



Jordan's Principle – BC Region

Named in memory of Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba (KinosaoSipi, Pᓄᓴᓄ ᓵᓵ+). On February 2, 2005, Jordan River Anderson passed away in hospital at the age of 5 before the provincial and federal governments could agree on who should pay for his home care in a medical foster home. As a result of the funding dispute, Jordan was never able to return to his home community. Jordan's Principle is a legal obligation, which means it has no end date. Jordan's Principle will support First Nations children for generations to come. This is the legacy of Jordan River Anderson.

What is Jordan's Principle?

- Jordan's Principle is a needs-based initiative that provides funding to First Nations children and youth to access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them, regardless of whether they **live on or off reserve**.
- Jordan's Principle ensures the best interests of the child, including their physical, emotional and psychological safety, security, culture and well-being are important considerations in taking action and making decisions.
- Jordan's Principle recognizes that First Nations children may require government services that are not typically available to all other children in BC in order to ensure substantive equality, culturally appropriate care, and/or to safeguard the best interests of the child.

Who is eligible?

- A child from birth up until their 19th birthday (age of majority) in BC, is eligible for Jordan's Principle, if the child permanently resides in Canada and meets **one** of the following criteria:
 - is registered **or** eligible to be registered under the *Indian Act*;
 - has one parent **or** guardian who is registered or eligible to be registered under the *Indian Act*;
 - is recognized by their nation for the purposes of Jordan's Principle; OR
 - is ordinarily resident on reserve.

How to apply?

- Jordan's Principle Request Form [can be downloaded](#) from the Jordan's Principle website, or requested from the BC Region team. This form will be used to indicate consent and eligibility:

There are only three pieces of required information needed to submit a request:	1. Consent: (written or oral) from the child's parent/guardian or from the youth if they are legally able to make decisions regarding their care (16 or older in BC)
	2. Eligibility: Information concerning eligibility for Jordan's Principle
	3. Letter of recommendation from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a licensed/registered professional who is involved in the child's care; OR ○ a community authorized Elder or Knowledge Keeper (for requests related to culture, language or mental/spiritual/emotional wellness supports)

Group Requests

- Group Requests are appropriate when the needs of children/youth seeking services are more effectively met in the context of the collective needs of a defined group.

Who can a Group Request be submitted for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a group of children (more than one child) within one family, or from multiple families/guardians with specific needs; • a group of children with specific needs within the same community, or under the care of the same organization/educational institution. 	What are common Group Requests? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to contract professionals to provide services for groups of children (e.g. Occupational therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language, Cultural Services, Behavioural Therapy etc.) • Requests for specialised individuals to assist a group of children in education or social contexts (Shared Education Assistants, Youth Mental Health Workers)
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Enhanced Service Coordination contact

- The Jordan's Principle Enhanced Service Coordination model ensures that there are dedicated community-based service coordinators to assist Indigenous families and guardians with the navigation of the whole range of federal and provincial services and supports (education, health, and social), **including submitting Jordan's Principle requests on their behalf.**
- The model also includes a BC [Jordan's Principle Service Coordination Hub](#) to act as a province-wide resource for service coordinators by providing on-going training, tools, and a community of practice.
- Service Coordination can be offered virtually, over the phone, and when possible, in-person.

You can find a Service Coordinator in your BC region by:

1. Emailing the Jordan's Principle BC Hub at jordansprinciplehub@acc-society.bc.ca
2. Visiting the Hub website at jordansprinciplehubbc.ca and selecting the Service Coordinator Directory tab

Capital CHRT 41

- By virtue of 2021 CHRT 41, First Nations and First Nations-authorized Jordan's Principle service providers can access funding for the purchase and construction of capital assets needed to:
 - provide safe, accessible, confidential and culturally- and age-appropriate spaces needed to support the delivery of Jordan's Principle services on-reserve.

What is eligible?

- The purchase, construction or renovation of a capital asset must be underway and/or ready to proceed, and support spaces that are safe, accessible, confidential, and culturally and age appropriate, and used for the delivery of Jordan's Principle services to eligible First Nations child(ren) on reserve.
- Where Jordan's Principle services are delivered off reserve, pre-capital planning funding for off-reserve capital assets to support such delivery are also eligible. In other words, if the asset will be located off reserve, it may be eligible for pre-capital planning funding (e.g. needs assessment or feasibility study) only.

How can I get more information?

- Capital CHRT 41 Information has been posted on [Indigenous Services Canada's website](#)
- Contact email is bcjpchrt41-cbpitcdp41@sac-isc.gc.ca
- *A copy of the Capital Program Delivery Guidance is available by email.*

Regional Contact Information

Key Contacts, BC Region

- BC Region Duty Phone: (778) 951-0716 *Monitored during business hours: 8:00am-4:00pm*
- General Inbox: principedejordancb-bcjordansprinciple@sac-isc.gc.ca
- Payments Inbox: paiementsprincipedejordancb-bcjordansprinciplepayments@sac-isc.gc.ca
- Capital Requests Inbox: bcjpchrt41-cbpitcdp41@sac-isc.gc.ca

National Jordan's Principle Call Centre:

- 1-855-JP-CHILD (1-855-572-4453) teletypewriter: 1-866-553-0554, Available 24 hours, 7 days a week

Indigenous Services Canada's [Jordan's Principle Website](#)

How to I access a Jordan's Principle Application form?

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