



7th Generation Image Makers

RECORDS, RECONCILIATION, & YOUR RIGHTS

For contact information for Ontario CASs, visit

www.oacas.org/locate

There is risk that disclosure of records could trigger traumatic memories. We encourage you to access personal and community-based supports.

If you are in crisis or would like counselling, please call the toll-free Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca.

Indigenous Community Resources

> Aboriginal Health Access Centre

<https://www.aohc.org/find-a-centre>

> Friendship Centres

<http://www.ofifc.org/>

> Programs for Indigenous women and their families

<http://www.onwa.ca/programs>

You may also wish to access general information on health and community services:

<https://211ontario.ca/>

<http://thehealthline.ca/>

What are child welfare records?

CASs keep file records about the children and families they have worked with. Depending on the work, there may be several records that deal with you and your family. There maybe an adoption record as well if you were adopted.

I lived in many different areas. How do I get records?

Contact a CAS from one of the areas you have lived. That CAS will work with CASs across Ontario to produce one package containing the records.

My loved one is deceased. How do I get records?

Contact a CAS where your loved one lived, and that CAS will speak with you about your circumstances and process your application.

Do I have to come to your office?

You can choose how you would like to receive your disclosure package, whether in person or by other methods. If you choose to meet in person, the CAS will ask you where you would feel most comfortable receiving services and make arrangements. You are welcome to bring a support person along to any meetings.

What will I get?

You will receive your personal information in the form of copies of original documentation.

Why is some information on the records blacked out?

If the records contain private information about someone else, and the CAS does not have permission to release it to you, the CAS must remove their information by law. If you were adopted, privacy rules also apply. If anything has been blacked out or taken out of the records, the CAS will explain what was altered and why. You have a right to have your questions answered.

What if I don't think the records are correct?

If there are any concerns with the records, please discuss your concerns with the CAS and request it be corrected. The CAS is responsible to ensure that personal information is complete and accurate.

What records do I need for the Sixties Scoop Settlement?

Child welfare records are **not** required, but you have the right to obtain them. If you would prefer not to receive records, you can request a summary to attach to your settlement application. Contact a CAS where you lived to discuss your preference. Read about the claim at:

<https://www.sixtiesscoopsettlement.info/>.

Our commitments for Indigenous Records Disclosure Services:

**Accessibility | Accountability
Self-Determination | Support
Cultural Sensitivity**