

Family Information Liaison Unit



What is the FILU?

The FILU is the Family Information Liaison Unit, in the Government of Saskatchewan. The FILU works with families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and is located in all the provinces and territories across Canada.

The FILU is part of the Community Safety and Well-Being Branch serving the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety and Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

What does FILU do?

The FILU advocates for MMIWG's families across the nation.

The FILU supports families in their attempts to access information regarding their MMIWG by coordinating meetings with law enforcement, the Coroner's office, counseling services, search and rescue, and more.

The FILU helps organize and takes part in memorial walks, ceremonies and debriefing meetings with the families of missing loved ones.

The FILU does not partake in investigations, provide legal advice or participate in legal inquiries.

What are some of the requests MMIWG families make of the FILU team?

Families reach out for supports in many areas because every family is unique in their journey. Some of the main supports the FILU gets asked for are:

- facilitation in search and rescue;
- organizing meetings with the Coroner's office; and,
- support for ceremonial events, honorary walks, and releasing ceremonies.

FILU maintains that every request is important to the role of the program and continued advocacy for MMIWG.

FILU Training and Supports

The FILU works with Métis Nations and the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations to establish direct client services for both Indigenous and Métis individuals.

In order to best work with the families, FILU is trained in trauma informed care, cultural practices, psychological first aid, suicide training, and more. Some of the most important skills a FILU team member can have are empathy, integrity and leadership skills.

The FILU deals directly with many government agencies, law enforcement and nonprofit agencies and is an advocate and voice for the families during some of the most difficult times in their lives.

FILU Funding

FILU is funded by Justice Canada in all provinces and territories across the country. The funding for the program is reviewed every few years but it is FILU's hopes to continue their work long term.

For more information visit:

[Help for Families of Missing Persons](#)