



BC Association for Child Development and Intervention - Statement of Reconciliation

Background

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was created by the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. Over six years the Commission traveled the country and heard from Aboriginal people the impact Residential schools had on their lives and their communities. The Commission culminated its efforts with a report outlining 94 calls to action. This document outlines the commitments of the BC Association for Child Development and Intervention (BCACDI) to working towards reconciliation.

Acknowledgement

BCACDI recognizes that Residential Schools and other acts of colonization have resulted in broad inequities for Indigenous people in Canada, and that these inequities create significant and unique barriers for Indigenous children and families trying to access child development and therapy services. As a Provincial Association advocating for quality child development and therapy services which are inclusive and accessible to all children and families, BCACDI acknowledges it has a responsibility to work towards reconciliation with the Indigenous community.

BCACDI commitments

As an Association

- Make land acknowledgements at BCACDI member meetings and hosted events
- Incorporate work with a focus on reconciliation into the Association strategic plan
- Endorse Jordan's Principle and educate stakeholders in our sector and advocate for equal access to services for Indigenous children and youth
- Continue to build relationships with other organizations and associations with a focus on Indigenous populations, and harness these relationships to assist the Association and Member Agencies in working towards reconciliation
- Develop a process to facilitate the membership of Indigenous organizations in BCACDI

Supports for our Member Agencies

- Provide/facilitate continuing education opportunities that focus on cultural safety and reconciliation

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- Share resources within the Member's Intranet with a focus on reconciliation (e.g. – other agencies statements of reconciliations and reconciliation plans)

References

http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

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