

Statement from Our Kids Network on the Mohawk Residential School

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Our Kids Network is situated on the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat peoples.

Our Kids Network empathizes with the incredible grief and heartbreak of the families and communities, following the recent announcement confirming the deaths of 97 children at the former Mohawk Institute Residential School (Mohawk Institute) in Brantford, Ontario. This information came through a collaboration with Know History, a professional historical research firm who indicated the 97 children died from illness or injury. We honour the lives of these 97 children and those children who survived.

As a network of caring professionals who work with children and families every day, we believe passionately that every single child matters, and has the right to thrive. Canada's Residential School system was purposely designed to remove and isolate children from their loving families, traditions, and cultures to assimilate them into the dominant culture. This horrific discovery exposes Canada's long history of the inhuman and violent treatment of Indigenous families and children, and this continues today.

We all must take responsibility for the care and wellbeing of all of Canada's children. September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and Our Kids Network calls upon you to face the Truth about the Indian Residential School system so that you can take meaningful action towards Reconciliation.

"Reconciliation begins with oneself and then extends into our families, relationships, workplaces and eventually into our communities." [Reconciliation Canada](#)

If you are a Survivor and need emotional support, a national crisis line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week: Residential School Survivor Support Line: [1-866-925-4419](tel:1-866-925-4419)

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