

Were you a resident of an Ontario Training School?

If YES, A Class Action May Affect Your Rights. Read This Notice Carefully.

A court authorized this notice. You are not being sued.

Did you attend any of these Training Schools during the years 1953-1984?

Pine Ridge School, Bowmanville (formerly The Ontario Training School for Boys), including the Cold Springs Forestry Camp	Brookside School, Coburg (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Galt, and Ontario Training School for Boys Northumberland, and Ontario Training School for Boys, Coburg)	Syl Apps Youth Centre (formerly Ontario Training School for Girls, Galt (Reception and Diagnostic Centre); Reception and Diagnostic Centre, Galt; Reception, Diagnostic Treatment Centre, Galt; and the Reception and Assessment Centre, Oakville)
Hillcrest School, Guelph (formerly known as Ontario Training School for Boys, Guelph)	Trelawney House, Port Bolster (formerly known as Ontario Training School for Girls, Port Bolster Trelawney House)	White Oaks Village, Hagersville (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Hagersville (Junior School))
Kawartha Lakes School, Lindsay (formerly Ontario Training School for Girls, Lindsay)	Sprucedale School, Hagersville (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Hagersville (Senior School))	Glendale School, Simcoe (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Simcoe)
Project DARE – Portage Lake	Project DARE – Wendigo Lake	Cecil Facer School, Sudbury

- You could be affected by a class action lawsuit.
- A Court has approved a lawsuit as a class action for former residents of Ontario Training Schools. If you know a former resident of an Ontario Training Schools who cannot read this notice, please share this information with them.
- The Court has not decided whether the Province of Ontario did anything wrong, and there still has to be a court case about whether the province did anything wrong. There is no money available now and no guarantee there will ever be any money. However, your rights are affected, and you have a choice to make now. This notice is to help you make that choice.
- You may want independent legal advice about whether to stay in this class action or sue on your own. This notice contains information about where you can get independent legal advice.

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YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS AT THIS STAGE	
Do Nothing	<p>Stay in this class action and wait for the outcome. Share in possible benefits from the outcome but give up certain individual rights.</p> <p>By doing nothing, you keep the possibility of getting money or other benefits that may come from a trial or settlement from this class action. But, you give up any rights to sue the Province of Ontario on your own about the same legal claims in this lawsuit.</p>
Remove Yourself (Opt Out)	<p>Get out of this lawsuit and get no benefits from it. Keep rights.</p> <p>If you ask to be removed (opt out) and money or benefits are later awarded, you won't share in those. But, you keep any rights to sue the Province of Ontario on your own about the same legal claims in this lawsuit.</p>

- Lawyers must prove the claims against the Province of Ontario at a trial or a settlement must be agreed upon. If money or benefits are obtained you will be notified about how to ask for your share.
- Your options are explained in this notice. To be removed from the lawsuit, you must ask to be removed by June 4, 2020

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why is there a notice?

This lawsuit has been "certified" as a class action. This means that the lawsuit meets the requirements for class actions and may proceed to trial. If you are included, you may have legal rights and options before the Court decides whether the claims being made against the Province of Ontario on your behalf are correct. This notice explains all of these things.

A judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, is currently overseeing this case. The case is known as *Keeping v. Ontario*, Court File No. CV-17-0578-00. The person who sued is called the Plaintiff. The Province of Ontario is the Defendant.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The lawsuit says the Province of Ontario failed to properly care for and protect people who attended certain Ontario Training Schools.

The lawsuit says wards of certain Training Schools were emotionally, physically, and psychologically traumatized by their experiences at the Training Schools. The Province of Ontario denies these claims. The Court has not decided whether the Plaintiff or the Province of Ontario is right. The lawyers for the Plaintiff will have to prove their claims in Court. If you are having a difficult time dealing with these issues you can call 1-866-860-9364 or email trainingschoolsclassaction@kmlaw.ca for assistance.

3. Why is this a class action?

In a class action one person called the "representative plaintiff" (in this case, Kirk Keeping) sued on behalf of a group of people who have similar claims. All of these people are a "class" or "class members." The court resolves the issues for all class members in one case, except for those who remove themselves from the class.

4. Who is a member of the Class?

The Class includes:

All persons who were alive as at December 8, 2015 who resided at any of the Training Schools between January 1, 1953 and April 2, 1984 during the time periods set out for each facility:

- (1) Pine Ridge School, Bowmanville (formerly The Ontario Training School for Boys) between January 1, 1953 and its closure in 1979;
- (2) Cold Springs Forestry Camp between January 1, 1963 and its closure in 1976;
- (3) Hillcrest School, Guelph (formerly known as Ontario Training School for Boys, Guelph) between January 1, 1953 and its closure in 1978;
- (4) Brookside School, Coburg (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Galt, and Ontario Training School for Boys, Northumberland and Ontario Training School for Boys, Coburg) between January 1, 1953 and April 2, 1984;

- (5) Trelawney House, Port Bolster (formerly known as Ontario Training School for Girls, Port Bolster Trelawney House) between August 1959 and its closure in 1973;
- (6) Kawartha Lakes School, Lindsay (formerly Ontario Training School for Girls, Lindsay) between 1962 and its closure in 1979;
- (7) Glendale School, Simcoe (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Simcoe) between 1962 and July 30, 1974;
- (8) White Oaks Village, Hagersville (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Hagersville (Junior School)) between 1966 and its removal from the regulations under the training schools legislation in 1978;
- (9) Sprucedale School, Hagersville (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Hagersville (Senior School)) between 1966 and April 2, 1984;
- (10) Cecil Facer School, Sudbury between 1971 and April 2, 1984;
- (11) Project DARE – Portage Lake between June 1971 and 1976;
- (12) Project DARE – Wendigo Lake, South River (formerly Project DARE Wendigo Lake) between 1972 and April 2, 1984;
- (13) Syl Apps Youth Centre (formerly Ontario Training School for Girls, Galt (Reception and Diagnostic Centre); Reception and Diagnostic Centre, Galt; Reception, Diagnostic Treatment Centre, Galt; and the Reception and Assessment Centre, Oakville) between 1958 and April 2, 1984.

5. What is the Plaintiff asking for?

The Plaintiff is asking for money for the Class. He is also asking for lawyers' fees and costs, plus interest.

6. Is there any money available now?

No money or benefits are available now because the Court has not yet decided whether the Province of Ontario did anything wrong. There is no guarantee that money will ever be obtained. If they are, you will be notified about how to ask for your share.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

You must decide whether to stay in the Class or whether to remove yourself before a possible trial, and you have to decide this by June 4, 2020.

7. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will automatically remain in the lawsuit. You will be bound by all Court orders, good or bad. If any benefit is awarded, you may need to take action in order to receive any benefits.

8. What if I don't want to be in the lawsuit?

If you do not want to be in the lawsuit, you must remove yourself. This is sometimes called "opting out." If you remove yourself, you will not receive any benefit that may be obtained from the lawsuit. You will not be bound by any Court orders and you keep your right to sue the Province of Ontario as an individual regarding the issues in this case.

To remove yourself, send an Opt Out Form available at <http://kmlaw.ca/cases/ontario-training-schools> or a legible written request to opt out of the class action *Keeping v. Ontario* to the Training Schools Class Action Administrator via e-mail, mail or facsimile. Include your name, address, telephone number, and signature. You can reach the Training Schools Class Action Administrator here:

Ontario Training Schools

3-505, 133 Weber Street North
 Waterloo, Ontario N2J 3G9
 Toll Free: 1-833-358-9420
 Fax: 1-888-842-1332
 Email: info@trainingschools.ca

You may want independent legal advice to decide whether to stay in the class action or to opt out. You may get free independent legal advice by calling Pro Bono Ontario at the following telephone number: 1-855-255-7256.

Pro Bono Ontario's Free Legal Advice Hotline normally accepts calls from Monday to Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Callers will be prompted

to make a selection. When first prompted, callers should press #5 for “going to court”. When prompted again, callers should press #2 for “all other civil court matters”. At that point, callers will be in a queue to speak with a qualified, free lawyer.

Call 1-866-860-9364 or email trainingschoolsclassaction@kmlaw.ca if you have any questions about how to get out of the Class.

9. Will staying in the class action impact my current supports or services?

No. Staying in this class action will not impact the current supports or services received by members from the Province of Ontario.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

10. Do I have a lawyer in the case?

Yes. The Court has appointed Koskie Minsky LLP from Toronto to represent you and other Class Members as "Class Counsel." You will not be charged for these lawyers. They may only be paid if the class action is successful. If you want to be represented by another lawyer, you may hire one to appear in Court for you at your own expense.

11. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel will only be paid if they win a trial or if there is a settlement. The Court has to also approve their request to be paid. The fees and expenses could be deducted from any money obtained for the Class, or paid separately by the Province of Ontario.

A TRIAL

12. How and when will the Court decide who is right?

If the lawsuit is not dismissed or settled, the Plaintiff will have to prove his claims at a trial that will take place in Thunder Bay, Ontario. During the trial, a court will hear all of the evidence, so that a decision can be reached about whether the Plaintiff or the Province of Ontario is right about the claims in the lawsuit. There is no guarantee that the Plaintiff will win any money or benefits for the Class.

13. Will I get money after the trial?

If the Plaintiff obtains money as a result of a trial or settlement, class members will be notified about how to ask for a share or what your other options are at that time. These things are not known right now. Important information about the case will be posted on the website <http://kmlaw.ca/cases/ontario-training-schools> as it becomes available.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

14. How do I get more information?

You can get more information at <http://kmlaw.ca/cases/ontario-training-schools> or by calling toll free at 1-866-860-9364, or writing to: Training Schools Class Action c/o Koskie Minsky LLP, 900-20 Queen St. W., Toronto, ON, M5H 3R3, or by email at: trainingschoolsclassaction@kmlaw.ca

If you wish to provide it, it is useful for class counsel to have further information about your experiences in advancing the class action, and to be able to provide you with updates about the case in the future.

15. Can I get independent legal advice?

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You can also contact class counsel to discuss the class action and your rights, and to provide your information so we can stay in touch about developments in the lawsuit. You can contact class counsel by calling toll free at 1-866-860-9364, or writing to: Training Schools Class Action c/o Koskie Minsky LLP, 900-20 Queen St. W., Toronto, ON, M5H 3R3, or by email at: trainingschoolsclassaction@kmlaw.ca

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