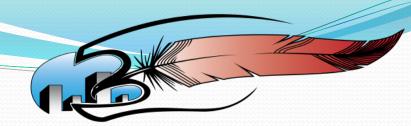


SPECIAL NEEDS ADVOCATE UNIT



Was created to advocate, assist and support Indigenous people living Off Reserve by finding solutions to accessing services, creating referrals, and finding the resources to ensure your rights are protected and needs are being met.

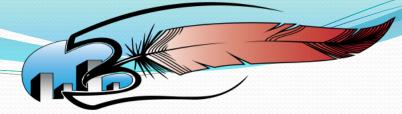




Background: Jordan River Anderson

• Jordan's Principle is a Child First Principle named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. Jordan was an Indigenous child from Norway House Cree Nation, MB. Born with complex medical needs, Jordan spent more than 2 years unnecessarily in hospital while the Federal & Provincial governments disputed over payment of services. Jordan died in hospital at the age of five years old, never having spent a day in a family home. Jordan's Principle was developed in response to the circumstances surrounding his death.





Advocates & Respite staff

- March 2016 Special Needs Advocate office opened-2 Advocates
- April 2017- 4 Advocates & 1 Admin asst.
- August 2017- Respite Services Manager

Provide knowledgeable experience & resource's to help navigate existing federal, provincial health and social programs and services to address needs to support the continuum of care across jurisdictional lines for Off Reserve Indigenous people. The advocates also enhance coordination of services, assist in resolving complaints/grievances, and offer emotional support to families during difficult and stressful times.

Services covered by Jordan's Principle include but are not limited to:

Education

Health

Child Welfare

Childcare

Recreation

FASD Youth Justice

Culture and Language Services





Jordan's Principle Service Circle

63 First Nation Community Based Services – Jordan's Principle Case Managers

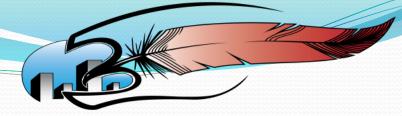
Funders (Health Canada / INAC / Indigenous Relations / Indigenous Services) 7 Tribal Council & 11 Independent First Nations Service Coordinators

AMC and AMC -mandated Entities – EUTC, FNFAO, FNHSSM, MFNERC Specialized Professional Service Providers – FSD, MFNERC,MATC, SSCY, St. Amant Centre

AMC has a diversity of First Nations and Indigenous peoples, languages and cultures, including Anishinaabe (or Ojibway), Neheto (or Cree), Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota.







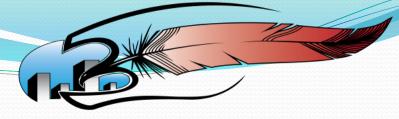
AMC Mandate

Chiefs-in-Assembly, is to devise collective, common political strategies and mechanisms for coordinated action by First Nations and their organizations to:

- □ Promote, preserve, and project Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nation people in Manitoba;
- Preserve and enhance the rights and freedoms of First Nations in Manitoba as distinct peoples;
- □ Strengthen and restore the foundations of First Nations cultures, traditions, languages, economies, and societies;
- □ Affirm First Nation rights as peoples to exercise and practice self-determination and self-government;
- □ Protect the integrity and authority of each First Nation's customs, laws, and practices; and
- □ Preserve and enhance the role and equal participation of First Nation women within political, economic and social spheres of First Nation governments and organizations.







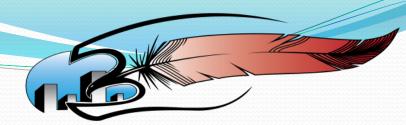
AMC Grand Chiefs office

Jordan's Principle Coordination Team

- Marcel Balfour Sr. Policy Analyst
- Open Jordan's Principle Policy Analyst
- Jaron Hart Jordan's Principle Policy Analyst
- Heidi Stranger Administrative Assistant

Creating future Jordan's Principle model development & supporting Jordan's Principle engagement.



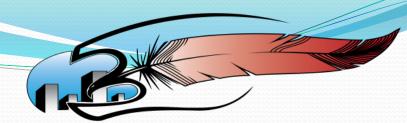


Advocacy Service

Referral process (self, service provider, family etc...)

- Intake & Needs Assessment
- Identify roles and responsibilities of all involved at all levels of interaction
- Develop a Care/Support Plan
- Identify specific training needs (family, support etc)
- To ensure process are understood by all
- Referral to other service providers
- Assist with EIA, Housing, School, CFS, Health Care

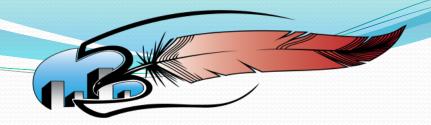




Advocacy Service

- Network with Tribal Council Service Coordinators, Jordan's Principle Case Managers, and Specialized Service Providers to support continuity of care & best practices.
- Not duplicate, existing federal and provincial structures and mechanisms, and maximize local capacities.
- Maintain ongoing contact with clients and families to respond to changes & ensure service provision and maintenance.

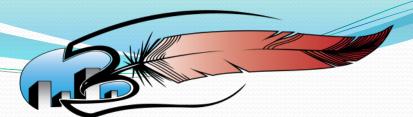




Advocacy Service

- collaborate with FNIHB, NIHB & Health Canada to resolve any "new" issues of jurisdictional dispute.
- A collaborative and centralized resource for the Jordan's Principle-CFI offices located on-reserve and for service providers off-reserve. When a service is not available to all other children, the government is to ensure culturally appropriate services and/or to safeguard the best interests of the child.
- No need to engage in case conferring, policy review, service navigation or any other similar administrative procedure before services are provided.

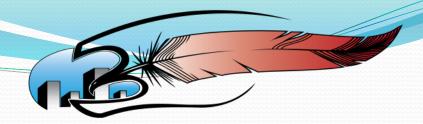




Short Term – Off-Reserve Respite

- Works with Jordan's Principle Case Managers, Tribal Council Service Coordinators, and Specialized Service Providers to support Manitoba First Nation children and their families.
- The Respite Manager also provides additional assistance in acquiring long term Respite services for the family by advocating and navigating provincial services and/or agencies.
- The Manager also assists the family unit by providing training and or resources necessary for best care practices for the child(ren).





EUTC Programs & Services

- Patient Advocate Unit
- Eagles Nest Project youth ages 15-25 that are unemployed or not attending school
- Housing First Project Fresh Start connect First Nation/Aboriginal clients to permanent housing (who are primarily youth).
- Housing First Project New Beginnings -work with homeless that do not fit the criteria of the Fresh Start program
- Employment Counselling, Training and Education
- Mental Health Addiction & Counselling
- Resource Information Binder/ Jordan's Principle resource mobile phone app

Intakes & Referrals:

Please contact Special Needs Advocate Unit Administration for Intake or Referral:

2nd Floor- 275 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R₃B ₂B₃

Email: specialneedsadvocate@manitobachiefs.com

https://manitobachiefs.com/jordans-principle/

Phone: 204-987-4137

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