

# Virtual Panel Discussion on Anti-Gender-Based Violence for Frontline Workers



partenariat local d'immigration  
windsor essex  
local immigration partnership

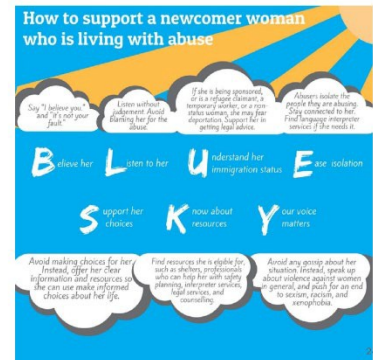
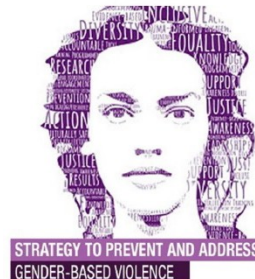
On December 3, 2021, the Windsor-Essex Local Immigration Partnership, in collaboration with YMCA of Southwestern Ontario, [Immigrant and Refugee Communities Neighbours, Friends and Families Campaign \(IRCNFF\)](#), and the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee of Windsor Essex organized an educational opportunity to learn strategies to prevent and address Gender- Based Violence.

The event took place virtually with 114 frontline workers consisting of settlement advisors, LINC instructors and staff providing services for newcomers in attendance. Ambassadors for the Immigrant and Refugee Communities Neighbours, Friends and Families Campaign and [Peer Champions](#) from across the province participated in this virtual panel discussion.

This discussion provided an opportunity to shine a light on the needs and barriers local refugees and immigrants face in addition to sharing successful service delivery strategies. The format included a presentation facilitated by Peer Champion, Zakieh Zarabi, YMCA of Southwestern Ontario, followed by a roundtable panel discussion and Q & A.

After the session, resources from the IRCNFF Campaign were distributed among event attendees. You can view the IRCNFF Campaign resources and presentation at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3rSGIVS>

A short evaluation form was also shared with participants and the survey feedback was positive; 89% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they learned more about domestic violence at this event and 86% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they feel better prepared to support women living with abuse.



**I Want Change  
I WANT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

