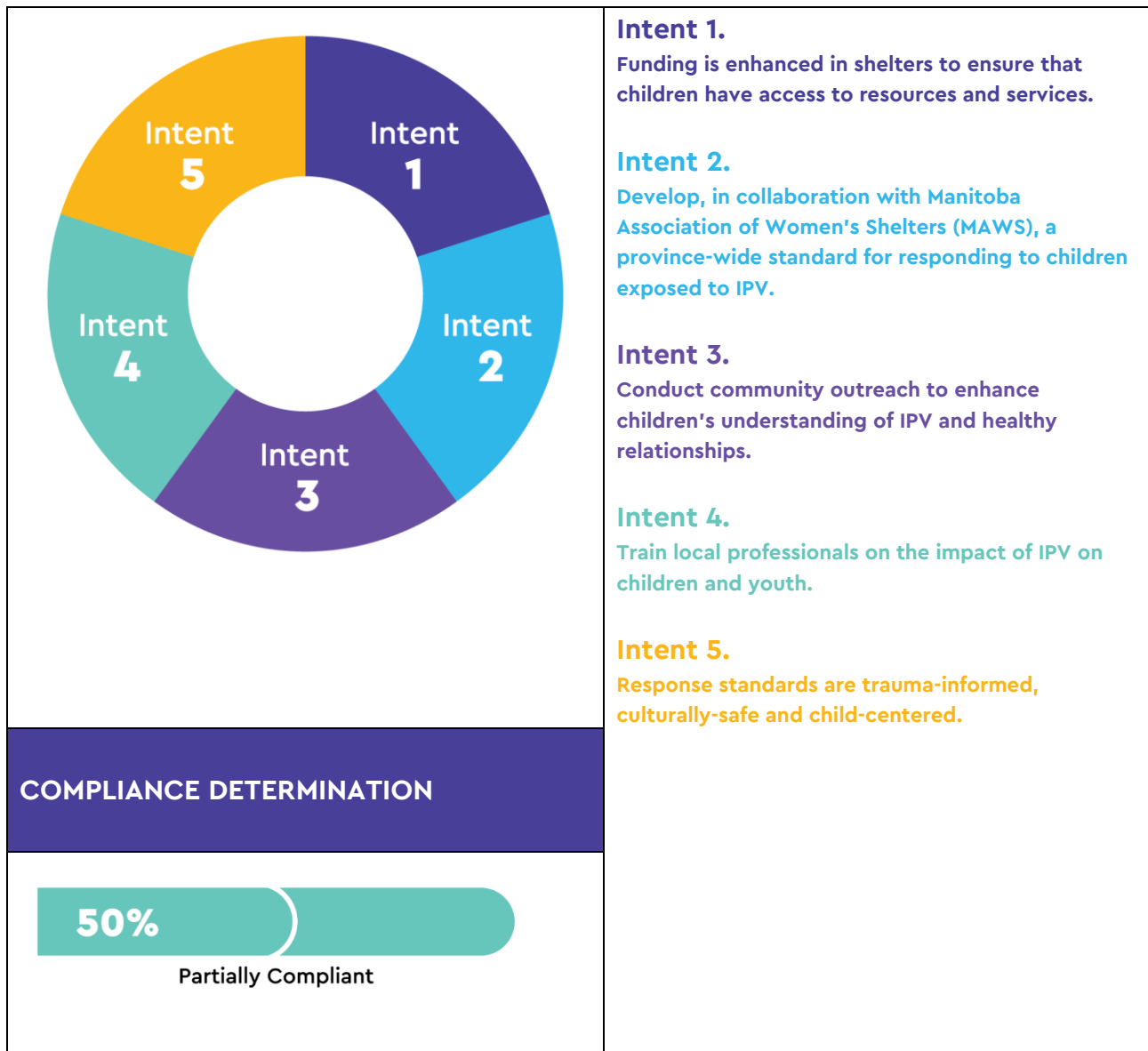


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

IPV – Recommendation 6

Recommendation Summary: Fund family shelters.

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 Six:</p> <p>The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Status of Women Secretariat, enhance funding to each of the ten family violence shelters in Manitoba to ensure employment of a child-focused trauma specialist.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This position would support children in shelter and connect them to resources and services. • Conduct community outreach to enhance understanding of IPV and health relationships for children and young people, particularly in rural communities. • Conduct training in the community and for local professionals about the impact of exposure to IPV on children and youth. • Work with the Manitoba Association of Women’s Shelters to develop a province-wide standard to respond to children exposed to IPV in shelters with trauma-informed, culturally safe, and child-centred approaches.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding is enhanced in shelters to ensure that children have access to resources and services. 2. Develop, in collaboration with Manitoba Association of Women’s Shelters (MAWS), a province-wide standard for responding to children exposed to IPV. 3. Conduct community outreach to enhance children’s understanding of IPV and healthy relationships. 4. Train local professionals on the impact of IPV on children and youth. 5. Response standards are trauma-informed, culturally-safe and child-centred.
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: Funding is enhanced in shelters to ensure that children have access to resources and services.

2023

- Manitoba Families reported that in April 2022, Manitoba announced the development and implementation of an improved funding model for shelters. Within the framework for the improved funding model was the inclusion of funding to support child-specific resources for shelters, as needed. All ten Family Violence Prevention Program shelters have increased annual operational funding through the new funding model.
- The response further detailed that Manitoba Status of Women (MSW) is in the process of exploring funding options to support the provision of child trauma specialists in shelters. This is in addition to MSW's plans to perform a gap analysis of services available to children exposed to IPV within the Manitoba gender-based violence sector.

Intent 2: Develop, in collaboration with Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters (MAWS), a province-wide standard for responding to children exposed to IPV.

2023

- Manitoba Families reported that the Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) is in the process of updating the standards manual for shelters, second-stage programs, and women's resource centres to include standards for responding to children who have experienced or been exposed to IPV. This work is being done in collaboration with MAWS and agencies across the sector.

Intent 3: Conduct community outreach to enhance children's understanding of IPV and healthy relationships.

2023

- As mentioned under intent 1, the new funding model includes funding to support child-specific resources for children, as needed, including through community outreach.

Intent 4: Train local professionals on the impact of IPV on children and youth.

2023

- The funding identified under intent 1, was accompanied by additional funding announcements in March 2023 for an improved funding model for FVPP-funded women's resource centres and second-stage programs in Manitoba. This funding model included funding to support training initiatives across the sector.

Intent 5: Response standards are trauma-informed, culturally-safe, and child-centred.

2023

- Standards are in the process of being updated, as outlined under intent 2.

Analysis Summary: Manitoba Families, through the Manitoba Status of Women Secretariat has reported a commitment to and progress under each of the intents of this recommendation. The improved funding models, and the identification of exploring the inclusion of child-trauma specialists in shelters, is promising work towards fulfillment of the recommendation. Positive steps towards implementation have also been identified in the creation of standards for responding to children who have experienced or been exposed to IPV. As steps have been taken towards implementation, with identified work to come, this recommendation is considered Partially Compliant.