

The National Gender-Based violence (GBV) Strategy for Agencies Serving Immigrants is hosting the third:

GBV RESPONSE FORUM

Empowering Safer Spaces: Capacity Building for Programming

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

12:30 - 5:00 PM AST

Halifax Convention Centre, Halifax

Meet our Keynote Speaker



Brian Braganza

Brian Braganza is an international consultant with Tandem Truths Consulting, he is honoured to be living and working in Mi'kma'ki. Brian specializes in designing and facilitating programs for boys and men, in the areas of mental health and GBV prevention. He has also led wilderness experiences for teen boys and adult men. Brian has been training facilitators in the unique approaches to working with men and boys for over 25 years. Drawing on his decades-long experience, Brian will share insights on designing and facilitating programs that effectively engage men and boys in GBV awareness and prevention, highlighting their crucial role in preventing gender-based violence and raising awareness in newcomer, immigrant, and refugee communities.

During this forum, we will:

- 1 Explore** best practices for empowering safer spaces and strengthening GBV responses in immigrant-serving agencies by promoting and integrating GBV resources into client services.
- 2 Promote** trauma- and violence-informed, survivor-centered approaches to addressing GBV in services and programs.
- 3 Support** connection and knowledge-sharing among participants to deepen collective efforts in immigrant-serving contexts.



**THEME-BASED
TABLE TALK**



**PANEL
PRESENTATION**

**WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY (WAGE)
CANADA: NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO END
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**



**FRENCH
INTERPRETATION**

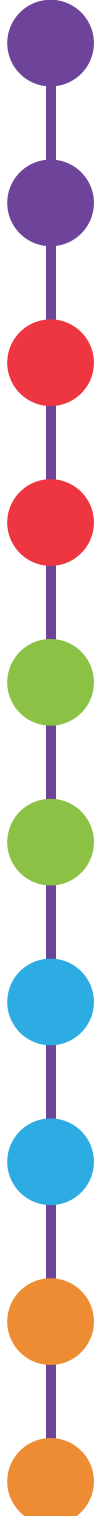


**LUNCH
INCLUDED**

GBV RESPONSE FORUM AGENDA

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(Agenda Subject to Change)

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- 12:30 - 1:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 1:10 **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- 1:10-1:20 **Opening Remarks**
- 1:20 -1:30 **Forum Brief and Project Overview**
- 1:30-2:30 **Keynote Speaker: Brian Braganza**
- 2:30-2:45 **Break**
- 2:45-3:45 **Panel Discussion**
- 3:45- 4:30 **Theme-based Table discussion**
- 4:30 - 4:45 **Share Back**
- 4:45 - 5:00 **Closing**