



Jordan's Principle Overview and Updates

Jordan's Principle Town Hall/Webinar

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Jordan River Anderson



In 2005, Jordan River Anderson, a First Nation child from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, 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.

What is Jordan's Principle?

- A legal principle that applies to all First Nations children regardless of where they live (on and off reserve).
- Recognizes that First Nations children may need government services that exceed the “normative standard” to ensure:
 - **substantive equality** in the provision of services to the child;
 - **culturally appropriate services** to the child; and/or
 - to safeguard the **best interests of the child**.

Who is Eligible?

- 2020 CHRT 36 issued in November 2020, expanding Jordan's Principle eligibility criteria.
- Following that ruling, a child under the age of majority in their province or territory of residence can access Jordan's Principle, if they permanently reside in Canada and if the child 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.

Jordan's Principle Transition – FNHA to ISC BC Region

- As the legal obligation for Jordan's Principle rests with Canada, FNHA and ISC mutually agreed to transition the review and determination of all requests to ISC BC Region.
- FNHA and ISC also jointly recognized the opportunity to grow Jordan's Principle requests in BC beyond health to include the social and education sectors.
- Transition planning began in the fall of 2018, including development of a joint Implementation Plan and Letter of Understanding outlining roles and responsibilities.
- Transition commenced on February 15, 2019 and full transition will be completed on March 31, 2021.

Addressing Immediate Needs*



Individual



Group



of Requests

2226

1338

Funding

\$6.7 million

\$1.35 million

% beyond the normative standard

70%

87%

% Off Reserve

57%

0%

Top 3 Requests

- 1. Education (19.5%)
- 2. Medical Transportation (16.7%)
- 3. Allied Health (16.3%)

- 1. Mental Wellness (35.3%)
- 2. Education (22.0%)
- 3. Child Development (16.6%)

*Data from fiscal 2019-20

Building Sustainable Success

Service Delivery

- ✓ Complying with CHRT timelines
- ✓ Improving Processes
- ✓ Implementing BC Enhanced Service Coordination Model



Engagement

- ✓ Presenting to communities and service delivery organizations
- ✓ Rolling out national media campaign



Partnerships

- ✓ BC Jordan's Principle Committee – tripartite committee dedicated to identifying immediate gaps and proposing long term solutions



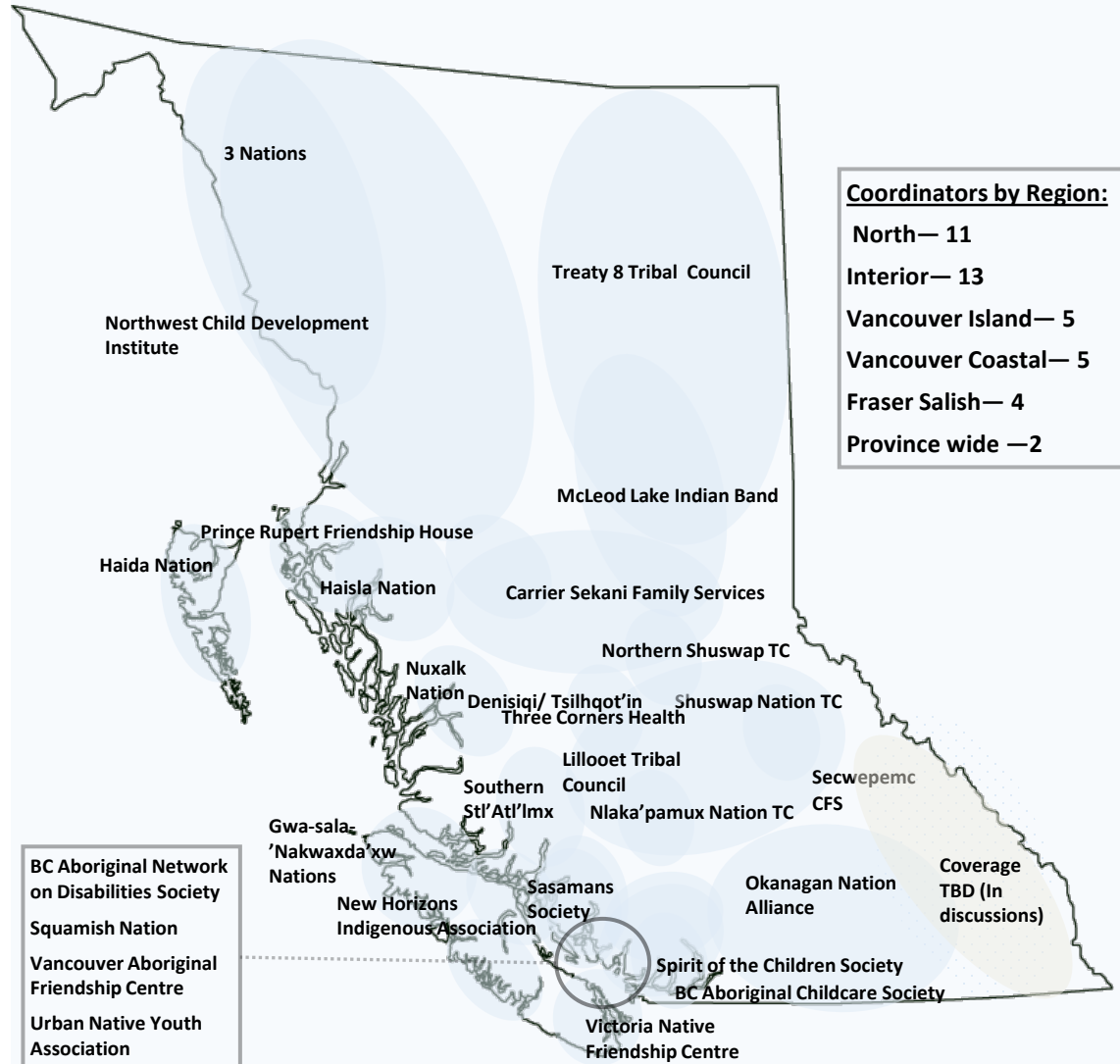
BC Jordan's Principle Enhanced Service Coordination Model

- ISC BC Region is currently implementing a made-in-BC Jordan's Principle Enhanced Service Coordination model.
- The goal is two-fold:
 - dedicated, community-based Service Coordinators to assist Indigenous children and families with the navigation of the whole range of federal and provincial services and supports (e.g., education, health, and social), and submitting Jordan's Principle requests on their behalf; and
 - a centralized BC Jordan's Principle Service Coordination Hub to support Service Coordinators.

BC Jordan's Principle Service Coordinators

- ISC BC Region has worked with First Nation groups and relevant organizations to finalize:
 - 40 service coordination positions across BC; and
 - a centralized service coordination hub hosted by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS).
- In collaboration with our partners, ISC BC Region will be hosting virtual orientation sessions from March 22 to 25 to facilitate learning and training for service coordinators.

BC Jordan's Principle Service Coordinators by Geography, Region and Communities Served



BC Jordan's Principle Service Coordinators by Geography and Region

Region	First Nation/Organization	# of Service Coordinators	Geographical Area
Province-wide	BC Aboriginal Childcare Society	1	Province-wide support
	BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society	1	Province-wide support
Fraser Salish	BC Aboriginal Childcare Society	1	Fraser Salish area
	Southern St'atl'imx Health Society	1	Vancouver Coastal
	Spirit of the Children Society	1	Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody
	Sts'ailes (in process)	1	May include eastern Fraser Valley (TBC)
Interior	N'laka'pamux Health Services Society	1	Fraser Canyon
	Syilx/ Okanagan Nation Alliance**	3	Kelowna, Penticton, Okanagan, Similkameen Lower and Upper, Osoyoos, Vernon
	Secwepemc Child and Family Services	1	Kamloops, Chase, Savona, Cache Creek, Barrier and on reserve communities
	Northern Shuswap Tribal Council	2	Barkerville, 100 Mile, East to the Rockies, West to Fraser River
	Shuswap Nation Tribal Council**	2	Kamloops and area (Lakes and Interior)
	Three Corners Health	1	North Secwepemc
	Denisiqui/ Tsilhqot'in Nation**	2	Williams Lake and Area
	Ktunaxa Nation (in discussion)	1	Kootenay Region (extent TBD)
North	Carrier Sekani Family Services	2	Prince George, Burns Lake, Fort Fraser, Fraser Lake, Fort St. James, Vanderhoof
	McLeod Lake First Nation (Tse'khene)	1	Prince George, Mackenzie
	Haida Child and Family Services**	1	Haida Gwaii
	Treaty 8 Tribal Council	1	Fort Nelson, Doig River, Halfway River
	Lake Babine Nation **	1	Burns Lake, Babine Lake
	3Nations**	1	Northwest
	Haisla First Nation	1	Kitimat
	Northwest Child Development Institute	2	From Vanderhoof to Atlin
	Friendship House Association of Prince Rupert	1	Prince Rupert, Port Edward and Surrounding Areas
Vancouver Coastal	Nuxalk Nation	1	Bella Coola
	Squamish Nation	1	Greater Vancouver Area, Gibson's Landing, Squamish River watershed
	Lillooet Tribal Council	1	Lillooet, Pemberton, Cache Creek, Lytton
	Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre	1	Metro Vancouver
	Urban Native Youth Association	1	Vancouver and Lower Mainland
Vancouver Island	Sasaman's Society	1	Campbell River *remote, Comox Valley, Quadra Island, North Vancouver Island, Cortes Island, Gold River
	New Horizons Indigenous Association	1	Vancouver Island, Discovery Islands, Coastal Mainland
	Victoria Native Friendship Centre	1	Victoria and Surrounding Area
	Gwa'sala Nak'waxda'xw First Nation	1	North Island, Port Hardy, Mount Waddington Regional District Area
	Ahousaht First Nation	1	West Vancouver Island
TOTAL		40	

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