

# Addressing family, gender-based and intimate partner violence resourcing needs

## Partnering to address gender-based violence

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is escalating in Peel, which has significant implications for community safety and well-being and requires a coordinated provincial response. Peel Region values recent provincial investments to help address this serious issue, including:

- Embrace and Victim Services of Peel were successful in securing \$1.7 million funding, over four years, through the OntarioStands Call for Proposals for 8 dedicated beds to support initial exit for individuals who have been sex trafficked.
- In support of capacity and direct service access for the larger gender-based violence sector Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin secured approximately \$4 million to expand the Safe Centre of Peel.

These investments are welcome and necessary. However, funding has not kept pace with rising demand, particularly for emergency and transitional housing that meets the complex and diverse needs of survivors.

## Solutions aimed at addressing gender-based violence

A strong policy framework can establish the foundation for long-term collaboration across sectors to improve service integration at the local level. This would enable victims and service providers to navigate referral pathways and access resources in health, housing, legal, child welfare, and other social supports in a reliable and timely manner.

Currently, the sector suffers from fragmented, unpredictable, and piecemeal funding, leaving many victims without timely access to necessary support. A policy framework could introduce funding models that are more client-centred, allowing for predictable and stable service availability.

The provincial government should also prioritize investment in prevention, upstream solutions and stable operational and capital funding to expand critical services, such as emergency and transitional housing.



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## Concerning trends

From January 1 to May 31, 2025, Peel police reported the following:

- There were 6,539 total family and intimate partner violence incidents reported. IPV calls are among the top calls for service.
- In 2023, Peel police reported 9,570 domestic disputes/IPV incidents.
- The average rate of family and intimate partner violence incidents investigated by Peel police is 43 daily; 2 hourly.
- Between 2020 and 2023, there was a 29.9% increase in the rate of family and intimate partner disputes reported to Caledon OPP.



## Key takeaway

The current family violence, gender-based violence, and intimate partner violence crisis requires partnership and funding support from all levels of government to ensure the sector is adequately resourced to meet the growing demands within Peel's communities.

