

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30th, Canada observes National Day for Truth and Reconciliation or 'Orange Shirt Day' to honour Survivors of residential school, the communities that still carry the lasting impacts of this history and remember the children who never returned home. Every Child Matters.

To learn more and take part in open, respectful dialogue, please visit the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

BCSS acknowledges that reconciliation is an ongoing journey and a shared responsibility – it involves reflection, learning, and action. BCSS is committed to supporting Indigenous peoples – First Nations, Inuit, Métis as well as Urban and Away from Home Indigenous peoples – and their families.

If you or someone you know is experiencing distress or requires immediate emotional support, the following crisis and support services are available:

- Lamathut Crisis Line is a First Nations-led and culturally grounded service operated by the Indian Residential School Survivors Society providing confidential support 24/7:
1-800-721-0066
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Residential School Survivor Support Line is available 24/7: **1-866-925-4419**
- KUU-US Crisis Line offers support to individuals in the Port Alberni area and Indigenous communities across British Columbia and is available 24/7:
 - » Adults/Elders (250-723-4050)
 - » Child/Youth (250-723-2040)
 - » Toll free (1-800-588-8717)
 - » Métis Line (1-833-638-4722)
 - » Chat and text support available 7 days a week, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 am.
(778-601-8009)
 - » Kids Help Phone : 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868