

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

About Jordan's Principle

Named in honor of Jordan Anderson, a Cree child born with a rare medical condition who was hospitalized for his entire life, Jordan's Principle aims to solve funding disputes between federal and provincial governments, and remove disconnects surrounding the funding of services for at-risk First Nations children. Through Canadian government legislation aimed to reduce barriers, the goal of Jordan's Principle is to provide greater financial access for First Nations families, and deliver greater levels of care and support for children in their respective communities.

What Can You Apply For?

- Health services
- Education services
- Social services
- Cultural support
- Childcare



Benefits of Applying

- Quick access to services
- Equal opportunities for growth
- Support when needed most
- Protection of rights
- Removal of service barriers
- Culturally inclusive support

Recent Changes to Jordan's Principle

In early 2025, Indigenous Services Canada made changes to how funding is applied for and what requests will be approved.

Applications must show that a child has a need that hasn't been met due to gaps or delays in accessing government services, or was denied an existing government service because of their identity as a First Nations child.

All requests must include a support letter written by professional that shows how the requested product, service or support links directly to the child's unmet health, social or educational needs.

Who operates Jordan's Principle?

Jordan's Principle is operated by Indigenous Services Canada, department of the federal government of Canada.

Who is Jordan's Principle funding for?

Any Indigenous child who has a health, social, or educational need that is not covered by another federal or provincial program.

Is Your Child Eligible?

There are two criteria the child must meet to be eligible to apply for funding:

1. They must permanently live in Canada.
2. They must also be ONE of the following:
 - 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
 - is ordinarily a resident on reserve



How Do You Apply?

[Application Form:](#)



Submit Application with your [Regional Area:](#)



Jordan's Principle Call Centre (open 24h/7 days a week)
1-855-572-4453

Who to Contact in Your Community for Support?

- **Band Office**
- **School:** where your child/children go to school
- **Local Indigenous Child and Family Service Agencies** (ex. Carrier Sekani Family Services - North Central)