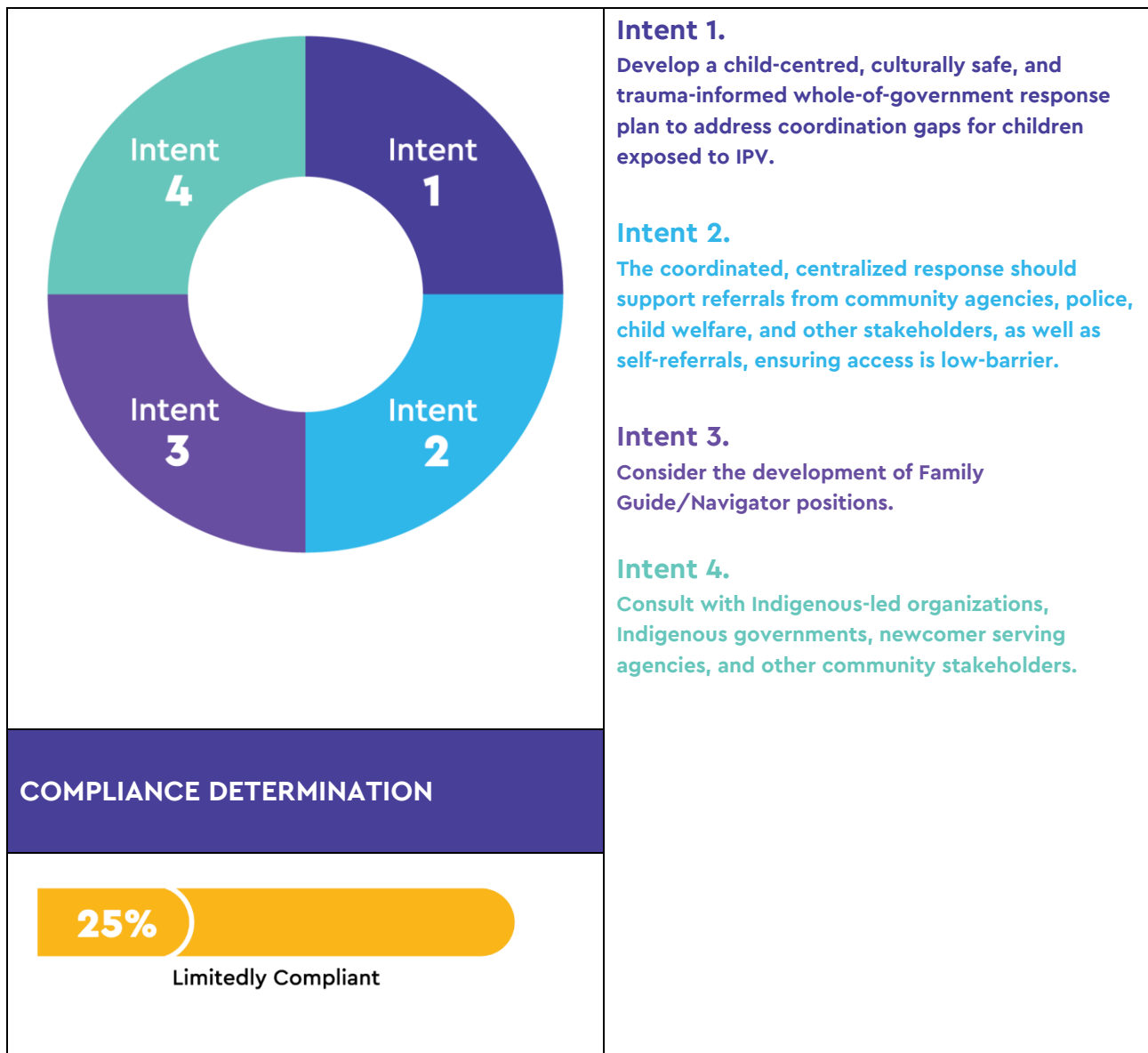


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

IPV – Recommendation 4

Recommendation Summary: Development of whole-of-GOM response plan to children exposed to IPV.

Primary Public Body: Government of Manitoba (MACY-RAP)



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 Four: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Deputy Ministers responsible for the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth Recommendations Action Planning (MACY-RAP) Committee lead the development of a whole-of-government response plan to address the coordination gaps for children exposed to intimate partner violence (IPV), with the goal of ensuring a child-centred, culturally safe, and trauma-informed service response for all children known to be exposed to IPV in Manitoba.</p> <p>DETAILS: These activities should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service response and coordination needs include: centralized assessment of referrals for children exposed to IPV and their families, family navigation services with warm referrals and follow-up supports. • This coordinated response should support referrals from community agencies, police, child welfare, and other stakeholders that have contact with children exposed to IPV and their families and develop a response appropriate to the level of need. • Consider the development of child/youth-centred and specialized Family Guide/Navigator position(s) to ensure IPV survivors and their children are connected to available services at the earliest opportunity. • Consult with Indigenous-led organizations, Indigenous governments, newcomer serving agencies, and other community stakeholders in the development of this response. • Ensure low-barrier access by allowing self-referrals and through a broad eligibility criteria that is not based on whether criminal charges are laid.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	1. Develop a child-centred, culturally safe, and trauma-informed whole-of-government response plan to address coordination gaps for children exposed to IPV.

	<p>2. The coordinated, centralized response should support referrals from community agencies, police, child welfare, and other stakeholders, as well as self-referrals, ensuring access is low-barrier.</p> <p>3. Consider the development of Family Guide/Navigator positions.</p> <p>4. Consult with Indigenous-led organizations, Indigenous governments, newcomer serving agencies, and other community stakeholders.</p>
Issue:	Intimate Partner Violence
Public Body	Government of Manitoba (MACY-RAP)
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	May 31, 2023
2. Compliance Determination	
Limitedly Compliant 0.25	Actions taken only implement a small part of the recommendation, requirements are only fulfilled to a limited degree by actions taken, resulting in significant deficiency in implementation.
Self-Assessment	Limitedly Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
<p>Intent 1: Develop a child-centred, culturally safe, and trauma-informed whole-of-government response plan to address coordination gaps for children exposed to IPV.</p> <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provided under intent 4. <p>Intent 2: The coordinated, centralized response should support referrals from community agencies, police, child welfare, and other stakeholders, as well as self-referrals, ensuring access is low-barrier.</p> <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provided under intent 4. <p>Intent 3: Consider the development of Family Guide/Navigator positions.</p> <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provided under intent 4. 	

Intent 4: Consult with Indigenous-led organizations, Indigenous governments, newcomer serving agencies, and other community stakeholders.

2023

- The MACY-RAP committee reported that in February 2023, they were instructed to form a working group to engage with community partners to address coordination gaps for children exposed to intimate partner violence (IPV).
- The IPV Interdepartmental Working Group had its Terms of Reference approved on March 10, 2023, and subsequently held meetings through April and May. The working group has been tasked with connecting with stakeholders around what coordination gaps exist for children exposed to IPV, and what specialized resources are needed to support those children. This included an exploration of programs for young men to address violence normalization and intergenerational violence.
 - The feedback gained through engagement efforts will reportedly be used as the foundational information for addressing this recommendation.
 - A joint briefing note with amalgamated findings is expected as a first output of the working group.
 - The briefing note will be utilized by the Department of Mental Health and Community Wellness as a starting point to determine how financial resources are best directed.

Analysis Summary: The development of the Interdepartmental Working Group through the MACY-RAP subcommittee signals a strong commitment to fulfilling this recommendation. The work and outputs of the working group are in the early stages, with a more long-term timeline of projects expected to be provided in future responses to this recommendation. As the information provided suggests a strong starting point towards fulfillment, this recommendation is considered Limitedly Compliant.