



In July, the federal government established **September 30th** as a new statutory holiday to recognize the legacy of Indigenous children who were forced into residential schools and the impacts of cultural genocide of Indigenous peoples. As you may know, the province of Ontario has made the decision to not recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day as a new statutory holiday. Given the horrific history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the more recent uncovering of the thousands of bodies of Indigenous children found in Canadian Residential Schools, this announcement is disheartening. Truth and Reconciliation Day is the 80th call to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and the decision not to acknowledge this day of commemoration is yet another reminder of how Indigenous communities continue to be ignored.

We at CTYS should be on a continuous journey of learning about the impacts of colonization and racism and how it shows up in our society, in the work we engage in and in the lives of our young people. We encourage everyone to find ways to engage in meaningful acknowledgement of this day. Read the TRC, gain an understanding of the historical and ongoing trauma and genocide of Indigenous nations in Canada and listen to and support the survivors of the Residential School system. Below is a list of some educational resources to support our learning.

The Indigenous Cultural Safety Collaborative (ICS) has put together a national webinar series that provides an opportunity to share knowledge, experiences, and perspectives in support of collective efforts to strengthen Indigenous cultural safety across sectors. There are 15 webinars attached to this link, each approximately 1hr in length.

www.icscollaborative.com

Five minute video of Cree author Michelle Good speaking on the importance of The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day

www.facebook.com/cbcnews/videos/150027247331430/?extid=NS-UNK-UNK-UNK-IOS_GK0T-GK1C

YouTube Video:

Potential Trigger Warning: Lost Souls is the song of "silenced children". It highlights the grim reality of what was experienced by the survivors of the Residential School system, and the victim families who have been silenced for generations.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9gOBtGfvaE

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- This link provides access to the following reports:
- Honouring the Truth, Reconciling the Future
- What We Have Learned
- The Survivors Speak
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

nctr.ca/records/reports/#trc-reports

