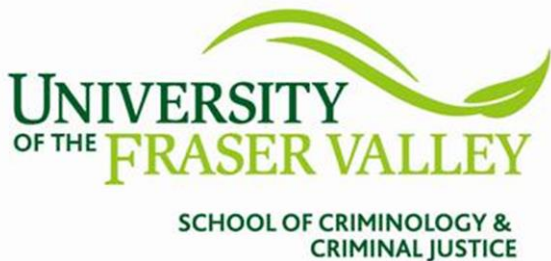


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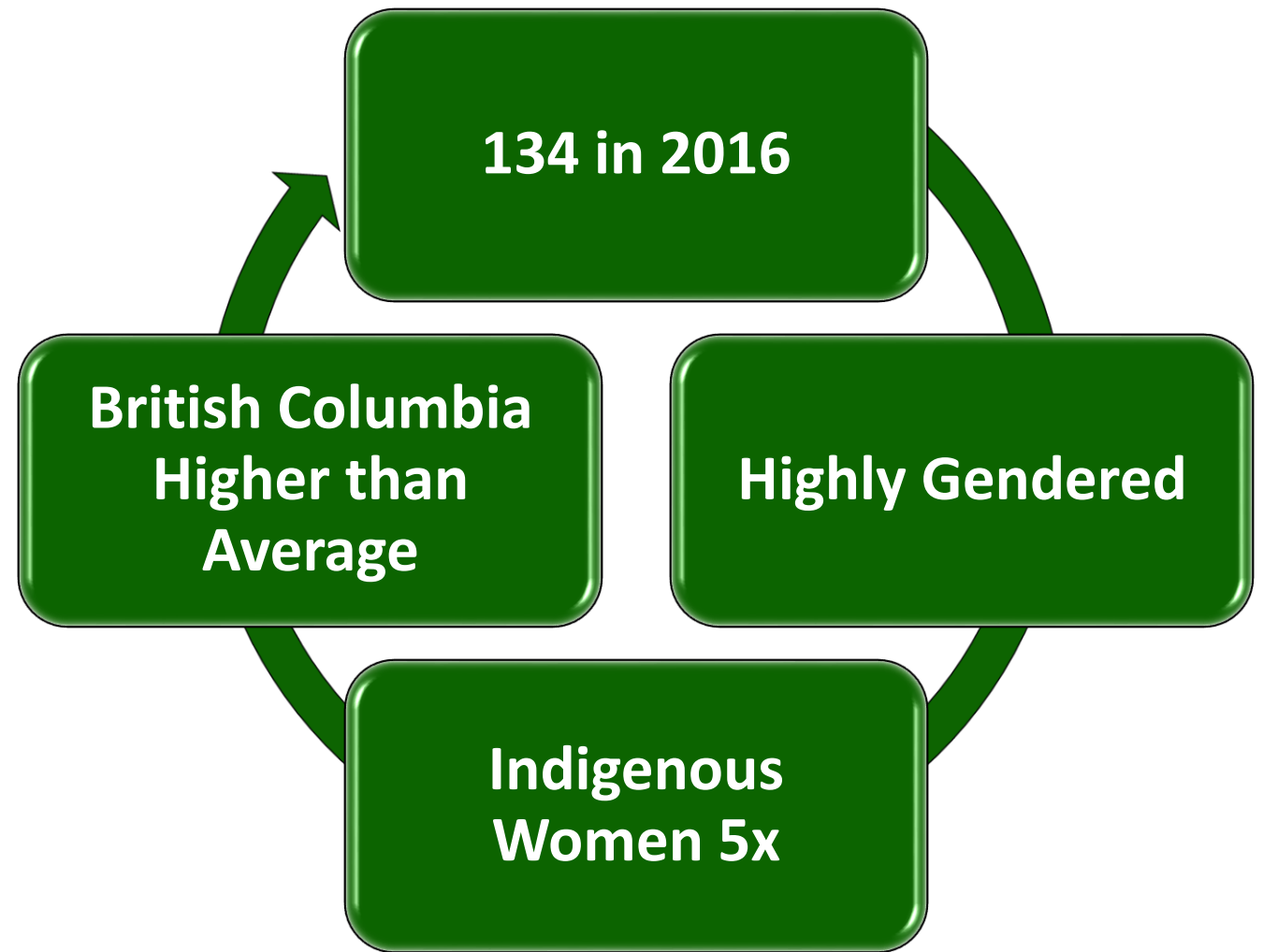


Domestic Violence in Canada

(Statistics Canada)

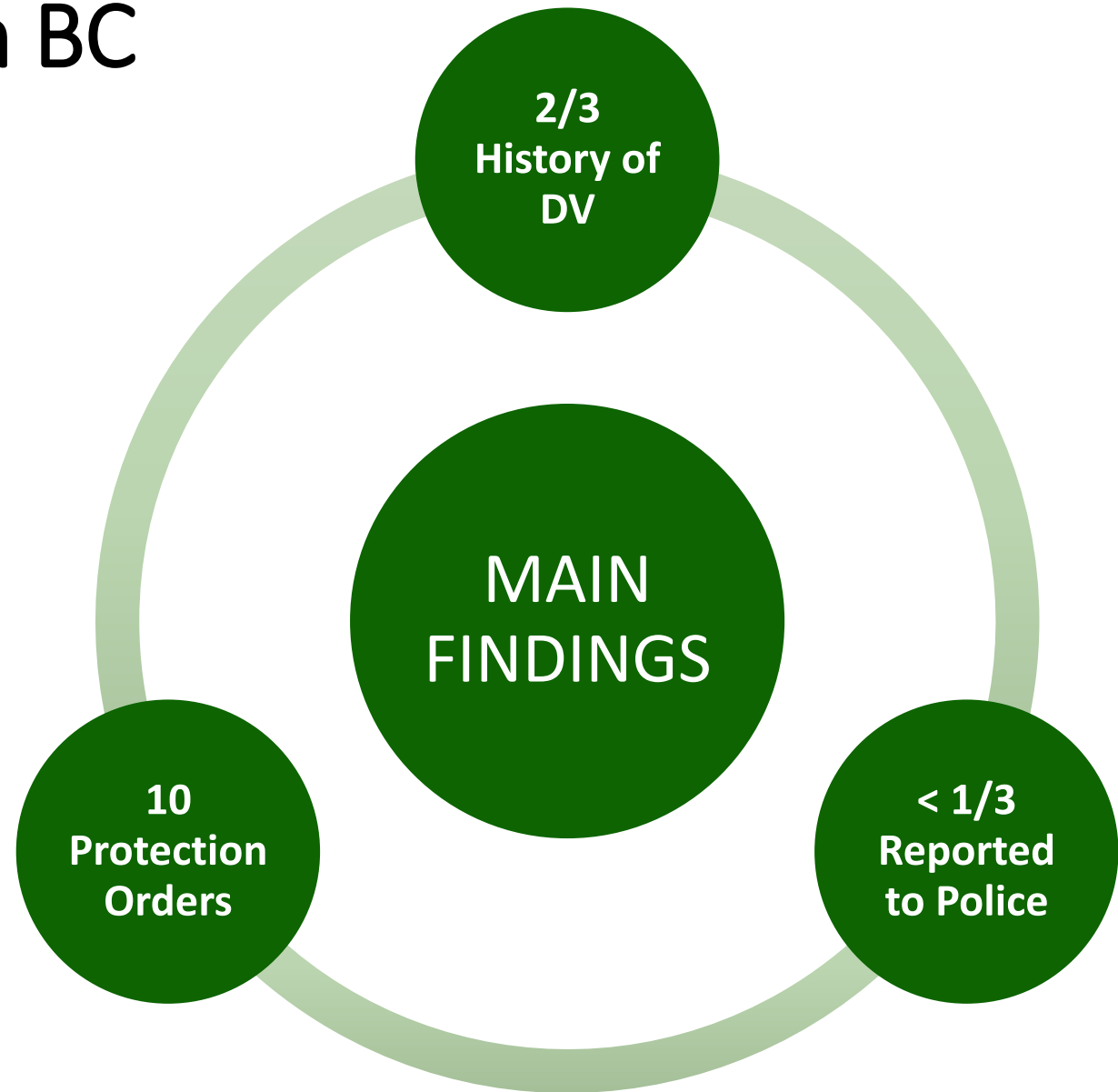
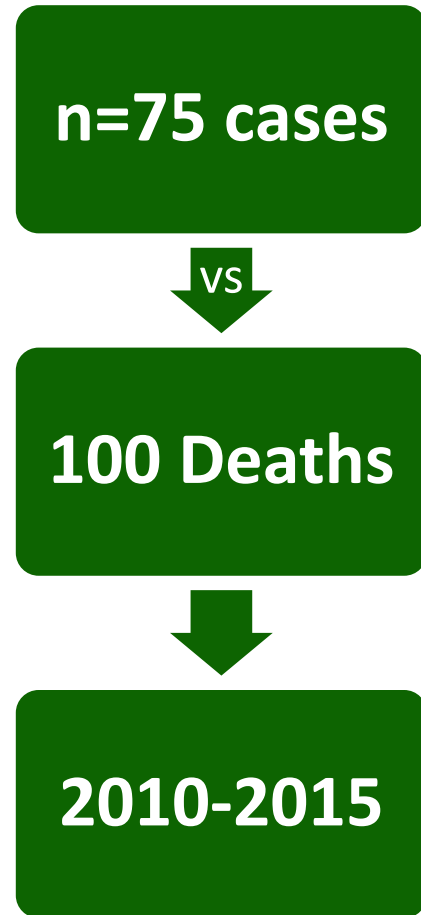
- **\$7 Billion (Zhang et al., 2012)**
- **4% in past 5 Years (Burczycka, 2016)**
- **Females Experience More Serious Violence (Zhang et al., 2012)**
- **Indigenous Women more than Twice at Risk (Brennan, 2011)**
- **Reporting Rates Declining Overall (Burczycka, 2016; Brennan, 2011; Ogrodnik, 2006)**

Domestic Homicide in Canada

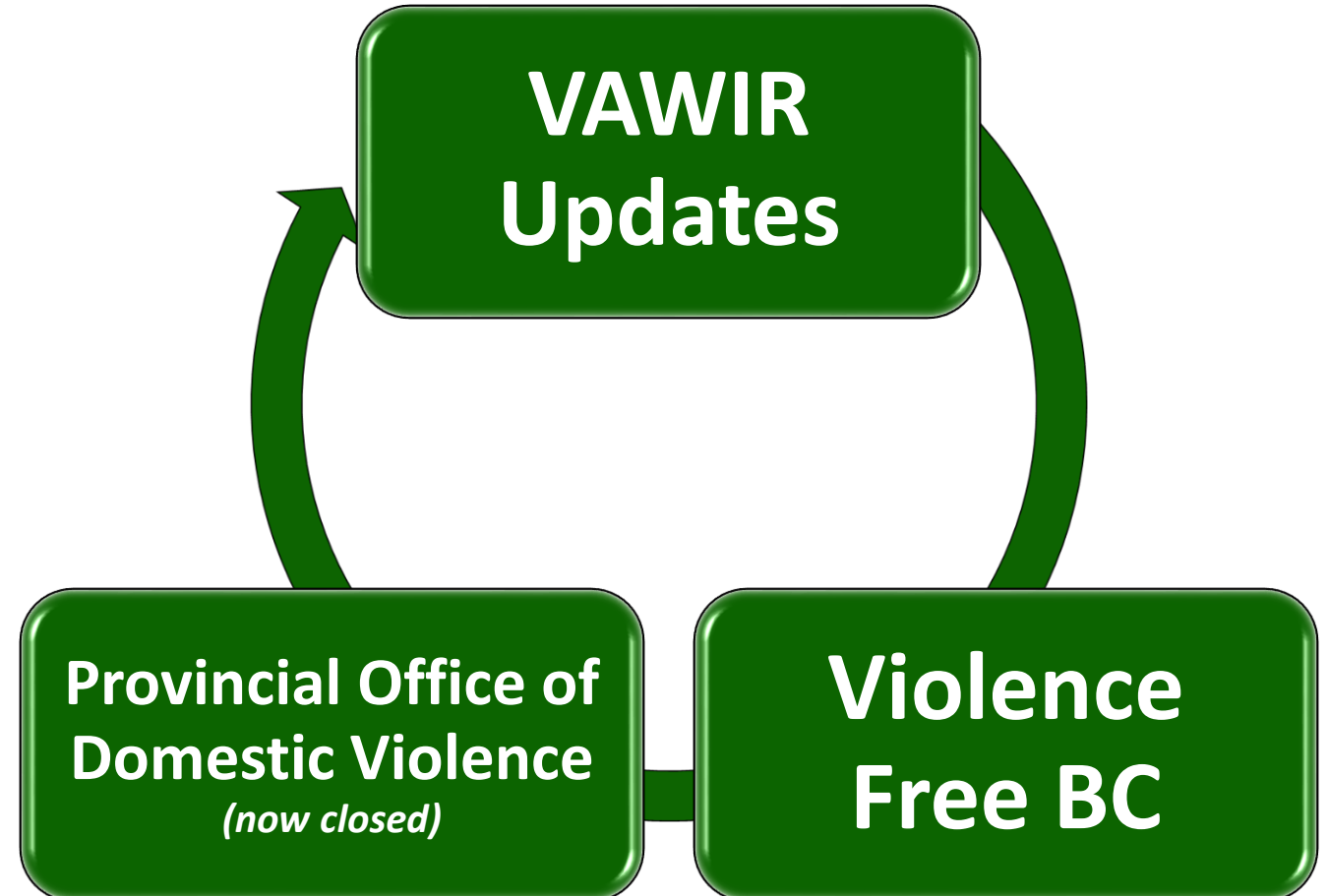


Domestic Homicide in BC

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British Columbia's Response



Integrated Case Assessment Teams



**Kinney & Lau
(2018)**

12/22 ICATs

**165 Cases 2014-
2016**

**Separated;
Escalation of
Abuse; Threats;
Stalking**

**Marginalized and
Isolated**

*Protective
Orders in BC
(Basanti, 2017)*

**Criminal vs
Civil**

Uncommon

**Access
Issues**

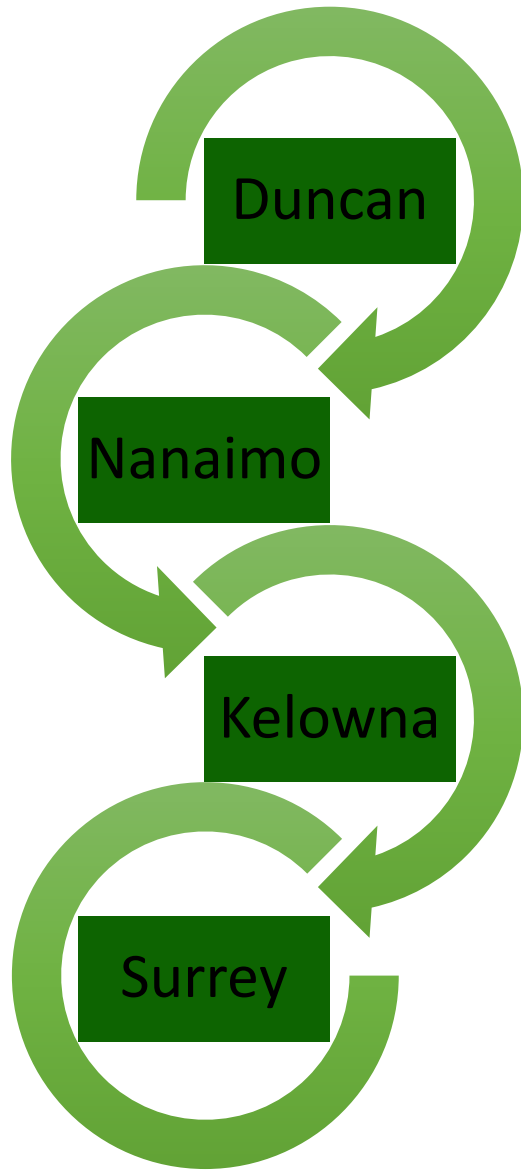
**Conflict with
Criminal**

**Minimal
Enforcement**

***“A piece of
paper”***

Domestic Violence Units





Domestic Violence Courts in BC

**Quicker
Resolution**

**Increased
Accountability**

**Victim
Participation**

**Reduced
Recidivism**

Lethality Assessment Protocol

Front Line Tool

**Connect to
Services**

**Increased
Safety**

**Enhanced
Relationships**

**Improved
Understanding**

Next Steps

- **Increase Awareness and Education**
- **Enhance Protective Order System**
- **Pilot Lethality Assessment**
- **Evaluate ICATs**
- **Establish Regional Experts in Assessment**

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