## From Residential Schools to Prisons

An Investigation on Indigenous Women's Interactions with Carceral Institutions in the Canadian Prairies



**Indigenous peoples in Canada refers to First Nations, Métis, and Intuit peoples** There are currently <u>338,305 Indigenous women</u> populated across the Canadian Prairies



of total incarcerated women are Indigenous<sup>10</sup>

10%

52%

of incarcerated Indigenous women are residential school survivors

of incarcerated Indigenous women are related to residential school survivors

In Canada, approximately 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend residential schools from 1884 until 1996

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"They [the residential school officials] were very condemning about our people... they told us our people, our parents and grandparents, were not spiritual and we were all heathens."<sup>12</sup> - Elder Florence Spavier

## **Comparing Indigenous Women's Interactions between the Indian Residential School System and Canadian Prisons**

Indigenous peoples had no control over the education and punishment of their Indigenous women Indigenous women have been involuntarily separated from their peoples and communities

Indigenous women experienced rigorous discipline in residential schools and prisons Indigenous women experience a loss of Indigenous identity due to residential schools and overincarceration

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