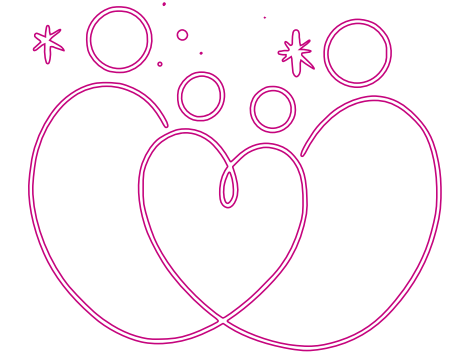


ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNICATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO THE FAMILIES OF INDIGENOUS CHILDREN WHO WENT MISSING OR DIED AFTER BEING ADMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION

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THE ACT IN BRIEF

- Enacted on June 3, 2021, in response to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- A quest of families for truth, healing and reconciliation.**
- Provides families with access to certain information held by institutions, public bodies, and religious congregations to help them shed light on the circumstances surrounding the disappearance or death of a child admitted to an institution before December 31, 1992.
- Takes into account the linguistic and cultural specificities of families, as well as their psychological and spiritual needs.
- Without this Act, the medical records of **fewer than 12.7% of the children** sought by the Direction de soutien aux familles would have been accessible to their families.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- Direction de soutien aux familles** (Secrétariat aux relations avec les Premières Nations et les Inuit): Ensures the enforcement of the Act and provides support to families conducting their searches.
- Awacak – Petits êtres de lumière:** Consisting of families affected by the death or disappearance of a child, provides emotional support to families.
- Monitoring Committee on the carrying out of the Act:** Comprised of Indigenous organizations and observer members that have made 13 recommendations between 2022 and 2025.
- Ministries and Agencies.**
- Members of the **Health and Social Services Support Network** and **institutions** contributing on a daily basis to the families' search for truth.

ACHIEVEMENTS

THE ACT SINCE 2021

- 129** applicants searched for **221** children.
- 470** requests for medical records.
- 277** requests for certificates sent to the Directeur de l'état civil and **186** requests for death registrations sent to the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux.
- 334** requests sent to parishes or cemeteries and **102** requests sent to religious congregations.

THE ACT IN 2025–2026

- 12 visits** to families to deliver findings or to hold ceremonies, numerous follow-up meetings via videoconference and about ten visits for archive consultations.
- 24 meetings** with physicians who are members of the Health and Social Services Support Network.
- A **fourth exhumation** carried out thanks to the collaboration of the Bureau du coroner and the Laboratoire de sciences judiciaires et de médecine légale.
- Several memorial ceremonies** organized to **honour the memory** of the children.
- A **second agreement** with the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec and the continued development of numerous partnerships.
- An overview, in the annual report, of the leading causes of death among children, their medical histories and their places of burial.

