

About

The Circle of Women project is a 31-month initiative aimed at addressing the barriers immigrant women face in accessing information, services, and support related to gender-based violence. Through promising practices such as:

- Engaging men as allies
- Offering place-based services
- Empowerment through information-sharing

Our goal is to raise awareness, provide support, and offer valuable resources to newcomer women.

Goals

- To improve access to vital resources and services for immigrant women.
- To prevent GBV and support women in building safer lives.
- To provide peer support groups, information sessions, and cultivate promising practices in preventing GBV.



What is Gender-Based Violence?

Gender-based violence (GBV) refers to harmful acts directed at individuals based on gender. It can take various forms including physical, emotional, and economic abuse, and it disproportionately affects immigrant women due to isolation, lack of information, and systemic barriers.

How Does GBV Affect Immigrant Women?

Many immigrant women face additional challenges, such as language barriers, isolation, and unfamiliarity with legal and social systems. These factors can make women more vulnerable to abuse at home, in the workplace, or within communities. The Circle of Women project is dedicated to breaking these barriers by providing resources, peer support, and community connections.

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Circle  of Women

Cultivating Promising Practices Against Gender-Based Violence for Immigrant, Migrant, and Non-Status Women in Nova Scotia



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Participants:

We welcome immigrant women and girls from all backgrounds who are looking for support, resources, safety, and a sense of belonging. If you're seeking connections and guidance as you navigate challenges, this project is here to help you feel secure and supported.

Service Providers and Community Organizations:

We are looking to collaborate with service providers, including women's clinics, health centers, advocacy groups, policymakers cultural organizations and settlement services, to connect women to the valuable resources, supports and information available in their communities.

We will work with service providers to explore these promising practices within the context of Nova Scotia, aiming to better understand their viability and effectiveness for our partners.

Employers:

We want to engage with employers through one-on-one conversations to better understand the challenges of addressing gender-based violence (GBV) in the workplace and explore ways to create safer work environments for women.



Project Impact

By working closely with immigrant women and community organizations, the Circle of Women project aims to provide:

- Tailored educational materials on migration processes, legal rights, and support systems.
- Peer support groups to reduce isolation and increase community bonds.
- Pathways to local supports and resources.



The Need for Action

Access to information and support is crucial in preventing GBV. According to recent research, many immigrant women in Nova Scotia lack access to critical information on rights, family law, and the services available to them. Without these resources, many women are left vulnerable to abuse and violence, which negatively impacts integration and mental health.

