

## MDCC - IRS Legacy Project ~Protocols for Safety and Support

**We take as our fundamental guiding principle that the work of the MDCC-IRS Legacy Project must contribute to the health, safety, well-being and healing of Survivors, their families and communities and towards promoting understanding and reconciliation in Canada.**

The MDCC IRS Legacy Project will assure that participants have access to emotional supports and crisis services, as needed. These resources will be made available to all participants of the IRS Legacy project, at the beginning of each meeting.

The following are existing IRS support programs and services and resources that are available to provide support for former Residential School student and their families:

- ❖ 24-Hour National Indian Residential School Crisis Line **1-866-925-4419**
- ❖ The Mi'kmaq Crisis Line **1-855-379-2099. (Mi'kmaq Language available)**
- ❖ In partnership with Health Canada and the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat (APC) IRS Resolution Health Support Program (RHSW) and the Cultural Support Persons (CSP), the MDCC IRS Legacy Project, will invite these support programs to attend gatherings and refer participants to the appropriate support services for Residential survivors and their family members, as needed.

For information visit [www.irsatlantic.ca](http://www.irsatlantic.ca) or call: **1-877-667-4007** or visit.

- ❖ Referrals may also be made to existing Indian Residential School support programs, as needed.

If you require assistance in getting support services, please contact MDCC – IRS Legacy Project Coordinator, Dorene Bernard at 1-902-895-6385 or toll free 1-877-892-2424. Wela'lin.

