

BC Association of Family Resource Programs Statement of Reconciliation- Backgrounder

- In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released their Calls to Action Report. This report expresses 94 Calls to Action towards redressing the legacy of residential schools and to advance the process of Canadian Reconciliation.
- A Statement of Reconciliation is a document stating what steps an organization is taking towards acknowledging and reconciling previous Canadian history with the Indigenous community. This begins with dialogue, acknowledging the dire circumstances of past treatment towards Indigenous communities, and then outlining steps that are respectful of Indigenous culture and practices.
- FRP-BC's development of the Statement of Reconciliation began in Sept. 2016, when FRP-BC received an invitation from the UBC First Nations Indigenous Studies program to offer practicum placement ideas.
- From this invitation, FRP-BC collaborated with researcher Danielle Kraichy. In March 2017, Danielle presented research demonstrating a need for Statements of Reconciliation in the Early Childhood Development and Family Support Fields. She also assisted FRP-BC in developing their own statement, and it was finalized following Board approval in April.
- In addition to the Statement of Reconciliation, FRP-BC consulted with the Board of Directors and determined to form an Indigenous Elder Council. This will be an important factor to guide accountability in living up to the Statement of Reconciliation.
- The Statement of Reconciliation can be viewed and downloaded at:
<http://www.frpbc.ca/links/>
- Shery Sinclair's TEDx talk can be viewed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfsvLgaYz-Y&t>
- A copy of researcher Danielle Kraichy's research can be provided upon request.

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