

# ONTARIO REGION UPDATE

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### OneHealth Portal Update

Ontario Region Communications has updated our OneHealth Portal page to be more user-friendly. The portal can be found here: [www.onehealth.ca/on/Home/Ontario](http://www.onehealth.ca/on/Home/Ontario).

Our goal is to provide a one-stop collection of communications resources. Key changes to the page include:

- New title format for products, including the year of publication for each resource
- Navigation tabs at the top of each page
- Updated resource lists, including new types of resources

If there are additional resources that you would like to see on the portal, please email [ontario-communications@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:ontario-communications@sac-isc.gc.ca). We welcome any feedback to improve the page so it can be as useful as possible.



## Reminder: 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline Launches with Funding Opportunity

On November 30, 2023, [9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline](#) launches across Canada. The 9-8-8 service will offer free, confidential access to 24/7/365 trauma-informed and culturally appropriate suicide prevention services. Users can call or text 9-8-8 to connect to trained crisis responders who will listen and provide compassionate support. The Hope for Wellness Helpline will also be accessible through the 9-8-8 Network and can provide services in Cree, Ojibway (Anishinaabemowin) and Inuktitut upon request.

The 9-8-8 helpline does not replace 9-1-1 and other emergency health services in your area. Additionally, grant funding is available to organizations help improve the upcoming helpline service. Please visit the [grant information webpage](#) for details.



### Help is Here Whenever You Need It

Support is available 24/7 for all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. Please find a list of mental health helplines below, able to provide culturally relevant support. To find more services and resources, [click here to go to the Indigenous mental health page](#).

#### Hope for Wellness Helpline

Phone: 1-855-242-3310

Online chat: [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

#### Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Support Line

Phone: 1-844-413-6649

#### Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line

Phone: 1-866-925-4419

#### Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services

Phone: 9-8-8 (call or text)



## Call for Proposals: 2023 Canada Service Corps

The Canada Service Corps program is accepting proposals from eligible organizations until December 19, 2023. [The Canada Service Corps program](#) provides funding to support the social, economic and environmental well-being of communities across Canada. Canada Service Corps helps youth – especially under-served youth – learn meaningful skills while taking part in unique volunteer opportunities related to causes they care about.

Funding agreements for successful applicants are expected to begin as early as August 2024, with funding to follow. For more information on funding streams, as well as eligibility and how to apply, please visit the [full news release](#).



## Update on the *First Nations Child and Family Services, Jordan's Principle and Trout Class Settlement Agreement*

In April 2023, a final settlement agreement on compensation was reached. On July 26, 2023, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal confirmed that the final settlement agreement fully meets the Tribunal's 2019 orders on compensation. The Federal Court of Canada approved it on October 24, 2023.

Called the *First Nations Child and Family Services, Jordan's Principle and Trout Class Settlement Agreement*, this First Nations-led agreement includes a total of \$23.34 billion to compensate First Nations children and families who were harmed by discriminatory underfunding of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) program and those impacted by the federal government's narrow definition of Jordan's Principle.

Deloitte has been appointed by the Federal Court as the third party administrator responsible for the implementation of the final settlement. Visit their website for additional information: [www.fnchildclaims.ca](http://www.fnchildclaims.ca).

## Indigenous Business Navigator



The [Indigenous Business Navigator](#) (IBN) is a service to connect with programs and services across different Canadian departments. Whether you are looking to access funding for help with community development planning, the navigator can find information and support that best fits your needs. To use IBN, email [navigator@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:navigator@sac-isc.gc.ca). For more information about how to use the service, please visit the [IBN webpage](#).



## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

The annual [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence](#) is underway, running from November 25 to December 10, 2023. The international campaign aims to call out and speak up on gender-based violence, and to renew commitments to ending violence against women, girls, Two Spirit individuals, and gender diverse people.

The following resources are available to support Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, and to assist you in educating your community on gender-based violence:

- [“It’s Not Just” campaign](#) to increase youth awareness of all forms of gender-based violence
- [Federal database](#) of programs and initiatives to support Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people
- Sign up to receive information about the [2024 Moose Hide Campaign](#)
- [List of regional helplines](#) for Ontario residents
- [Online directory of support services](#) for those affected by gender-based violence
- [Talk4Healing Helpline](#)



## 2023 Joint Gathering – Full Report to Come

We were delighted to connect in person with so many of you at this year's Joint Gathering on November 15 and 16. It was a tremendous opportunity to reflect on the work that remains to secure the best future possible for generations to come.

We are taking time to reflect on the deeply personal and impactful messages you shared with us. A full report out of what we heard and how we will take action will be shared in the coming weeks.

If you would like to revisit any of the presentations, you can find the live stream recordings on Southern First Nations Secretariat's [YouTube channel](#) and slides are available on their [website](#). You can also find recordings of the concurrent sessions that took place outside of the main ballroom. Visit [www.sfns.on.ca/jointgathering2023](http://www.sfns.on.ca/jointgathering2023) for access.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in person and virtually. We sincerely appreciate you travelling to be with us and we look forward to seeing you soon in your communities.

