



The people of Bruce Grey Child and Family Services join the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation to grieve for and mourn the loss of 215 innocent children at Kamloops Residential School. We are reminded of the thousands of children and youth who did not return home from residential schools and whose families and communities were lost to them. We can only imagine the pain and sadness of all families today as they remember their lost children, grandchildren and siblings. We stand in solidarity with the request of the Nations to identify these children and return them to their rightful place with their family in their nation.

We know that this news will spark grief and anger and renewed trauma for many Indigenous people. We recognized the continuing legacy of intergenerational trauma and we are mindful of the enormous and ongoing harm that families suffered through this experience.

We accept responsibility for the role that child welfare services played in these practices which we now recognize as cultural genocide. We remain committed to reconciliation and know that our sincerity will be measured by our actions and support for Indigenous communities and Indigenous families. We resolve to do better and hold ourselves accountable to the Indigenous people we serve and the Nations of Saugeen and Chippewas of Nawash and the Metis Nation of Ontario.

We remind everyone that help can be found at:

1-866-925-4419

The Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line is available 24-hours a day for anyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of his or her Residential school experience.

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