**Intergenerational Impacts of Indian Residential Schools**

*Historic trauma:*
The cumulative effects of trauma experienced by a group of people over generations. For Aboriginal people of Canada, it comes from the many historical experiences of colonial control that has disrupted Aboriginal language, culture and identity.

*Intergenerational impact:*
The trauma of survivors that is passed on from one generation to the next. It is rooted in the unresolved trauma of people who experienced or witnessed physical, emotional and sexual abuse in an Indian Residential School.

*Lateral violence:*
Humiliating or violent behaviour towards members of a group by other members of the same group. In Aboriginal communities, some people may abuse their own people in ways that they have been abused themselves. They direct their anger at their peers and community members.

Below are a number of negative outcomes experienced in some First Nations communities. In what ways are these connected to the intergenerational impacts of the Indian Residential School System?

- loss of language and culture
- depression
- high suicide and other mortality rates
- substance abuse
- child abuse
- domestic violence
- loss of parenting skills
- physical and sexual abuse
- self-destructive behaviour
- inability to express emotion or love
- gossip
- family feuds
- family violence
- elder abuse
- violence against women
- gangs