

Health Canada
Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program

What is the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program?

The Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program provides mental health and emotional support services to former Indian Residential School students and their families before, during and after their participation in Settlement Agreement processes, including: Common Experience Payments, the Independent Assessment Process, Truth and Reconciliation Commission events and Commemoration activities. Resolution Health Support Services are safe, confidential, respectful, and non-judgmental.

Who is eligible?

- All former Indian Residential School students, regardless of the individual's status or place of residence within Canada, who attended an Indian Residential School listed in the 2006 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.
- In recognition of the intergenerational impacts that the Indian Residential Schools had on families, Resolution Health Support Program services are also available to family members of former Indian Residential Schools students. The family of former students is defined as spouse/partner, those raised by or raised in the household of a former Indian Residential School student, and any relation who has experienced effects of intergenerational trauma associated with a family member's time at an Indian Residential School.

What services are provided?

- **Emotional Support:** Services are provided by local Aboriginal organizations and are designed to help former students and their families safely address issues related to Indian Residential Schools as well as the disclosure of abuse during the Settlement Agreement process. An aboriginal mental health worker will listen, talk and guide former students and their family members through all phases of the Settlement Agreement process.
- **Cultural Support:** Cultural supports are provided by local Aboriginal organizations who coordinate the services of Elders and/or traditional healers. Cultural supports seek to assist students and their families to safely address issues related to Indian Residential Schools as well as the disclosure of abuse during the Settlement Agreement process. Specific services are determined by the needs of the individual and include dialogue, ceremonies, prayers, or traditional healing.
- **Professional Counselling:** Professional counsellors are psychologists and other mental health professionals that are registered with Health Canada and have experience working with Aboriginal people. A professional counsellor will listen, talk and assist former students to find ways of healing from Indian Residential School experiences.
- **Transportation:** Offered when professional counselling and cultural support services are not locally available.

How to access Resolution Health Support Services

- Call the Resolution Health Support Program Regional Coordinator in your province/territory (see reverse)

If you are in crisis, please call the 24-Hour National Crisis Line:

1-866-925-4419

***Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program Regional
Coordinator Contact Information***

Nova Scotia, PEI, New Brunswick

Newfoundland & Labrador

18th Floor, Maritime Centre

1505 Barrington Street

HALIFAX NS B3J 3Y6

Toll free: 1-866-414-8111

Quebec

2nd Floor, Guy-Favreau Complex
East Tower

200 West Rene Levesque Blvd.

MONTREAL QC H2Z 1X4

Toll free: 1-877-583-2965

Ontario

3rd Floor, Emerald Plaza

1547 Merivale Road

NEPEAN ON KIA OL3

Toll free: 1-888-301-6426

Manitoba

3rd Floor, 391 York Avenue

WINNIPEG MB R3C 4W1

Toll Free: 1-866-818-3505

Saskatchewan

18th Floor, 1920 Broad St.

REGINA SK S4P 3V2

Toll free: 1-866-250-1529

Alberta

Suite 730, Canada Place

9700 Jasper Avenue

EDMONTON, AB T5J 4C3

Toll free: 1-888-495-6588

British Columbia

5th Floor, Sinclair Centre

Federal Tower

757 Hastings Street West

VANCOUVER BC V6C 3E6

Toll Free: 1-877-477-0775

Yukon, Northwest Territories & Nunavut

Elijah Smith Building

Suite 100 -300 Main Street

WHITEHORSE, YT Y1A 2B5

Toll free: 1-800-464-8106

NWT/Nu - Residential School Mental Health Support Program

| Name | | Telephone |
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| Jodi Hayward Psychologist | Yellowknife | 867-873-6440 |
| Sarah A. Kelleher Psychologist | | 867-873-3600 |
| David Bruce Smith Psychologist | Yellowknife | 867-669-0621 |
| Nirrie Kistan Masters, Clinical Counselling | Inuvik | 867-678-2975 |
| Lynn Stirling Psychologist | Yellowknife | 867-873-2005 250-655-7377 |
| Romeo Beatch Psychologist (TBC) | Yellowknife | 867-445-9588 |
| Lloyd Robertson Psychologist | | 306-425-9872 |
| Patricia Smith Masters Social Work & RTC | | 819-243-2638 |
| Cindy M. Parsons Masters Social Work | | 709-643-8720 (Work) 709-649-0452 (Cell) |
| W. Bruce Handley Psychologist | | 403-343-7505 |
| Heather Fikowski Masters in Social Work | Yellowknife | 867-669-7141 |
| Terry Garchinsky Bachelor of Social Work | | 403-931-1096 |
| Raymond Pidzamecky Masters in Social Work | Yellowknife | 1-905-466-0444 |
| Patrick Young Masters of Clinical Psychology Masters of Social Work | Yellowknife | 867-445-9960 |
| Rita Chretien Bachelor of Social Work | | 204-250-5637 867-445-5188 |
| Al Bowerman Psychologist | Yellowknife | 867-920-4626 |
| Patricia McKeon Marital and Family Therapist | Yellowknife | 867-669-7051 |

Resolution Health Support Workers & Cultural Support Providers

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| Healing Drum Society | Yellowknife | 1-867-766-2007 |
| Inuvialuit Regional Corporation | Inuvik | 1-867-777-5230 |
| For more information on client eligibility and transportation support, contact: | | |
| IRS RHSP Client Services, Health Canada, Northern Region | Local: 393-6777 OR 393-6824 Toll-free: 1-800-464-8106 | |
| National IRS Crisis Line | | |
| A Crisis Line is available to provide immediate emotional assistance and can be reached 24-hours a day, seven days a week: 1-866-925-4419 | | |