

Independent Assessment Process Final Report - Consultations

Background/Purpose

- The Independent Assessment Process (IAP) is a claimant-centred process that provides compensation to former students for abuse they suffered at Indian Residential Schools. The IAP also supports healing and reconciliation among former students, their families and communities.
- In the spring of 2013, the IAP Oversight Committee gave approval for the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat (IRSAS) to prepare a final report on the IAP.
- The final report will describe the origins of the IAP, examine the governance structure established, and provide a profile of the process and claimants. In addition, the report will review the intended results of the process and discuss whether the objectives of the IAP have been achieved, as well as identifying best practices and lessons learned.
- We are currently in the initial planning stages of this multi-year project, with the goal of submitting the final report to the Oversight Committee in 2016.
- In this planning phase, consultations are being conducted to gather information that will help us identify the objectives of the IAP to be examined, and help us further develop the methodology for conducting this review. The knowledge and insight of key representatives including claimants, as well as representatives from Aboriginal organizations, the Government of Canada, Churches, Claimant Counsel, and Resolution Health Support Workers will be invaluable to this process.
- The objectives and methodology will be approved by the Oversight Committee.

Written Submissions

- As a key representative, these consultations are an opportunity for you to share your perspectives and provide insight which will help guide the development of the IAP final report.
- If you are interested in participating, please submit a written response to Tara Beauchamp (Tara.Beauchamp@irsad-sapi.gc.ca), addressing the following three questions:
 - 1) In your view, what are the key objectives of the IAP?
 - 2) What are some ways in which we can measure the IAP's success in meeting these objectives?
 - 3) In your opinion, what is important/what information would you like to gain from, or see in, the final report? Or, in your view, what would be some of the most important messages to come out of the final report?

Contact

If you have further questions please contact Tara Beauchamp (Tara.Beauchamp@irsad-sapi.gc.ca).