

The Redwood supports community-based approaches to support survivors to heal from gender-based violence and promotes safety and security for women and children.

Examples of community-based approaches include mediation, rehabilitative programming for perpetrators, and engaging men and boys in discussions about gender-based violence.

Historically, marginalized communities, such as Indigenous and racialized communities have faced discrimination, oppression, and stigmatization from institutions, such as the police, justice system and the child welfare system.

Only 38% of women experiencing abuse connect with social services, such as VAW shelters or counselling supports. This tells us there is a need to support women and children through alternative approaches (*Juristat.*)

A negative experience with police and other justice system professionals can bring more trauma to survivors, and discourage them and others from reporting violence. Less than one-third of women experiencing violence report their experiences to the police (*Juristat.*)

