

# Honouring the Children

Survivors can help recover and honour children who died at the Mohawk Institute by providing a statement to police

## What is the Survivors' Secretariat

The Survivors' Secretariat was established by a group of Survivors in 2021 to organize and support efforts to uncover, document and share the truth about what happened at the Mohawk Institute. Part of the Secretariat's mandate is to oversee the Police Task Force by implementing policies and procedures and appointing Indigenous human rights and cultural monitors. The Survivors' Secretariat works closely with the Woodland Cultural Centre and the Save The Evidence Campaign.

## What is the Police Task Force

The Police Task Force was created in 2021 to investigate the deaths of children who died while attending the Mohawk Institute during its 136 years of operation. The people on the Task Force have been asked to:

- Find and recover the children who died at the Mohawk Institute;
- Identify each child who is buried there;
- Determine why each child died; and
- Assess whether any criminal charges should be laid in relation to the deaths.



## Who Are the Task Force Members?

The investigation is led by Six Nations Police, Brantford Police and the OPP. They work closely with the Office of the Chief Coroner and other experts. The work of the Task Force is directly overseen by cultural monitors and Indigenous Human Rights Monitor Dr. Beverly Jacobs, who will ensure that integrity, fairness, transparency and accountability are upheld throughout the Task Force's investigation.



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## What Information is the Police Task Force Looking For?

The Police Task Force is investigating the deaths of children who died while attending the Mohawk Institute, where they are buried and their cause of death. Your statement can assist the Task Force in this work. **If you have information to share, you can contact us at 1-888-597-1062 and leave a voice message. We will get back to you within 24-hours.**

## Other Ways to Share Your Statement

If you do not feel comfortable sharing information with the Police Task Force, your statement still has great value.

- The **Survivors' Secretariat** is creating opportunities for Survivors and intergenerational Survivors to share their statements to inform the truth in a culturally safe and trauma-informed way.
- The **Woodland Cultural Centre** is gathering Survivor statements for their Education Enhancement Project.
- The **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** is collecting Survivor statements for the historical record.

If you require immediate support, please contact **Hope for Wellness Help Line** at **1-855-242-3310** to access toll-free, 24/7 counselling and crisis intervention. Hope for Wellness Help Line offers immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. Experienced Helpline counsellors, many are Indigenous, can help if asked to find wellness supports that are available in your area.

**The Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line** (**1-866-925-4419**) is available 24 hours a day for anyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of their residential school experience.

**The Indigenous Victim Services at Six Nations Line** (**1-866-964-5920**). After hours & weekends: **1-866-445-2204**. Available to people living in Brantford, Hamilton or the Six Nations community.

# Death Investigation

