

Key Issues

Key Issues Related to Missing Indigenous Persons

- Indigenous Peoples face over-policing, and the current systems in place do not function adequately. Jurisdictional complexities make it challenging for families to navigate the resources that may be available to them.
- Families do not retain ownership of the data generated from repeated—and often insensitive or impersonal—polling that leads to secondary trauma for those in crisis.
- While advocates and community-run databases are robust, they lack central coordination. Family members in need of media assistance during a crisis often lack the necessary experience with the press, as well as the connections or tools to effectively disseminate their stories.
- Although a responsive press is keen to report, they struggle to obtain timely information about the missing since police submissions are rare. With access to better information, the press could significantly increase coverage of these issues.
- Non-Indigenous community members are often unaware of the MMIW / MMIWG2S (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirits) and MMIR (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives) epidemic, leading to a lack of safety through bystander intervention, strong allyship, and public awareness.

Project Plan

Coming soon.