

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Support First Nation institutions and initiatives which aim to bring children home that are rooted in First Nation ways of being and knowing, including revitalizing and codifying First Nation laws.
2. Hold third-party providers accountable. There must be oversight of their operations to ensure our children are safe and being well cared for.
3. Our children are running home because they are lonely and longing for their parents and a family connection. The reality is many children may not be able to go home immediately or at all because their parents still have work to do in terms of healthy living. However, Agencies should be required to arrange more than the four parent-child visits a year required in the CFS Standards Manual. Giving parents and children more access to each other may curb the penchant for children in care to run home out of loneliness.
4. Keep federal Children's Special Allowance in trust for children in care until they age out of care.
5. Establish an independent complaint process that lies outside of the provincial system, including outside of the Children's Advocate Office to create a fairer, more transparent and effective complaint process.
6. Examine the legality of birth-alerts; end the practice of birth alerts.
7. Stop penalizing victims of domestic violence by apprehending their children.
8. Stop the practice of Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA) to access provincial healthcare services for children with special medical needs or where medical services are unavailable on reserve. This is a human rights violation. Instead, direct these children to disability services.
9. First Nations do not trust the CFS system; support the First Nations Family Advocate Office, an Advocate service independent of the provincial system.

Exhibit: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls		
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