

# About Us

## VISION

We envision a future where all survivors of the IBHP and their descendants experience healing, empowerment, and cultural revitalization. Through support, advocacy, education, and commemoration, we strive to foster wellness and ensure that the stories, traditions, and resilience of Indigenous communities are preserved for future generations.

## MISSION

To provide resources and initiatives that address the historical and ongoing impacts of the Indian Boarding Homes Program (IBHP), ensuring survivors and their descendants receive the care, recognition, and community support they deserve.



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Grant programs
- Access to therapists
- Access to counsellors
- Consultation
- Reconnection
- Regional gatherings
- Cultural gatherings
- Commemoration
- Education
- Research
- Pow Wow specials
- Kenneth Weistche Memorial Scholarship

# Get In Touch

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# Hitgwin! Qaumata Miyopimâtisiwin Foundation

*Stand Up/Rise, Shine,  
Live a Good Life*



**Supporting Indian Boarding  
Homes Program Survivors in  
their recovery and well-being**



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## BACKGROUND

- The Government of Canada created the Indian Boarding Homes Program (IBHP).
- Children from First Nations, Métis and Inuit villages in communities were placed in private homes for the purpose of attending school.
- Although most were placed to attend high school, children as young as six years old were placed in Boarding Homes.

## CONNECTION TO THE INDIAN BOARDING HOMES PROGRAM CLASS ACTION

- The settlement is in response to two legal actions - Superior Court of Quebec & Federal Court cases. (Percival v Canada, 2024 FC 824)
- Legal action filed on behalf of Indigenous children who suffered abuse, harassment, loss of language, community and culture as a result of their removal.
- Through litigation, plaintiffs sought compensation, recognition, and justice for their experiences and the harms suffered.

## BY THE NUMBERS



an estimated 40,000  
children were placed



\$50M Fund



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## THE FOUNDATION

- The Hitgwin! Qaumata Miyopimâsisiwin Foundation (HQMF) is a new and independent national foundation established through the Indian Boarding Homes Program (IBHP) Class Action (Percival v Canada, 2024 FC 824)
- Canada committed \$50M dedicated to healing, truth, and cultural preservation.
- Independent of government, the HQMF serves all Survivors (and their descendants) of IBHP.
- Inclusive of Inuit, First Nations, Métis, status and non-status—in every region of Canada and beyond.
- Our Survivor-led board of directors was appointed in 2024, with the mandate to make the foundation a reality.
- We envision a future where IBHP Survivors are supported and nurtured and become a community filled with healing and wellness.
- We envision a world that has deeper knowledge and empathy for IBHP Survivors' experiences and histories.

