

TO RETURN DIGNITY AND JUSTICE TO THE FAMILIES



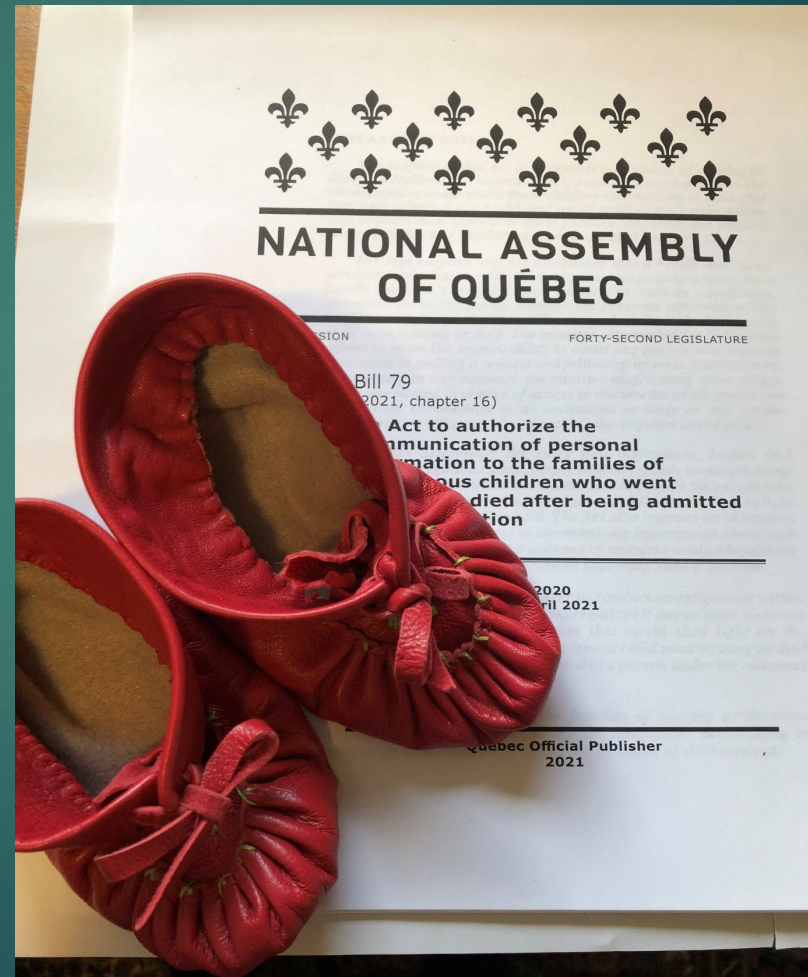


# BILL 79

Attended to 4 June, 2021

In force September 1, 2021

- ▶ An act to authorize the communication of personal information to the families of Indigenous children who went missing or died after being admitted to an institution





# FIRST NATIONS BROKE THE SILENCE





# INNUS OF PAKUASHIPI

9 children went missing in 1971-1972  
= 20% of all the children of the community





# Atikamekw

## 47 children missing in 3 communities





# TV DOCUMENTS RADIO-CANADA

## CBC's FRENCH NETWORK



- ▶ Pakuashipi: à la recherche des enfants disparus
- ▶ Les enfants fantômes
- ▶ Les Oblats: régner sur les âmes et les corps

### PODCAST

- Histoires d'enquête: chemin de croix ( 8 épisodes)



*Auassat, searching for  
missing children*





# National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Quebec

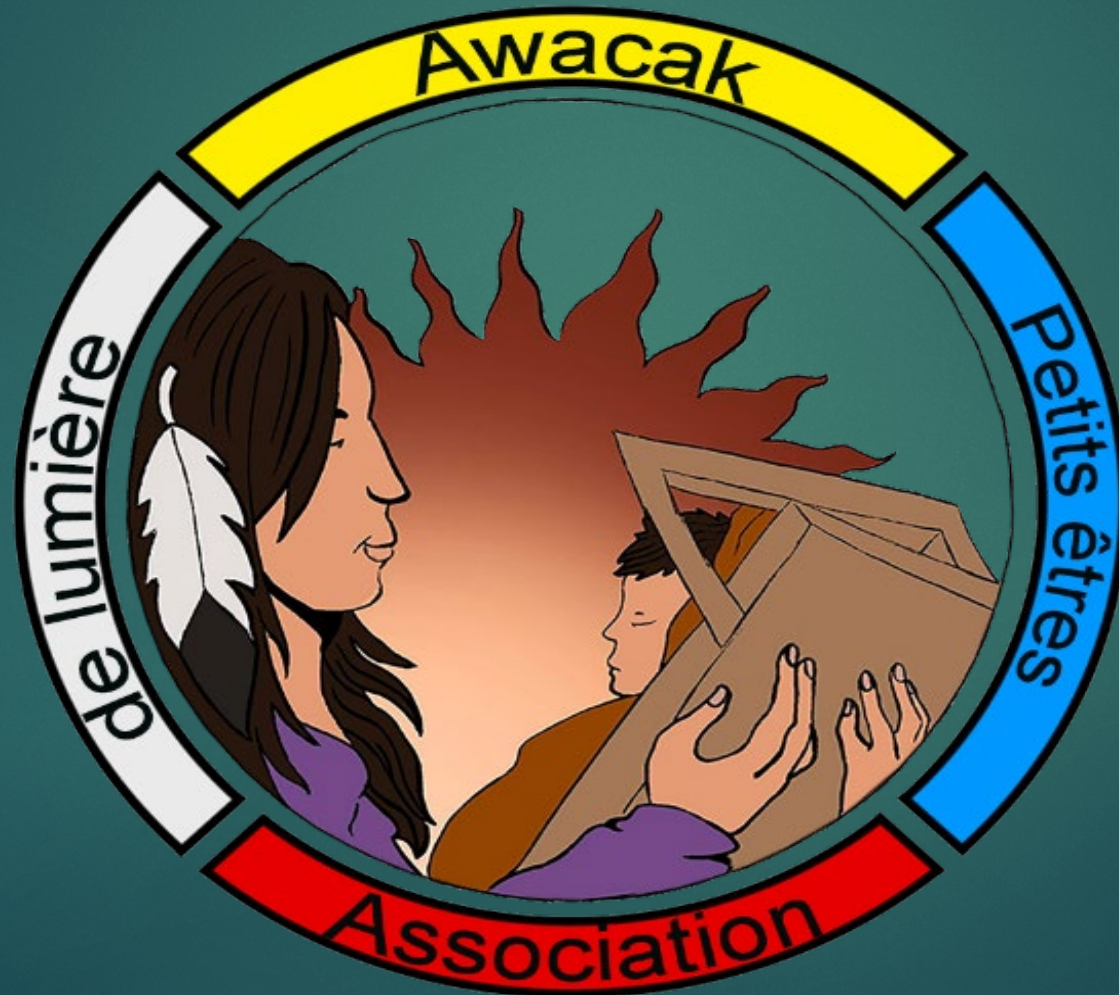








# AWACAK : little beings of light





# FAMILIES GATHERING Nitaskinan - July 2021









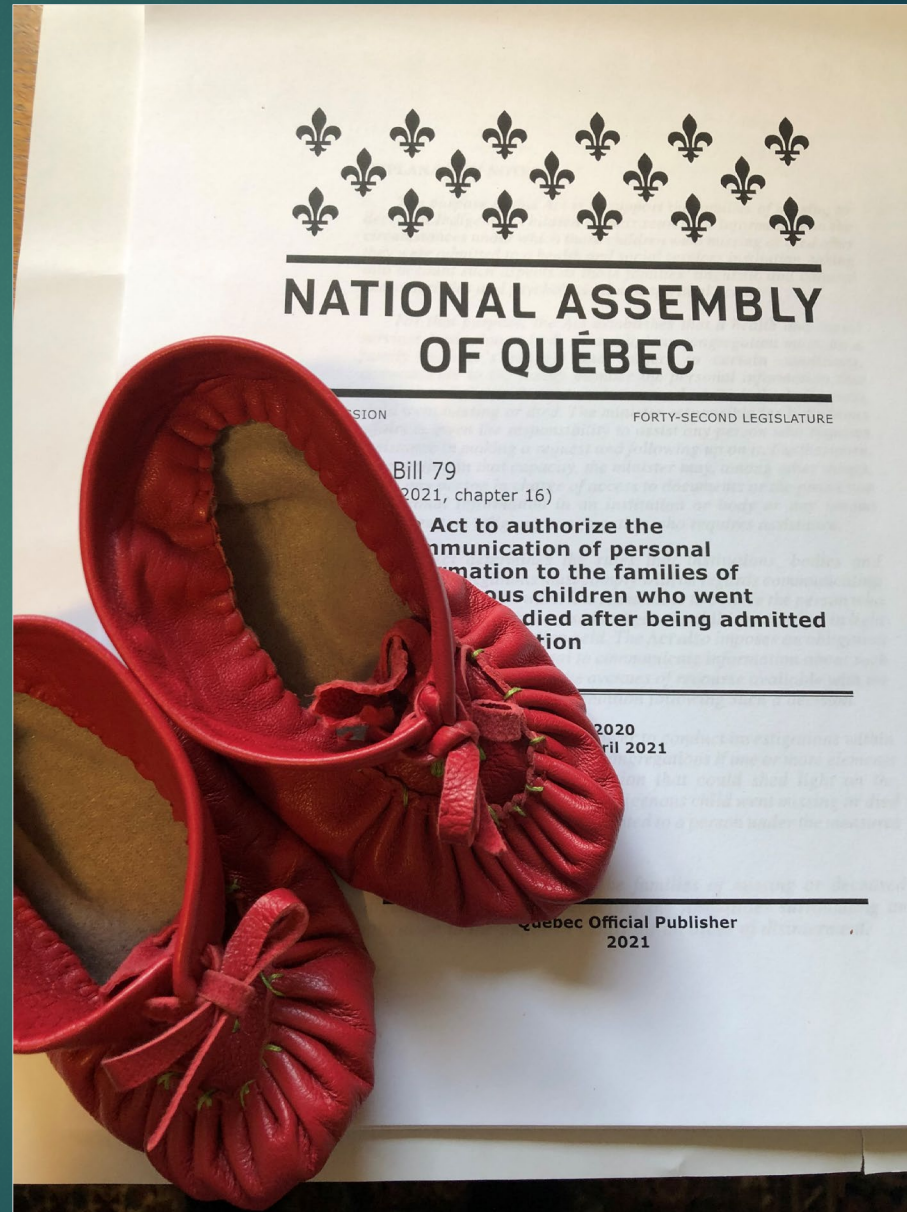
# Innus, Atikamekw, Anichnabe, Eeyou ...





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# With the agreement of Firsts Nations





# Support from the Association of First Nations Quebec-Labrador





# THE ACT IN BRIEF:


Support Indigenous families in their search for information from an institution, body or religious congregation about the circumstances surrounding the disappearance and death of children

UNLOCKS THE MEDICAL FILES

UNLOCKS THE RELIGIOUS DOCUMENTS

- hospital centre / sanatorium
- foster family
- child and youth protection center
- cimitero/ parish, etc...



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- child (minor) went missing before december 1992
  - any family member of the child can request information
  - assist families for an order of desinterment (repatriation)
  - if the child is still alive, help to find where he or she was adopted



# Three partners

- Family support team

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soutienauxfamilles@mce.gouv.qc.ca

- Awacak association

tel: 819 218-4118

Awacak.2021@gmail.com

- Special advisor

tel: 514 918-4642

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- ▶ assistance in the search for information
- ▶ cultural and linguistic support
- ▶ psychological and spiritual support
- ▶ referral to appropriate support and healing services



# Confidence challenge

- child went missing in Quebec's institutions

VS

- Quebec's bill



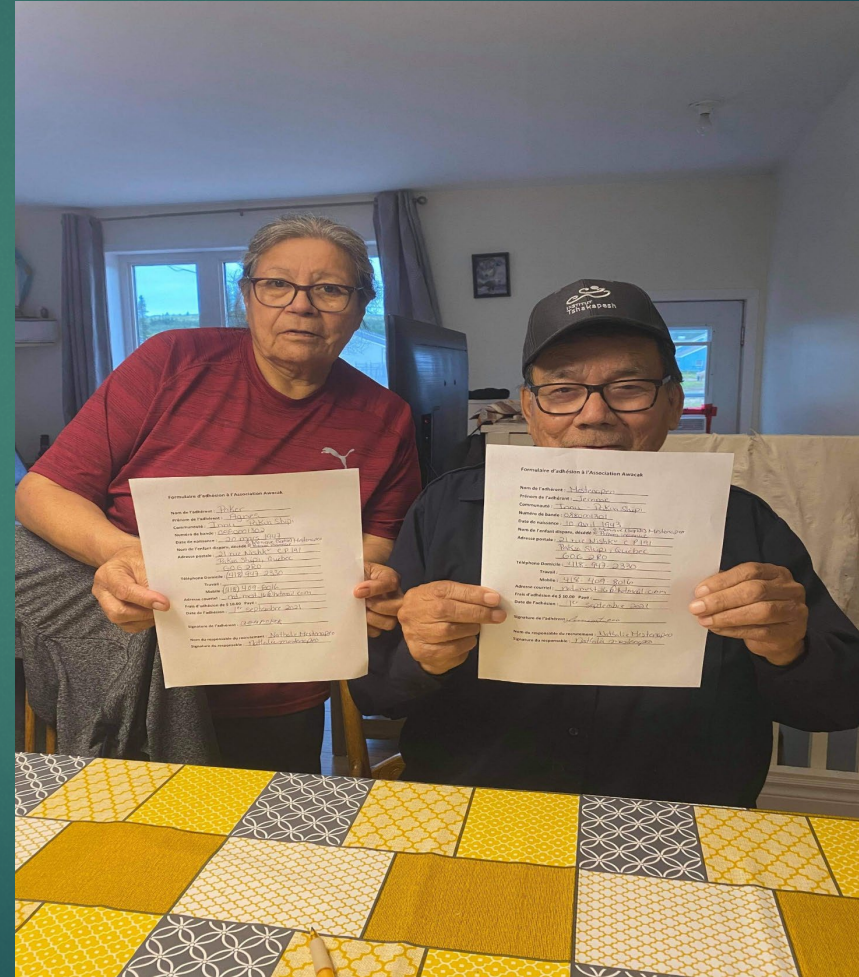


# GO OUT TO MEET FAMILIES with AWACAK





# FAMILLIES = AWACAK





# Monitoring Committee

Transparency is the cousin of truth

Richard Ejinagosi Kistabish

Bill 79, article 21

A monitoring committee on the carrying out of this Act, composed of representatives of various groups or of persons, is created by the Minister, in order to contribute to improving the services offered to the families of Indigenous children who went missing or died (...)



# FIRST ANNUAL REPORT





# Annual report tabled in the community





# UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2022

- ▶ Searching for 110 children
- ▶ Mostly from Innu, Naskapi, Atikamekw, Anishnabe First Nations
- ▶ A few Cree Eeyou and Inuit families
- ▶ Three requests for desinterment
- ▶ Three requests for adoption



# Medical partners 17 physicians and nurses





# Questions

