TORONTO FOCUS-IPV PILOT: REFERRAL FORM

TORONTO FOCUS – IPV PILOT: AGENCY REFERRAL FORM

This form is to refer a client to the Toronto FOCUS – IPV Pilot for risk assessment and support coordination for cases of intimate partner violence. Please email this to both: Tehani De Jacolyn, tehani@ernestines.ca & Christina DiGianni, cdigianni@theredwood.com.

Referee details	**Name:**
	Organization:
	Contact details (will be contacted within 24hrs):
Client Name	
Has the client given consent for referral?	**☐Yes☐ No☐**
Safe Contact details	**Email:** **Phone:**
	Please identify any safety considerations or precautions for contacting the individual. • **Is it safe to leave a voicemail? ☐Yes☐ No☐ Unknown** • **Is it safe to text? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐Unknown** • **Is it safe to identify yourself as an IPV support worker? ☐ Yes ☐No ☐ Unknown** • **Does the individual currently live with the person using violence? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown** • **Are there preferred times for contact? Please specify:** **Other:**
Brief summary of the background for the referral:	

Community Wellness – Canadian MARAC Pilot

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WHO CAN REFER?

The pilot works on referrals from agencies only and does not accept self-referrals.

Referrals are accepted from any agency that offers services or supports to clients in the areas of Rexdale and York.

The pilot receives referrals from any of the Rexdale and York FOCUS partners and is now open to specific specialist community organizations located in Toronto.

WHICH CLIENTS CAN BE REFERRED?

Women and gender-diverse clients deemed high risk of IPV by the referring agency.

Contact will be made within 24 hours with the aim of taking action to reduce risk within 48hrs through the city's multiagency FOCUS situation tables.

1. The client is identified as high risk of IPV. (To support assessment of risk, please see the RISA tool).
2. The referring worker explains the pilot and seeks the client's consent. If consent is not provided or cannot be obtained, consult IPC guidance before proceeding.
3. The referring worker completes and submits the referral form.
4. 1. MARAC VAW Lead(s) coordinate with the referring worker and attempt to contact the client within 24 hours for risk assessment based on the RISA tool and for safety planning. A referral to FOCUS is made when additional coordinated safety action is needed.
5. The MARAC VAW Lead and referring agency continue to collaborate on the case as needed and agreed.

IS CONSENT NEEDED FOR THE REFERRAL?

As part of best practice and information privacy workers should seek consent for the referral first. However, under the IPC's guidance, consent is not needed for referrals where there is a high risk of harm or a child is at risk.

Template script:

Based on our discussions I would like to refer you to FOCUS-IPV pilot, a program providing wrap around support for people experiencing a intimate partner violence.

WomanACT

the REDWOOD for women and children fleeing abuse

Ernestine's Women's Shelter

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The pilot brings together specialized IPV workers and community organizations to help coordinate safety planning and access to services. With your consent, we would share relevant information to support taking actions for your safety with the program.

An IPV worker will attempt to contact you within 24 hours to discuss your safety and available support. Do I have your consent to send a referral to the FOCUS-IPV Pilot?