Recommendations

1. That police services ensure internal supervision and review in respect of missing persons investigations.

2. That police services consider developing a protocol for the creation of written communication plans with families in respect of major investigations.

3. That police services consider the creation of a victim specialist position with defined roles/responsibilities and appropriate training.

4. That police services implement a single linked computerized Major Case Management system that is nationally linked as a best practice.

5. That police services take missing persons reports regardless of jurisdiction.

6. That police services consider developing a practice of conducting return interviews for youth who run away from their place of residence.

7. That awareness be raised about Project Venture, Project Journey and Project Sunset and that sustainable funding for such projects be allocated across Canada.

8. That awareness be raised about the vulnerability of Indigenous women and girls to human trafficking both within Indigenous communities and non-Indigenous communities.

9. That awareness be raised about missing persons investigations within Indigenous communities.

10. That police officers consider pre-charge diversion, with a particular focus on culturally appropriate alternatives, for Indigenous youth and adults when they come into contact with law enforcement. Such initiatives should be provided with adequate and sustainable funding.