

# WHAT IS THE SAFE COUNCIL?

THE SURVIVORS AND FAMILY  
EMPOWERMENT (SAFE) COUNCIL IS  
AN ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED  
OF FORMER STUDENTS OF RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOLS FROM NAN TERRITORY.

They are a survivor led initiative that promotes the inclusion of survivors' and families' voices and provides direction for the vision of how the work needs to be approached by utilizing their knowledge, lived experience, and expertise as survivors of the Indian Residential Schools.



**"YOUR VOICE IS  
YOUR POWER."**

- Evelyn Korkmaz, SAFE Council

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### ACCESSING SUPPORT:

**The National Indian Residential School Crisis Line** provides 24-hour crisis support toll-free at 1-866-925-4419.

**NAN Hope** provides 24/7 toll-free telephone line at 1-844-NAN-HOPE (626-4673), live web-chat and text support through the website at [nanhope.ca](http://nanhope.ca) or Facebook Messenger.

# RECLAMATION & HEALING DEPARTMENT

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**"I DON'T LIKE CALLING MYSELF A SURVIVOR. IT SETS LIMITS ON MYSELF THAT I HAVE THIS BURDEN TO CARRY – MAKE MYSELF A VICTIM. I AM NEITHER. I WAS GIVEN A LIFE. I WAS GIVEN EVERYTHING TO LIVE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE LIFE I WAS GIVEN. THE ONLY PERSON THAT CAN TAKE THAT AWAY IS ME."**

- Sam Achneepineskum, SAFE Council

## WHO ARE WE?

Mandated by NAN Chiefs-In-Assembly to provide support and capacity to survivors, their families, and communities within the NAN territory in response to Indian Residential Schools and Day Schools. The Reclamation and Healing department looks to address the lasting impacts and legacy in a way that fosters healing and a way forward, while advancing initiatives that support reclamation and reconciliation.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

### Technical Support

- Assisting communities and initiatives on searches of former IRS sites

### Health Support/Cultural Support

- Help survivors access and navigate services

### Education & Awareness

- Raising awareness and increasing education regarding the truth of residential schools in Canada

## WHAT IS THE RECLAMATION & HEALING STRATEGY?

The NAN Reclamation & Healing Strategy was co-created by the SAFE Council to help guide the work. It utilizes a 6 pillared approach:



## FORMER SITES IN NAN TERRITORY

Community members from across NAN Territory attended institutions around the country.

**THERE ARE 7 FORMER SITES WITHIN NAN TERRITORY.**

**THEY ARE:**

- Bishop Horden Hall (Moose Factory IRS)
- Chapleau (St. John's IRS)
- Cristal Lake High School
- Pelican Lake IRS (Pelican Falls IRS)
- Poplar Hill IRS
- St. Anne's IRS (Fort Albany IRS)
- Stirland Lake High School (Wahbon Bay Academy)

