

Our Commitments to Truth and Reconciliation

Children's Aid Societies across Ontario have committed to:

- Reduce the number of Indigenous children in care.
- Reduce the number of legal files involving Indigenous children and families.
- Increase the use of formal customary care agreements.
- Increase Indigenous representation and involvement at the local Board of Directors.
- Have mandatory, regular Indigenous training for staff.
- Include Jordan's Principles in service and interagency protocols.
- Consult with Indigenous communities to develop a plan to address the needs of children and families.
- Develop relationships between their agency and local Indigenous communities.
- Help people who want to see their historical files by providing the information requested.

We recognize the First Peoples' continued stewardship of the land and water, and that this territory was subject to the Dish with One Spoon Wampum, under which multiple nations agreed to care for the land and resources located by the Great Lakes. We acknowledge and recognize the Upper Canada Treaties signed regarding this land, Treaty #29 (The Huron Tract) and Treaty 45.5 (The Saugeen Tract), and our roles as treaty people, committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation, gratitude, and respect with all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people.

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RESILIENT ADULTS.**

*To advocate for and protect children's rights;
to support and strengthen families;
and to be leaders for positive change
in our community.*

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Huron-Perth
Children's Aid Society

**Are you First Nations,
Métis or Inuit?**

Your Rights are Important



The Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society acknowledges the territory on which it operates as the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Neutral (Attawandaron) peoples.

Laws & Rights



Several laws protect your rights when you are involved with child welfare:

Child, Youth and Family Services Act:

www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c14

An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families,

S.C. 2019, c. 24:

<https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/F-11.73/index.html>

The Ontario Human Rights Code:

www.ohrc.on.ca/en/ontario-human-rights-code

Charter of Rights and Freedoms:

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/const/page-15.html>

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP):

www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html

Indigenous Support Resources

Aboriginal Health Access Centres:

Aboriginal community-led primary health care

soahac.on.ca

<https://www.aohc.org/find-a-centre>

Friendship Centres:

Off-reserve/urban Indigenous service delivery

<http://www.ofifc.org/>

Jordan's Principle:

Principle and funding for First Nations children

<https://fncaringsociety.com/jordans-principle-canada.ca/jordans-principle>

Métis Nation of Ontario:

Programs/services for MNO citizens

metisnation.org

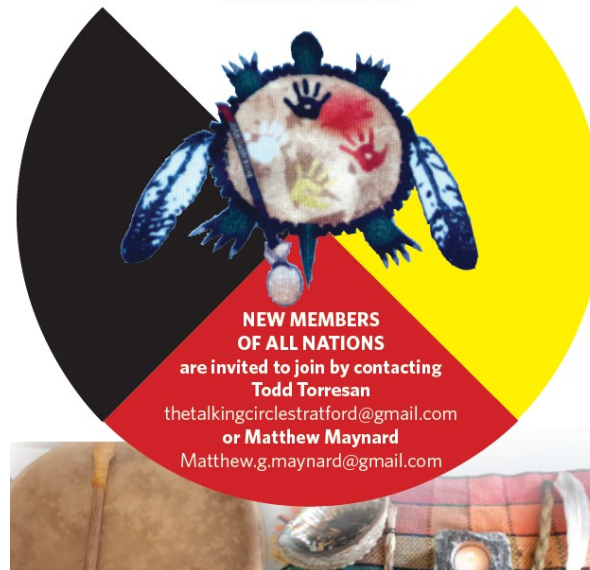
Tungasuvvingat Inuit:

Inuit-specific urban services provider

tiontario.ca

THE TALKING CIRCLE

Traditional Native Ceremonies, Teachings, Storytelling,
and Native Traditional Crafts



Original Dispute Resolution (ODR)



- Indigenous families can take part in ODR Circles instead of going to court.
- ODR can be used by anyone identifying as Indigenous, First Nation, Métis, or Inuit.
- More information about ODR and process:

<http://adr-link.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/ODR-INFO-w-letterhead.pdf>

Advantages of ODR:

- Everyone “has their say” and is listened to with respect.
- It may speed up the planning process so children aren’t left “in limbo” for so long.
- It may improve the relationship between CAS workers and the families, so they can focus more effectively on the needs of the children.
- The final plan is culturally appropriate and involves the entire family and community.
- People are more likely to follow through with a plan they had a role in creating.