



7th Generation Image Makers

We encourage you to access personal and community-based supports to minimize the risks associated with disclosure.

Local Hamilton resources that can support you if you are experiencing crisis:

**Hamilton Regional Indian Centre
905-548-9593**

**De dwa da dehs nyes Aboriginal
Health Centre 905-544-4320**

**Native Women's Centre
905-664-1114**

**Niwasa – Kendaaswin Teg
905-549-4884**

**SACHA (Sexual Assault Centre) 24
Hour Support Line
905-525-4162**

**You can also access the Hope for
Wellness Help Line which offers
immediate help to Indigenous People
all across Canada.
1-855-242-3310 or online chat
hopeforwellness.ca**

**Indigenous Justice Coordinator –
Yen: tene (You and I will go together)
Hamilton Community Legal Clinic**

**Lyndon George - office:
905-527-4572, ext 53**

**If you have questions about
accessing your records from
Hamilton CAS you can contact**

**Kristin Roe
905-522-1121 x6362**

**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](https://www.hopeforwellness.ca).**

RECORDS, RECONCILIATION, & YOUR RIGHTS

Children's Aid Societies (CASs) across Ontario have worked together to develop this resource to answer questions about child welfare records disclosure for Indigenous peoples.

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

Contact a CAS where you 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 strive to 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 correction. 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**