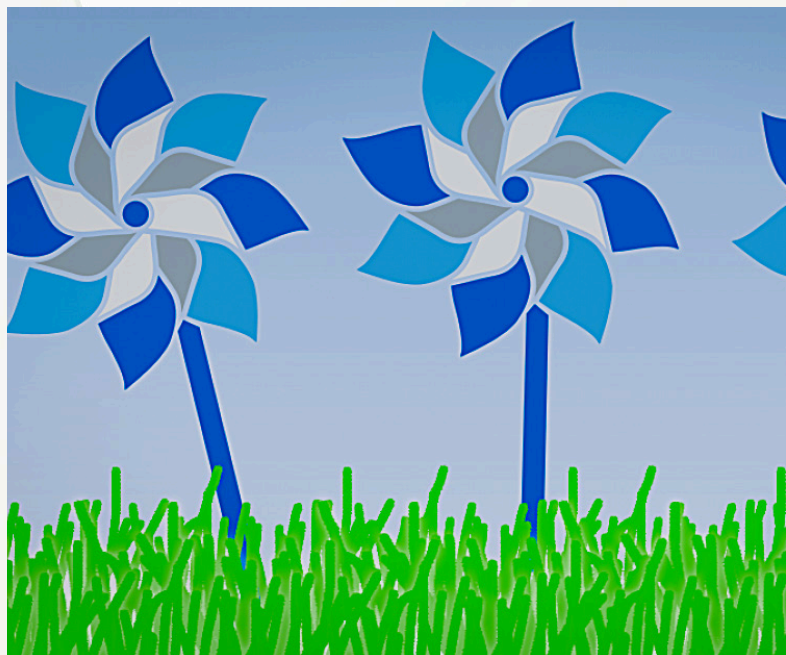




Newsletter



Child Abuse Prevention Month

October marks Child Abuse Prevention Month in Canada, a vital time to reflect on our collective responsibility to nurture and protect the most vulnerable among us, our children. For Indigenous families and communities, this observance holds even deeper significance, reminding us of the intergenerational impacts of systemic harms and the urgent need for culturally rooted healing and prevention.

Join us on October 24 for Wear Blue Day, a nationwide call to stand in solidarity with children and youth impacted by abuse

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A message from Executive Director

As we mark Child Abuse Prevention Month, we honor October 4th as the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit+ People (MMIWG2S). This day is a powerful call to action to remember those lost, support survivors, and address the systemic violence disproportionately affecting Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit individuals. For Mnaasged, this observance underscores the urgent need to protect vulnerable youth and families, as the crisis of MMIWG2S directly impacts community well-being and safety.

Thank you,

Melissa Patriguin

Importation Dates

October 4th - National Day of Action for (MMIWG2S) People

October 24th - Wear Blue Day

Member Nations

Mnaasged is proud to have partnership
with our communities
"Working together, we can move forward"



National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit+ (MMIWG2S) People - October, 4th

Indigenous women and girls face violence at **rates up to 3 times higher** than non-Indigenous women, with many cases unresolved due to systemic gaps in justice and support systems.

Two-Spirit individuals also face heightened risks, often overlooked in mainstream narratives. For child welfare agencies, this day highlights the intersection of family violence, child protection, and cultural reconnection as critical pathways to healing.

Together, we stand for justice and healing, ensuring no one is forgotten.



Resources

"MMIWG 2SLGBTQQIA+ National Action Plan - Urban Path to Reclaiming Power and Place Regardless of Residency"

https://mmiwg2splus-nationalactionplan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/NAP-Urban-Framework_EN.pdf

Wear red and hang a red dress from a tree or window.

Learn more about Jamie Black's REDress Project here:
<https://www.jaimeblackartist.com/exhibitions/>

Amplify messaging surrounding today. Use the following hashtags to find posts about the importance of today and share them on your social media accounts

#MMIWG2S #MMIGAActionNow
#Sisterinspirit

Canadian Human Rights Tribunal issued 2025 CHRT 80 - Update

In the lead up to Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the federal government marked the occasion by taking First Nations children back to court contrary to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Caring Society strongly condemns Canada's September 19, 2025 judicial review challenging the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's (Tribunal) recent ruling, 2025 CHRT 80.



First Nations Child & Family Caring Society

2025 CHRT 80 Update

<https://tinyurl.com/CHRT80Update>

Broader Context

History of the Complaint: The 2007 human rights complaint, filed with the CHRT, highlighted chronic underfunding of First Nations child and family services on reserves, leading to disparities in care compared to non-Indigenous children. The Tribunal's 2016 ruling confirmed this discrimination, followed by multiple non-compliance orders against Canada for failing to act on remedies, including Jordan's Principle.

Jordan's Principle: This principle, named after Jordan River Anderson, ensures First Nations children receive timely access to health, social, and educational services without jurisdictional disputes. Canada's incomplete implementation has been a key point of contention.

Financial Cost: The statement notes Canada has spent millions in legal battles, consistently losing to the Caring Society and Assembly of First Nations. These resources could have been redirected to child welfare reforms.

TRC Calls to Action: The TRC's Calls 1–3 specifically address child welfare, calling for equitable funding, culturally appropriate services, and full implementation of Jordan's Principle. The Caring Society argues Canada's actions undermine these commitments.

Additional Questions?

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