

"Reconciliation Fund" to top \$200 million for healing centres

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A federal government move to commit more than \$200 million to a fund for native healing programs as part of a carefully worded "statement of reconciliation" to survivors of residential schools is an "excellent idea" that can only help Six Nations survivors, says the head of Six Nations Social Services.

"This is a great opportunity to invest in services that communities have to address, specific social issues that have been caused by residential schools and

the generational problems the schools have caused in our communities," said Tuesday MacDonald, director of Six Nations Social Services.

The federal government fund is expected to serve as the centre piece of its response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

Six Nations Band Council Chief Wellington Staats said the government is "finally moving in the right direction to at least recognize it. The biggest problem in the past is they tried to turn away and pre-

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