

Legacy of Jordan River Anderson



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Jordan's Principle is named in honour of Jordan River Anderson, a young First Nations boy from Norway House Cree Nation in northern Manitoba, who spent his entire life in hospital while caught in a jurisdictional dispute between the Federal & Provincial Governments of Canada over who was responsible for funding his medical care & equipment.

In 2007, the House of Commons passed Jordan's Principle in memory of Jordan. It was a commitment that Inuit & First Nations children would get the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

Today, Jordan's Principle is a legal obligation, which means it has no end date. Inuit Child First Initiative & Jordan's Principle will continue to grow & develop to serve the best interests of Inuit & First Nations Children.



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Inuit Child First Initiative & Jordan's Principle



What is Jordan's Principle, Inuit Child First Initiative?

Jordan's Principle, Inuit Child First Initiative, ensures that all First Nation & Inuit children have access to the essential government funded health, social and educational products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

Who is eligible?

All Inuit children, no matter where they live in Canada.

Must be recognized by an Inuit land claim organization

Under the age of Majority (0-18)



What is covered?
Some examples of what could be funded include:

Social:

- Land- Based activities
- Specialized camps
- Language programming
- Cultural resources
- Country food programs

Health:

- Cultural services from Elders
- Wheelchair ramps
- Mental health counseling
- Assessments & Screening
- Medical supplies & equipment

Educational:

- Tutoring services
- Educational assistants
- Specialized school transportation
- Assistive technologies and home school supplies

What information you may need to provide when applying

- Child's date of birth, contact and address
- Child & Parent beneficiary number
- Copy of assessments and/or medical documents.
- Summary of child's history and unique needs
- List of product, service or support needed and an estimated cost
- List how will the service/items you are requesting, addresses your child's needs
- A letter of support with a description of how the product/service requested will be of benefit for the child.