



## Jordan's Principle Service Coordination

Prince Rupert Friendship House Association is pleased to announce that we have a Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator on site.

Jordan's Principle is a legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson, a child from Norway House Cree Nation who had a suffered from Carey Fineman Ziter syndrome, a rare muscular disorder that required years of medical treatment in a Winnipeg hospital. While the federal and provincial governments could not agree who was going to pay the medical costs for at home care, Jordan passed away in the hospital at the age of five, never spending a day in his life at home.

Jordan's Principle is a Child-First and needs based principle to ensure all First Nation children living on or off reserve have equitable access to all government funded public services. Funding can help with a wide range of health, social and educational needs.

To support all Jordan's Principle and Inuit Child First Initiative requests, signed documentation is required from a health, social, or educational professional directly working with the child that clearly indicates the diagnosis or identified need, directly recommends the requested intervention and stipulates the recommended frequency and duration of treatment plan, if applicable.

Please note that recommendations should come from qualified professionals involved in the child's care in most cases. Unmet needs can be assessed by community health, social and education providers where access to a professional is not available in a

timely manner. They may provide an initial assessment of unmet needs of the child (or children) this is especially important to consider in cases where communities /families do not have timely access to a specialized or additional subject matter expertise.

Supporting documents should be provided by medical /social /educational professionals who have no conflict and do not stand to benefit from the funding request.

First Nations children, until the day they turn 19, may be eligible. If you're unsure if your child, or a child and family you are supporting are eligible, please contact our Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator.

**For more information please contact:**

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*Ensuring First Nations children  
receive the public services they need  
when they need them*