

Jordan's Principle

Named in memory of [Jordan River Anderson](#) from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, Jordan's Principle ensures that all First Nations children can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

[Jordan's principle](#) recognizes that First Nation Children may need government services that exceed the normative standard of care and will evaluate the individual needs of the child to ensure [substantive equality](#), culturally appropriate services, and/or to safeguard the best interests of the child.

Examples of supports covered under Jordan's Principle



Health

- mobility aids
- wheelchair ramps
- addiction services
- services from Elders
- mental health services
- specialized hearing aids
- traditional healing services
- services for children in care
- assessments and screenings
- transportation to appointments
- medical supplies and equipment
- long-term care for children with specialized needs
- therapeutic services for individuals or groups (speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy)



Social

- social worker
- land-based activities
- personal support worker
- specialized summer camps
- respite care (individual or group)
- specialized programs based on cultural beliefs and practices



Education

- school supplies
- tutoring services
- teaching assistants
- specialized school transportation
- psycho-educational assessments
- assistive technologies and electronics

Who is covered

Services provided under Jordan's Principle are available to:

- Registered First Nations children* living on or off reserve;
- First Nations children entitled to be registered, under the *Indian Act* including
 - those who became entitled to register under the December 22, 2017 amended provisions of the *Indian Act*, under Bill S-3;
 - Infants under 18 months; and
- Any Indigenous child, including Non-Status First Nation or Métis, who are ordinarily resident on reserve.

* For the purposes of Jordan's Principle, a "child" is defined as an individual who is under the Age of Majority within their province or territory. In BC the age of majority is 19. As such, eligibility for Jordan's Principle ceases when Age of Majority is attained (Date of the child's 19th birthday).



Who can send requests

A request for a child or children in the same family or with the same guardian can be submitted by:

- parents or guardians caring for a dependent First Nations child under the age of majority in the child's province/territory of residence
- a First Nations child above 16 years of age
- an authorized representative of the child, parent or guardian
 - written or verbal consent must be provided by the parent or guardian

A request for a group of children from multiple families or guardians can be submitted by:

- a community or service provider, who can request services, such as:
 - respite care
 - wheelchair ramps
 - support programs
 - educational assistants
 - transportation to school
 - local therapeutic specialists, etc.

How to send a request

Contact us through our call centre, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or your BC representative (see list below) to start your request for funding under Jordan's Principle. We are here to help.

Having certain information ready when you contact us can help if you are seeking access to funding for a product, service or support. This includes:

- registration number for child or parent under the Indian Act (if available)
- the product, service or support needed and how often the product, service or support will be needed
- estimated costs
- copies of documents related to requests (e.g. prescriptions, referrals from health, social or education professionals)
- any additional information that should be considered to support the request.

BC Representatives

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For First Nations Health Authority Child and Youth Systems Navigators:

- Phone: 1-866-913-0033
- Email: jordans.principle@fnha.ca

For requests for Inuit children contact the ISC BC Regional Office (see above)

Jordan's Principle Call Centre (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week):

- Phone: 1-855-JP-CHILD (1-855-572-4453)
- Email: aadnc.infopubs.aandc@canada.ca
- Teletypewriter: 1-866-553-0554

