

# EMPOWERING SAFER SPACES CAMPAIGN



The Empowering Safer Spaces campaign is an initiative to end gender-based violence (GBV). This campaign focuses on creating safer environments for immigrants and refugees by raising awareness, providing resources, and a framework. It emphasizes the importance of community support, education, and collaboration among community agencies to ensure that newcomers and refugees can live free from violence and discrimination.

## CAMPAIGN ELEMENTS CHECKLIST



**Campaign materials to Show your clients that your agency is a safer space for disclosures of GBV by signing up. Display these materials to promote a supportive and welcoming environment.**



### Gender-Based Violence Settlement Sector Strategy

Gain access to plain language definitions of what makes our services safe and relevant for new-comers who experience GBV.

- Anti-Racism
- Anti-Oppression
- Cultural Safety
- Gender-Based Analysis
- Intersectionality
- Trauma and violence-informed approaches



### Organizational Framework for Responding to GBV

Implement an agency GBV Framework unique to their context but firmly based in the principles and elements listed here: they include how to ensure.

- Physically and Emotionally Safe Spaces
- Informed and Aware Staff
- Client Centred Interactions
- Risk Assessment and Safety Planning
- Collaboration and Referral
- Programming Ideas



### Collaboration tool

Explore ways and means of working across sectors for the benefit of clients experiencing GBV.



### Bridges to Safety online course

Access FREE training opportunities for leadership and staff to increase core competence in responding to GBV in settlement settings.



### Environmental Scan report

Understand the background and context of GBV in the Settlement Sector.



### Consultation Report

“Why is GBV a priority for the sector?”



### Research Bulletin

Read highlights of findings from the project’s research, including a national survey, environmental scan, and key informant interviews.



### Resources

These are selected resources that may be useful to service providers, refugee sponsors and other community members.

- Creating Safety Plans with Vulnerable Populations to Reduce the Risk of Repeated Violence and Domestic Homicide | Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative
- Sheltersafe.ca
- Sexual Assault Centres, Crisis Lines, And Support Services - Ending Violence Association of Canada