

The Implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba Frequently asked questions

Who is doing this study?

In the fall of 2018, the Public Interest Law Centre (PILC) representing a Pinaymootang family in dual – provincial and federal – human rights complaints, formally asked the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) if it would consider a research proposal for the regional implementation of Jordan's Principle. The AMC agreed, and brought the research request to the Jordan's Principle Technical Advisory Group (Jordan's Principle TAG), who provided support and guidance in the research study moving forward.

This research study is in collaboration with a team of Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars from fields of study including Social Work, Child and Youth Care, Occupational Therapy, and Law. Our team further includes representatives from [the Jordan's Principle Service Coordination Unit at AMC](#). This team will be guided by an Advisory Committee that includes broad representation from across First Nations in Manitoba.

What is this study about?

The research study aims to illustrate the policy framework, supports and services accessed through the Jordan's Principle Child First Initiative (Jordan's Principle CFI). This will include describing the current structure and impacts the Jordan's Principle CFI has had on education, health and social development supports and services for First Nations in Manitoba children and youth.

More specific objectives of the research study aim to describe the implementation of the Jordan's Principle CFI in a sample of First Nations in Manitoba, including successes and challenges First Nations have faced in the short, medium and long-term. In conclusion, the research study aims to understand how First Nations in Manitoba Jordan's Principle CFI implementation link with/are shaped by complementary existing resources and services; and understanding service providers perspectives on the regional implementation of the Jordan's principle CFI.

How was this study developed?

In 2018, the Manitoba Region First Nation Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) unilaterally engaged an independent evaluator to conduct an evaluation on the implementation of Jordan's Principle that resulted in the May 2018 report called *Manitoba Jordan's Principle Circle of Care Approach Community Impact Study*. Neither the AMC, MKO, SCO, FNHSSM, or MFNERC were substantively involved in the review. Upon receipt and review, the Jordan's Principle Technical Advisory Group identified the need for First Nations in Manitoba to design and control the evaluation research process.

Who is the Research Team?

The *Implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba* Research Team includes Dr. Vandna Sinha (McGill/UColorado) as the Principal Investigator; Dr Josée Lavoie (UM/Ongomiizwin Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing); Dr. Alison Gerlach (UVictoria/School of Child and Youth Care) ; Dr. Marlyn Bennett* (UM/Social Work) ; and Dr. Lucyna Lach (McGill/Social Work) as Investigators; Research Assistant Myra Tait* (Lawyer; UM/Ongomiizwin Research); and Policy Analysts Samantha Folster* (AMC) and Jaron Hart* (AMC) with ongoing guidance from the Jordan's Principle Manitoba Advisory Committee.* (*First Nations)

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Who will be part of the Advisory Committee?

In consultation with AMC and the Jordan’s Principle Service Coordination Unit, the Advisory Committee lists First Nations in Manitoba Principle Policy Analysts, Advocates, Jordan’s Principle Service Coordinators, Jordan’s Principle Case Managers and Directors of Health.

What is the timeline for the study?

Who can participate in the study?

June – Aug 2020	Sept - Oct 2020	January 2021	Jan – Feb 2021	March 2021
COLLECTION & REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS		INTERIM REPORT	CASE STUDIES	FINAL REPORT
INTERVIEWS	FOCUS GROUPS, SURVEYS			

We plan to interview 20-25 Jordan’s Principle policy analysts, advocates, case managers, and specialized service providers. We may also conduct focus groups and surveys, for broader inclusion. We anticipate doing additional interviews for in-depth case studies in select communities.

What are the benefits of participating?

This study seeks to identify and document gaps in the implementation of Jordan’s Principle in Manitoba. Participating First Nations will receive detailed documentation of the implementation of Jordan’s Principle, and have opportunity to share information amongst case managers, both within and between First Nations in Manitoba. This research may also support the efforts of all First Nations in Manitoba to advocate for more effective and appropriate services, including the potential to create a legal precedent. The findings of this study will become evidence in a CHRT hearing, which could result in an order requiring better implementation of Jordan’s Principle.

What is required of participants?

Interview participants will be invited to discuss their knowledge about successes and challenges to implementing Jordan’s Principle in a 1-hour interview with a member of our research team. Some participants may also be invited to form part of a focus group, or asked to complete a short survey. Participation is completely voluntary, and a participant may refuse to answer any question or withdraw from participation at any time.

What is the study’s approach to First Nations’ Principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP)?

The Research Team acknowledges and respects the right to self-determination of First Nations in Manitoba, including the jurisdiction to decide about research and project in their Nations and communities. This research is built on meaningful engagement and mutually respectful interaction between the Research Team, Jordan’s Principle TAG, and all participants. **Our Team agrees to respect the privacy, dignity, culture and rights of First Nations peoples as described as [First Nations Principles of OCAP](#).**

Specifically, this includes providing copies of interviews for participants to review, correct, and clarify, sharing Report drafts with participating First Nations for their review and comments, and collaborating with AMC on drafts prior to publication. If AMC chooses to pursue data repatriation, we will also

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transfer data from those participants who have given us their express consent to provide their information, including their identity, to AMC.

How does the study protect the confidentiality of participants?

This study is required to meet rigorous research ethics protocols, including from the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly mandated Manitoba First Nations Health Information Research Committee ([HIRGC](#)), and Research Ethics Review boards from several universities. A key consideration of these protocols is the protection of confidentiality of participants. All names of individuals, communities and programs, as well as any major geographic or place names will be removed from the data. At the conclusion of the study, AMC may choose to take possession of the research data. Identifying information will only be shared if those individuals have provided their written permission to allow disclosure.

I'm interested in this study. How can I contact you?

We are interested in everyone's experience and perspective. If you have information you believe is important to include in our study, please contact us directly by email: JPManitoba@gmail.com. While we may be limited in our ability to follow up with every individual who contacts us, we are very interested in hearing from you.