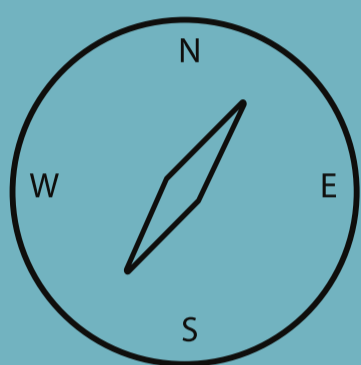


# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGAL RESPONSES IN GBV

Recommendations from Be the Peace Institute and the Association of Black Social Workers through the “Pathways to Justice” project, funded by Women and Gender Equality Canada, to promote change in the justice response to victims of gender-based violence – (GBV) through mainstream and alternative channels.

## GBV Navigator



A GBV Navigator would provide a single point of contact for victims of GBV seeking justice through multiple courts, sectors and/or services. Providing consistent information, decision-making assistance, culturally proficient services and a less traumatizing experience.

## Integration Between Courts



Family court personnel would be aware of GBV relevant criminal/civil court proceedings and charges to minimize contradictions in court orders & rulings, improve safety and reduce harm. Specialized training for family court personnel to understand the complexities & risks of family violence situations.

## Specialized Courts for GBV (IPV/SV)



Access to specially trained legal personnel (including judges, defence lawyers, Crown Attorneys) for all criminal proceedings, assurance of specialized wrap-around services.

## Training for Judges



Mandatory training for all new & current judges on the complexities of GBV, sexual assault law, evidentiary provisions, unconscious bias fuelled by myths & stereotypes, the nature of trauma and cultural competency, including use of Race & Cultural Assessments and Gladue Reports.

## Restorative Responses



A restorative pathway for justice that integrates understanding the complexities of GBV with proficiency in restorative principles & practice to ensure victim safety, address accountability for harm and promote healing and recovery.

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