

# National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence

## *Backgrounder – February 3, 2025*

The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$3.8 million into 16 agencies over the next two years to enhance interpersonal violence programming and supports under its partnership with the federal National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence.

**Natural Supports Program:** Saskatchewan Towards Offering Partnership Solutions to Violence Inc. will receive approximately \$635,000 over two years to develop, deliver and evaluate a training program that will empower family, friends, co-workers and professionals to respond to survivors of interpersonal violence and abuse.

**Enhanced Early Intervention Supports:** Family Service Regina Inc. and Family Service Saskatoon will receive approximately \$1.1 million over two years for a collaborative pilot program to provide early support to families at a high risk of violence. The program will provide opportunities for perpetrators of family violence to take responsibility and minimize negative impacts on victims and children.

**Healthy Relationships Program:** The John Howard Society is being provided with approximately \$513,000 over two years to pilot the delivery of the Healthy Relationships program. This program aims to provide youth with a sense of empowerment and agency, giving them the confidence to express their needs, set boundaries, and make informed choices about relationships.

**Adverse Childhood Experiences Awareness and Prevention:** Praxis Consulting Inc. will receive approximately \$485,000 over two years to conduct research and develop responses to the connection between adverse childhood experience and interpersonal violence and abuse.

**Common Intimate Partner Violence Assessment Tool:** The Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan Inc. (PATHS) will receive approximately \$300,000 over two years to develop a common intimate partner violence assessment tool. This tool will be developed in collaboration with justice system partners to ensure everyone is using consistent risk assessment criteria to keep victims safe.

**Human Trafficking Prevention Toolkit:** Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre (EGADZ) will receive approximately \$297,000 over two years to develop a human trafficking prevention toolkit for community services providers, to help them clearly identify and respond to youth and adults at risk of being trafficked.

**Second Stage Housing:** Approximately \$215,000 is being invested into second stage housing providers to build capacity. Second stage housing provides survivors of interpersonal violence with furnished living spaces and access to a variety of programming options to support them in their transition to permanent and independent living. Funding is being provided to the following agencies:

- Lloydminster Interval Home Society Inc. (\$40,000)
- Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women Inc. (\$40,000)
- Sofia House Inc. (\$40,000)
- YWCA Regina Inc. (\$38,855)
- YWCA Saskatoon Inc. (\$36,000)
- Saskatoon Interval House Inc. (\$20,000)

**Transition Home Capacity:** Approximately \$214,000 is being invested in building transition home capacity across the province. This funding is being provided to the following agencies:

- Lloydminster Interval Home Society (\$40,000)
- Regina Transition House (\$40,000)
- YWCA Regina Inc. (\$39,644)
- YWCA Prince Albert Inc. (\$39,000)
- Moose Jaw Women's Transition Association Inc. (\$35,000)
- Saskatoon Interval House Inc. (\$20,000)

**Safe and Together Training:** PATHS will be provided with approximately \$42,000 to pilot the Safe & Together model in two communities in Saskatchewan. Under this model, PATHS will collaborate with the Ministry of Social Services and the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General to improve consistency and collaboration in interpersonal violence responses for victims and perpetrators.