

We are looking for immigrant women and youth impacted by violence and abuse to share their lived experience and coping strategies before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a 5-year research project of Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services.

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- » Focusing on immigrant women and youth (19-25) impacted by violence and abuse (family violence, intimate partner violence, gender-based violence)
- » Developing a free, interactive app based on what people tell us they need
- » Understanding their experience of the COVID-19 pandemic
- » Highlighting their coping strategies.

## WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH ABOUT?

## WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION LOOK LIKE?

- Joining focus group sessions that will be in person or online
- » Up to 4 sessions over 4 years, join the ones you can
- Related transportation and childcare costs will be paid

Since 1991, Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Services Society has been providing safe, confidential and culturally responsive services in over 24 languages to women and their children impacted by family violence.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

VLMFSS respectfully acknowledges that we live, work and play on unceded Coast Salish territory, shared by the Musqueam, Squamish, Qayqayt, Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. As an immigrant, refugee and visible minority serving agency, we offer our solidarity and support as we strive for a more respectful collaboration and partnership with all peoples towards our collective path for Truth, Healing and National Reconciliation.



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## WHO DO WE WANT TO HEAR FROM?

- Immigrant women and youth of any gender identification impacted by violence and abuse before and during the COVID-19 pandemic
- » From Chinese, Eastern European, Filipino, Persian/ Afghani, South Asian or Hispanic communities
- » Who live in the Fraser Valley, Okanagan, Metro Vancouver or Southern Vancouver Island regions

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING?

- » Connect with others
- » Find more ways to be safe
- » Learn about digital tools
- Receive gift cards & other perks
- » Enjoy lunch
- » Help us help others



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