

# About RIWC

Established in 1982, Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre (RIWC) is a community based registered charity founded with a mission to empower racialized, immigrant and refugee women and their families.

RIWC delivers its services through a holistic and integrated service framework that addresses the social, cultural and economic determinants of healthy and vibrant immigrant communities.

RIWC's core services include free counselling and skills training programs, anti-violence support, sector-specific career development, and a Student Placement Program. To find out more, please visit [www.riwc.ca](http://www.riwc.ca).



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Muslim Women & Youth

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RIVERDALE IMMIGRANT  
WOMEN'S CENTRE

**ISLAMOPHOBIA  
SUPPORT LINE**

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# Anti-Islamophobia Support

Funded by Canadian Heritage's Anti-Racism Action Program, our Support Line provides referral and counselling support for victims of religious, racial and culture-based violence.

Islamophobic Incidents include:

- Physical violence or threats
- Verbal assaults
- Denial of service of different treatment
- Targeting by law enforcement, strangers, acquaintances, family/friends or authority figures

Our Support Line is a FREE, confidential, and staffed by a dedicated crisis counsellor. For more information, please contact Fiza Ruhani, [fiza@riverdalehub.ca](mailto:fiza@riverdalehub.ca).



## 01 Short-Term Crisis Counselling

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Our Support Line provides confidential and anonymous, short-term crisis counseling support for callers who need more information about how to report a hate crime, how to define a hate crime, and what resources are available in the community to support women and families who have experienced Islamophobic incidents.

No information is shared with authorities unless requested.

## Referral Support

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In collaboration with stakeholders from across the Muslim community, RIWC has developed a virtual library of resources to help Muslim women and youth with settlement, housing, anti-violence support and other relevant services.

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## 03 Anti-Violence Counselling

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Our Anti-Islamophobia Support service also includes long-term therapeutic and case management support services for women and youth who are victims of violence and need additional safety planning.

