

Saturday, September 30, 2023, is the third National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The [BC Association of Social Workers](#) encourages social workers to take time to reflect on the experiences and histories of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. This is a time to honour survivors, to remember the genocidal residential school experience and those who never came home, to speak truth about colonization, our role in it and the ongoing oppression of Indigenous peoples. Today, and every day, we must commit to reconciliation, decolonization, meaningful conversations and allyship, and creating healing settler/Indigenous relationships.



SUPPORT SERVICES (with help from HSABC) –

[The Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#) is available at 1-800-721-0066 along with a 24-hour crisis line at 1-866-925-4419 for those who need immediate support.

[The KUU-US Crisis Line Society](#) provides an Indigenous-specific crisis line available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's toll-free and can be reached at 1-800-588-8717.

[The First Nations Health Authority](#) offers support specifically for survivors and families who have been directly impacted by the Indian Residential School system.

RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES (with help from the CASW) –

Canadian Association of Social Workers [message](#) honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and [Statement of Apology](#). Webinar: “Bridging Worlds: Navigating Settler-Indigenous Relations, Allyship, and the Road to Reconciliation and Decolonization”, Friday, September 29, 2023, 1:00 PM (Eastern Time), [Register](#).

[Indigenous Tourism BC](#) – a listing of events across the province.

[Discover the witness blanket](#). Inspired by a woven blanket, the Witness Blanket is a large-scale work of art. It contains hundreds of items reclaimed from residential schools, churches, government buildings and traditional and cultural structures from across Canada.

[Vancouver's North Shore](#) – Local events to commemorate National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

[Family Fun Canada](#) – a list of events in the Vancouver area

[Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre](#) - 9am to 11am Pancake breakfast, 11am to noon Friendship walk at 1607 E. Hastings Street, Vancouver, and Noon to 5pm Entertainers at Grandview Park, 1657 Charles St, Vancouver

[Canada Heritage](#) – a Canadian government website listing government actions, legislation, events, and funding relating to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

[National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) – NCTR has been hosting Lunch and Learns all week. Watch the recordings and register for upcoming events.

[Orange Shirt Society](#) - Commemorating the residential school experience, witnessing and honouring the healing journey of the survivors and their families.

[It's Our Time: The AFN Education Toolkit](#) – The Assembly of First Nations has released a comprehensive toolkit to help Canadians learn about residential schools and treaties and to share First Nations stories, traditions, and teachings.

[BC Government Statement](#) – statement, legislation, history, and more

[First Nations Child & Family Caring Society](#) – A great resource for children, check out Spirit Bear's newest film "Spirit Bear: Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams" online for free from September 23 to October 2, 2023.

[CASW's Reconciliation Hub](#) – a living list of CASW's statements, letters, and webinars, followed by provincial and national resources from other organizations.

[The Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre](#) at UBC addresses the colonial legacy of residential schools and other policies imposed by the Canadian government on Indigenous Peoples

[Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada 94 Calls to Action](#)

[Reclaiming Power and Place](#): The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls