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Ontario's Strategy to End Violence Against Indigenous Women

Violence against Indigenous women has been tearing apart the lives of women, their families and communities for generations. It is a legacy of colonialism that continues to exacerbate poverty, social isolation and insecurity. With this strategy, Ontario and Indigenous communities are coming together to end the cycle of violence and ensure future generations of Indigenous women can live the way they deserve — with safety and respect.

1. Supporting Children, Youth and Families

New funding: \$80 million over three years.

- Introduce a new **Family Well-Being Program** to support Indigenous families in crisis and help communities deal with the effects of intergenerational violence and trauma.

2. Community Safety and Healing

New funding: \$15.75 million over three years.

- Ensure Indigenous women and communities have **effective supports** when dealing with the justice system.
- Develop a survivor-centred strategy to assist in the identification, intervention and prevention of **human trafficking** in Ontario.
- Expand a **counselling helpline** for Indigenous women experiencing violence, building on the Talk4Healing Indigenous Women's Helpline.
- Support Indigenous men with **healing and violence prevention programs**, including *Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin (I am a Kind Man)*.

3. Policing and Justice

New funding: \$2.32 million over three years.

- Introduce legislation to **assist police in investigating missing persons** cases.
- Enhance **training for Crown Attorneys and police**.
- Provide new tools for **First Nations policing**.

4. Prevention and Awareness

New funding: \$1.15 million over three years.

- Develop and deliver **mandatory Indigenous cultural competency and anti-racism training** to all Ontario public service staff.
- Work to help launch a **national public awareness and prevention campaign** to change attitudes and perceptions on the issue of violence against Indigenous women and girls.

5. Leadership, Collaboration, Alignment and Accountability

New funding: \$500,000 over three years.

- Host the **fifth National Aboriginal Women's Summit** in 2016.
- Support and **align provincial initiatives with federal commitments** to end violence against Indigenous women.
- Establish a **Ministerial Steering Committee** to oversee implementation and accountability of this plan to ensure it delivers.

6. Improved Data and Research

New funding: \$750,000 over three years.

- Support **research on the prevalence of violence against Indigenous women** and successful practices to combat it.
- Develop **key performance indicators and data collection mechanisms** to measure the success of individual initiatives and monitor progress.

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