

Foundational Knowledge – Residential Schools and Their Legacy – Invite Only

**PRESENTED BY****Charlene Bearhead****SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
November 27, 2017	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**LOCATION****St. Leo Centre – 6220 Lakeview Drive SW****FEE****\$25.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:****crc-register@arpc.ab.ca****[403-291-0967](tel:403-291-0967)****REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:****crcpd.ab.ca**

Program

AUDIENCE: CASS MEMBERS AND DISTRICT LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) is pleased to have Charlene Bearhead, the first Education Lead at National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), facilitate a full day education session on the history and legacy of residential schools and strategies for moving forward: the work of reconciliation education. The session will include the history of residential schools in Canada / Alberta as well as the history of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement leading to the Alberta Joint Commitment to Action. There will be a focus on resources and learning opportunities for system and school leaders. This session is designed to increase awareness and understanding of the legacy of residential schools today in our school systems and potential system/school based strategies/practices that have been proven to effectively address this legacy.

This session will lead to the identification of next steps in the learning of foundational knowledge in support of leading the implementation of the three professional standards in school districts.

Presenters

Charlene Bearhead

is a mother, grandmother, community member, experienced educator and education innovator with 30 years of regional, national and international experience in the field. Most recently Charlene served as the first Education Lead

for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at the University of Manitoba. Currently Charlene serves as the Education Coordinator for the National Inquiry in to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, the Coordinator – First Nations, Métis and Inuit Relations for the Alberta School Boards Association and an Education Consultant for CASS as well as the co-chair of the Downie-Wenjack Fund Board of Directors and is a member of the Pathways to Education Canada Indigenous Education Advisory Circle.

Charlene previously served as the National Coordinator for Project of Heart, the primary focus of which is the education of Canadians on the history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Canada, and for the National Day of Healing and Reconciliation, the primary goal of which is to educate Canadians on the legacy of federal government policy on various ethnic groups throughout Canada's history and to promote respect and reconciliation. Ms. Bearhead coordinated the Education Days within the TRC National Events for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which focused on inspiring teachers and students to further educate themselves around the history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools as well as to support and facilitate the building of positive and respectful relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Canada.



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