWs and CSWs may be tasked with providing support to National Inquiry events.

To refer a client and for more information contact Alberta Region Mental Health at 1-780-495-2694 or make a direct referral to the appropriate individual on the [attached list of RHSW/CSP service providers](#) (who are already providing support to Indian Residential School survivors and their families).

This referral source is also an enhancement to FILU (Family Information Liaison Unit) services being provided by JSG Victims Services. The primary difference between the two is the FILU can also provide system navigation: access to police reports, Medical Examiner Reports, Child and Family Services information, referral to legal services, transportation to court, etc.