



Residential Schools Information & Resources

With thanks to Michaela Kills Enemy - EarlyON Coordinator of Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre's Tshikeksa' EarlyON Centre - for sharing the following information and resources

For Adults and Educators

Following are links to documentaries about Canada's Residential School systems featuring survivors:

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre created a 4-part docu-series "**Indigenous Perspectives**" that can be found in the Digital Library on their website – [click here](#)
Or on their Youtube channel – [click here](#)

Also on their You Tube channel is the video titled "**We're Still Here 150 years plus**" – [click here](#) to view

Additional Documentaries

"**Muffins For Granny**" (88m) *DVD purchase* - [click here](#) to view on the Strong Nations website

"**We Were Children**" (1h28m) *available on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, or DVD purchase*

[Click here](#) to view it's availability on the National Film Board of Canada's site

The National Film Board of Canada also offers a selection of films by Indigenous filmmakers and allies about the tragic impact of residential schools in Canada, many are short films that are free of charge – [click here](#) to view

Inendi

A CBC Short Docs movie titled "Inendi" by filmmaker Sarain Fox – "My Auntie survived residential school. I need to gather her stories before she's gone" [Click here](#) to view

RESOURCE LIST

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS:

- **Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line:** 1-866-925-4419
- **Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program:**
Use link provided in social media post
- **Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society:** 1-800-721-0066

MMIWG2S SURVIVORS:

- **National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Toll-free Support Phone Line:** 1-844-413-6649
- **Family Survivors Circle:** *Use link provided in social media post*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- **Hope for Wellness Help Line:** 1-855-242-3310 (phone)
- **Talk4Healing Line (Ontario):** 1-855-554-HEAL (4325)
- **Kids Help Phone:** 1-800-668-6868



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This info-graphic was created by the National Association of Friendship Centres and includes resources for people who have been impacted by the effects of Residential Schools. For more information, visit their website by [clicking here](#)

Additional supports can be found on these websites:

Indian Residential Schools Resolution program – [click here](#)

National Family & Survivors Circle – [click here](#)

For Children

There are many books that can help to begin and continue the discussion in a way that is age appropriate for the children in your life. Visit the links below to learn more:

Strong Nations Publishing has a wide selection of books for children on their website – [click here](#) to explore their offerings

There are many great, relevant books being read aloud on YouTube:

[“When We Were Alone”](#)

[“Stolen Words”](#)

[“When I Was Eight”](#)

[“The Orange Shirt Story”](#)

[“Phyllis’ Orange Shirt”](#)

Indigenous Storybooks offers free children’s stories read aloud in a number of Indigenous languages or French or English. You can scroll through the book pages, choose to have it read aloud and at the conclusion can download the pdf. The site does not specifically address residential schools but does offer insight into Indigenous culture – [click here](#) to begin listening

Blanket Exercise

Approximately two years ago, Michaela and Karl Dockstader led EarlyON staff in a very impactful professional development afternoon called the Blanket Exercise. This site provides instructions for a similar activity and includes links to an Education Guide, informative videos, recommended books and resources. [Click here](#) to explore the site. Please note that the flipgrid instructions are not active.

Residential School Locations

Did you live near a residential school? [Click here](#) to visit the CBC created site and enter your birth year and address to discover how close you are to a residential school. Be sure to also listen to the Survivor Stories at the bottom on the page.

Treaty Education

Anishinabek Nation has created an interactive website that provides educational information and resources about treaties. [Click here](#) to learn more

It’s Our Time Education Toolkit

Learn about the history of the residential school system, and its impacts on Indigenous people. The site includes free downloads of books, teaching resources and more – [click here](#) to visit the site.

Project of Heart Ontario

Project of Heart is an inquiry based, hands-on, collaborative, inter-generational, artistic journey of seeking truth about the history of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people in Canada. The site includes information for educators, families and individuals – [click here](#) to visit Project of Heart Ontario.

Where Are The Children?

This site is a counterpart to “Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools”, a touring exhibition that explores the history and legacy of Canada’s Residential School System through Survivor stories, archival photographs, and documents, curated by Iroquois artist Jeff Thomas. [Click here](#) to visit the site

Show Your Support

To continue to spread awareness, it is encouraged that if you purchase an Orange Shirt, to please be mindful of the organization you are purchasing it from. Below are two organizations that are respectful and reputable, and are both donating proceeds of sales to Indigenous communities / organizations.

[Orange Shirt Day](#)

[Native Northwest](#)

If you have any questions, would like to talk to a local resource or book a professional learning opportunity, please do not hesitate to reach out:

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Fort Erie, ON - 905-871-8931

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[Niagara Regional Native Centre](#)

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