



Statement on the Emergency Meeting on Indigenous Child Welfare

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Youth in Care Canada voices their support for the emergency meeting on Indigenous child welfare that took place in Ottawa last week. For far too long, discrepancies, inequities, and cultural genocide in Indigenous child welfare have been denounced by Indigenous organizations and communities, non-governmental organizations, academics, and the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal without receiving concrete commitment and action from the Government of Canada. It is encouraging to now see the Government of Canada positively address this “humanitarian crisis” and we will be watching and holding the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Governments accountable to their commitment to follow through with meaningful actions, including boosting funding and signing onto the Federal Government’s six-point action plan. Indigenous youth in and from care are human beings with human rights and have the right to loving, equitable, and supportive care that provides access to their cultures and communities.

Youth in Care Canada is a national, charitable organization driven by youth and alumni from child welfare authorities across Canada. YICC exists to voice the opinions and concerns of youth in and from care.

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