Eligibility

- **Any First Nations child (birth to 18 years), who is registered or eligible for registration under the Indian Act, living on or off reserve**
- **First Nations Child and Family Services programs**

What supports are available?

- Speech Therapy/Aids
- Education Supplies/Aids
- Medical Equipment
- Mental Health Services
- Family Support Services
- Other products, services or care related items

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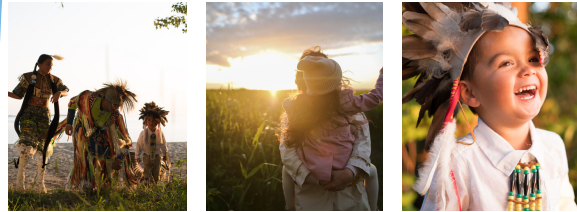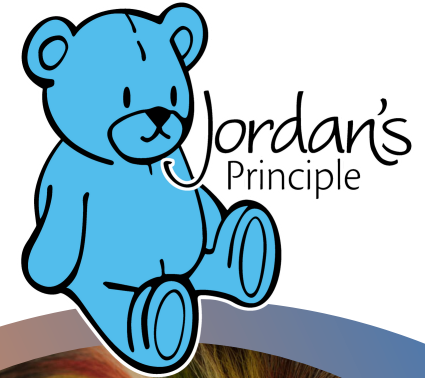
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Jordan's Principle

Jordan's Legacy

Jordan River Anderson from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba was born in 1999, with multiple disabilities and stayed in the hospital until he passed away at the young age of 5.

When he was 2 years old, doctors said he was able to move to a specialized home suited to care for his complex medical needs, however, the Federal and Provincial government could not agree who should pay for his home-based care. In 2007, the House of Commons passed Jordan's Principle to ensure First Nations children get the services they need, when they need them.

Today, Jordan's Principle is a legal obligation.

jordansprinciple.ca

Niijaansinaanik Child & Family Services is a family-focused agency, that provides individual, family & community healing through prevention, intervention, cultural education and community development.

Who We Serve:
Henvey Inlet, Dokis, Magnetawan, Shawanaga, Wasauksing, and Wahnapitae.
Indigenous, Métis and Inuit Children & Families in the Parry Sound & Nipissing District

One of our priorities is to serve children who are involved with the Children's Aid Society (CAS) and are in the care of their parents or in a kinship service.

What is Jordan's Principle?

Jordan's Principle is a child first approach to ensure that First Nations children, both on or off reserve have access to the services they need when they need them. In addition to current, ongoing and future services, First Nations children, their families and service providers are eligible to apply retroactively for expenses previously incurred that were not covered.

How do I apply?

Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements can apply on their own, or our Jordan's Principle Coordinator can assist clients with the application process.

❶ **Referral**

❷ **Intake**
· Child(ren)'s name, date of birth, address, parent/guardian name(s), items/services being sought.
· The child(ren)'s situation –family composition, living arrangements, education, activities, social services, and health.
· Registry Number(s) for all children. If not registered the biological parents registry number(s) or their full names and dates of birth. In some cases grandparents information as well.

❸ **Supporting Documentation**
All applications require some form of supporting documentation, varied depending on the item(s) or service(s) being requested. Some examples include:
· Letters of support
· Medical documents
· Individual Education Plans, School Safety Plans, Psycho-educational Assessments
· Quotes and or estimates for the product(s) and or service(s) requested.

Processing Timeline

Individual Applications: For urgent cases the law states that a request shall be processed within 12 hours of receiving the completed application. Non-urgent cases are to be processed within 48 hours of receiving the completed application.

Group Applications: For urgent cases the request should be processed within 48 hours of receiving the completed application while non-urgent requests should be processed within 7 days of receiving the completed application.

Possible Outcomes

After an application is completed, it is sent to the federal government where processing times vary.
*If an application is denied, there is an option to appeal.

Application → Approval → Purchase → Reimbursement