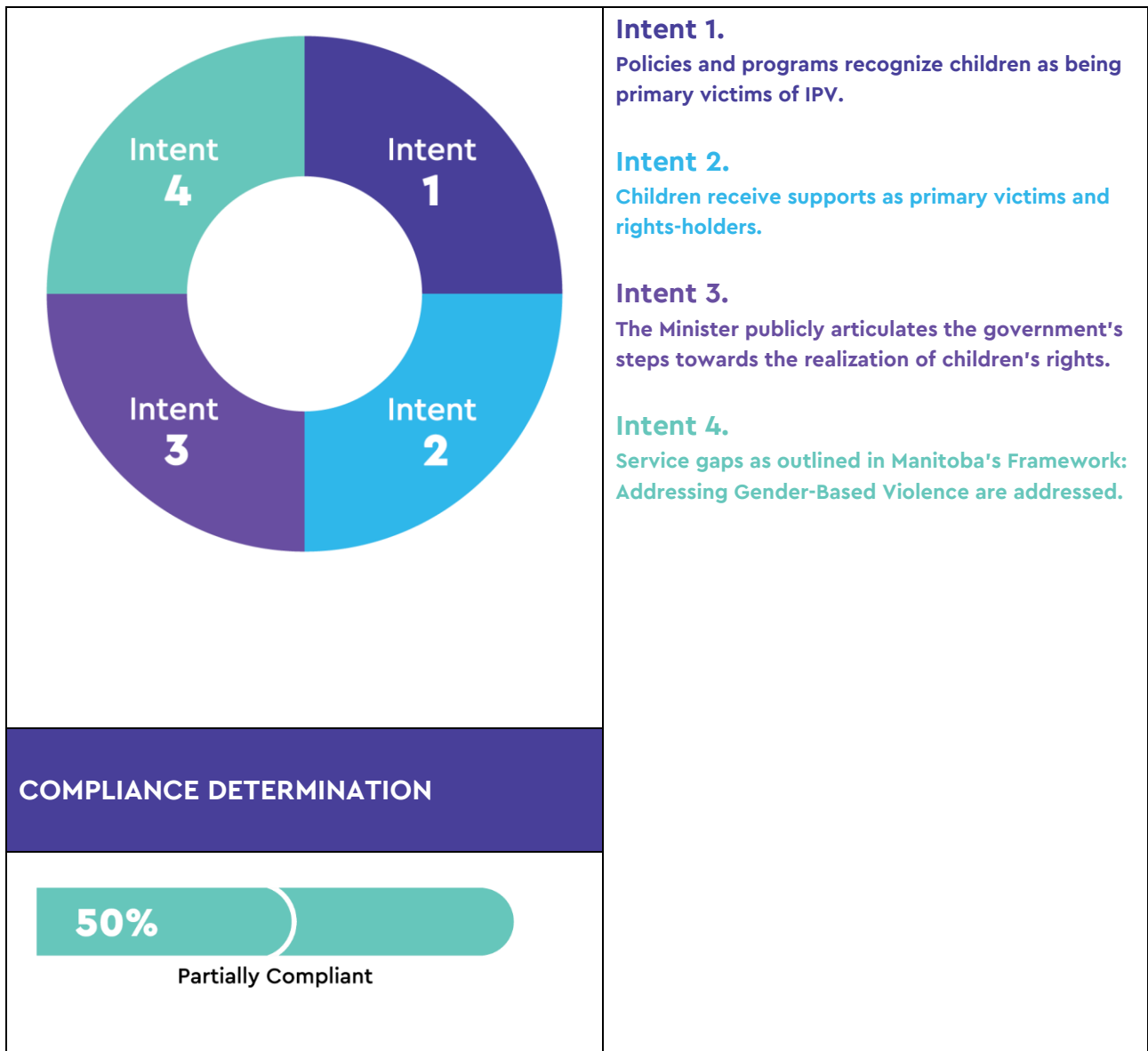


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

IPV – Recommendation 1

Recommendation Summary: Recognize children who witness IPV as victims of IPV.

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Families



Recommendation Compliance Summary



This form details the assessment of compliance with recommendations made under Section 27 and Section 31 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*. MACY assesses recommendations for compliance once a year but receives updates from the public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Report Name:	Every Two Hours: A Special Report on Children and Youth Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence in Manitoba
Date Released:	6/22/2022
Full Recommendation: (including details)	<p>Recommendation One: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Ministers of the Gender-Based Violence Committee of Cabinet publicly recognize children exposed to intimate partner violence (IPV) as primary victims and rights-holders under the <i>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> who are entitled to supports.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public recognition should articulate steps the government will take towards the realization of the right of children exposed to IPV to receive supports to heal from trauma (article 39, UNCRC) • Address the gap in Manitoba's Framework: Addressing Gender-Based Violence regarding services to children and youth exposed to IPV in Manitoba.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policies and programs recognize children as being primary victims of IPV. 2. Children receive supports as primary victims and rights-holders. 3. The Minister publicly articulates the government's steps towards the realization of children's rights. 4. Service gaps as outlined in Manitoba's Framework: Addressing Gender-Based Violence are addressed.
Issue:	Intimate Partner Violence
Public Body	Manitoba Families
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	May 31, 2023
2. Compliance Determination	
Partially Compliant 0.50	Actions taken only implement part of the recommendation. Important requirements have been met and the recommendation is acted upon, however, deficiencies remain.
Self-Assessment	Partially Compliant

3. Rationale for Determination

(How did you reach this compliance determination)

Intent 1: Policies and programs recognize children as being primary victims of IPV.

2023

- Manitoba Families reported the following actions towards meeting this intent:
 - A review and update of the Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) standards manual is currently underway. The update will include a recognition of children and youth exposed to intimate partner violence as being primary victims.
 - A review and update of the Service Purchase Agreements for family violence shelters, second-stage programs, women's resource centres, and specialized programs funded through FVPP is currently underway. The update will also include recognition of children and youth exposed to intimate partner violence as primary victims.
 - The Gender Based Violence Committee of Cabinet (GBVCC) accepted the recommendations of this report, and a commitment to update Manitoba's Framework: Addressing Gender-Based Violence was included in the Speech from the Throne delivered on November 15, 2022. A progress report of actions taken since the release of the framework in December 2020 is in development, and will inform updates to the overall framework document. The update will include recognition of children and youth exposed to intimate partner violence (IPV) as primary victims.

Intent 2: Children receive supports as primary victims and rights-holders.

2023

- It is identified that a review of services available to children, a gap analysis, and a plan to address gaps in services is to be undertaken in 2023-24 with implementation of the plan to begin in 2024-25.
- An IPV Interdepartmental Working Group has been established and is engaging with organizations in a variety of sectors regarding service and coordination gaps for children exposed to IPV, services that could fill these gaps, and ways to address violence normalization among boys and young men.

Intent 3: The Minister publicly articulates the government's steps towards the realization of children's rights.

2023

- Following the work identified under intent 1, next steps will include identifying the best way to increase awareness of the work conducted and the related changes.

Intent 4: Service gaps as outlined in Manitoba's Framework: Addressing Gender-Based Violence are addressed.

2023

- As mentioned under intent 1, work is underway to update the framework.
- Following updates to the framework, work will occur with relevant organizations to determine which actions to prioritize for the purposes of the framework.

Analysis Summary: The information provided in response to this recommendation reflects a commitment to its fulfillment. Work has been identified as in progress under each of the intents of this recommendation, with timelines provided for next steps and finalization of implementation. As such, this recommendation is considered Partially Compliant.