



# JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SERVICE COORDINATOR GATHERING

## *Our Future, Our Children*



Kanien'kehá:ka territory (Montreal, QC) • March 5-7, 2024

## AGENDA

### PRE-GATHERING: Monday, March 4, 2024

Time	Agenda Item	Location
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Pre-Registration	Opus Foyer

### DAY 1: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Time	Item	Location
8:00am – 12:00pm	Registration	Opus Foyer
8:15am – 9:00am	HOT BREAKFAST	Opus Foyer
9:00am – 9:30am	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>Welcome to the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator Gathering! In the opening ceremonies, we will start the gathering in a good way with an opening prayer from our Knowledge Keeper, the Drum, and remarks from leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ironstone Drum Group, <i>Timiskaming First Nation</i></li> <li>• Knowledge Keeper Bill Sunday, <i>Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</i></li> <li>• Grand Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, <i>Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (TBC)</i></li> <li>• Ghislain Picard, <i>Regional Chief Quebec/Labrador (TBC)</i></li> <li>• Cindy Woodhouse-Nepinak, <i>National Chief, Assembly of First Nations (AFN)</i></li> <li>• Wina Sioui, <i>Facilitator</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
9:30am – 9:40am	<p><b>Remarks from Jordan River Anderson's Family</b></p> <p>It is with great honour that we are joined by Jordan River Anderson's relatives to provide opening remarks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerleen Sullivan, <i>Norway House Cree Nation</i></li> </ul>	
9:40am – 10:00am	<p><b>AFN Update on the Long-Term Approach to Jordan's Principle</b></p> <p>This session will provide participants with an update and overview of the AFN's advocacy on the long-term approach to Jordan's Principle, including the AFN's history of advocacy, mandates, and the work ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie Wellman, <i>Director of Social Development, AFN</i></li> </ul>	



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10:00am – 10:30am	<p><b>Keynote Address: The Legacy of Jordan River Anderson &amp; Future of Jordan's Principle</b></p> <p>This keynote address will highlight the life and legacy of Jordan River Anderson, the founder and namesake of Jordan's Principle, the history of Jordan's Principle at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT), and set out the vision for the future implementation of Jordan's Principle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Cindy Blackstock, <i>Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (Caring Society)</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
10:30am – 10:45am	HEALTH BREAK	Opus Foyer
10:45am – 11:15am	<p><b>Current State: Overview of Jordan's Principle Data and Research Projects</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide participants with an overview of the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy's (IFSD) assessment of Jordan's Principle data, and an update on the ongoing work of identifying gaps in services for First Nations children and youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Helaina Gaspard, <i>Director of Governance and Institutions, IFSD</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
11:15am – 12:15pm	<p><b>Back-to-Basics (B2B) Approach</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide participants with an overview of the Back-to-Basics approach to Jordan's Principle implementation pursuant to the Agreement-in-Principle on Long-Term Reform, including tools and documentation to support Service Coordinators. The B2B approach was designed to respond to concerns raised by First Nations of the burdensome process to apply for Jordan's Principle. This session includes a question and answer period with presenters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brittany Mathews, <i>Director of Reconciliation and Policy, Caring Society</i></li> <li>• Stephanie Wellman, <i>Director of Social Development, AFN</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
12:15pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH	Opus Foyer
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<p><b>Supporting First Nations Youth Aging Out of Jordan's Principle Eligibility</b></p> <p>First Nations have raised concerns of lack of support for youth aging out of Jordan's Principle eligibility, and the need for a continuum of care for First Nations adults with chronic care needs and disabilities. While the CHRT's orders on Jordan's Principle articulate that youth up to the age of majority are eligible for supports under Jordan's Principle, the needs of First Nations youth do not end when they reach age 18 or 19, and the current services for First Nations young adults with chronic care needs and disabilities are insufficient.</p>	Plenary (Opus)



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1:15pm – 2:30pm	<p>In this session, participants will hear from First Nations youth on their perspectives on the changes needed to ensure continuing supports for First Nations young adults. Participants will also learn about the AFN's advocacy for youth aging out of Jordan's Principle and work towards developing a Seven Generations Continuum of Care and reforms to the Assisted Living and First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care Programs. This session includes a question and answer period with panelists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cedar lahtail, Helper, <i>Assembly of Seven Generations</i></li> <li>• Jessica Quinn, Senior Policy Analyst, AFN</li> <li>• Torri Weapenicappo, Senior Policy Analyst, AFN</li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
2:30pm – 2:45pm	HEALTH BREAK	Opus Foyer
2:45pm – 4:15pm	<p><b>Gender Affirming Care and Supporting 2SLGBTQQA+ Youth</b></p> <p>Two-Spirit and gender diverse individuals have special gifts from the Creator which must be celebrated and nurtured. The CHRT orders affirm that all First Nations children are eligible under Jordan's Principle, including those who are 2SLGBTQQA+. Gender diverse youth have unique experiences and needs for gender-affirming care that are eligible for support under Jordan's Principle, which could include culturally-safe exploration of pronouns and gender, individual or family mental wellness supports, gender-affirming garments or travel to appointments for gender-affirming care. In this session, participants will hear from youth, advocates and professionals with lived experience on how to best support First Nations youth to access gender-affirming care, as well as the systemic barriers to accessing such services. This session includes a question and answer period with panelists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Albert McLeod, <i>Elder</i></li> <li>• Kieran Davis, <i>Ontario First Nations Young Peoples Council</i></li> <li>• Dr. Jaris Swidrovich, <i>Assistant Professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto (TBC)</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
4:15pm – 4:30pm	<p><b>Day 1 Closing</b></p> <p>To conclude Day 1 of the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator Gathering, participants will reflect on Day 1 of the Gathering, followed by a prayer and drum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wina Sioui, <i>Facilitator</i></li> <li>• Ironstone Drum Group, <i>Timiskaming First Nation</i></li> <li>• Knowledge Keeper Bill Sunday, <i>Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</i></li> </ul>	



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DAY 2: Wednesday, March 6, 2024		
Time	Item	Location
8:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Registration</b>	Opus Foyer
8:15am – 9:00am	<b>HOT BREAKFAST</b>	Opus Foyer
9:00am – 9:15am	<b>Day 2 Opening</b> Welcome to the second day of the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator Gathering! The day will begin with an opening prayer and drum, reflections on the previous day's discussions and an overview of the day ahead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge Keeper Bill Sunday, <i>Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</i></li> <li>• Ironstone Drum Group, <i>Timiskaming First Nation</i></li> <li>• Wina Sioui, <i>Facilitator</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
9:15am – 10:30am	<b>First Nations Service Coordination Models</b> To advance First Nations control over Jordan's Principle, several regions and organizations have designed and implemented their own service coordination models. In this session, participants will hear from organizations and regions with experience implementing unique service coordination models, including successes, challenges, and the path forward. This session includes a question and answer period with panelists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charmaine Pyakutch, <i>Director of Jordan's Principle, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (SK)</i></li> <li>• Lyndia Jones, <i>Health Director, Independent First Nations (ON)</i></li> <li>• Joni Wilson, <i>Jordan's Principle &amp; Wellness Services Lead, Southern Chiefs Organization (MB)</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
10:30am – 10:45am	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	Opus Foyer
10:45am – 12:00pm	<b>First Nations Administration Models</b> Regions and organizations have designed and implemented unique administration models to reflect the priorities and needs of their regions. In this session, participants will learn about various administration models, including best practices, challenges, and advice for regions seeking to take on administration of Jordan's Principle. This session includes a question and answer period with panelists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Knott, <i>Manager, Alberta First Nations Health Consortium (AB)</i></li> <li>• Raymond Cauchi, <i>Manager, British Columbia Aboriginal Child Care Society (BC)</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	Opus Foyer



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1:00pm – 2:30pm	<p><b>Jordan's Principle Liability</b></p> <p>With First Nations expressing interest in taking on administration and coordination models for Jordan's Principle, there are liability considerations that must be contemplated. In this session, panelists will present on the liability considerations associated with First Nations control over Jordan's Principle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adam Williamson, <i>Senior Legal Counsel, AFN</i></li> <li>• Sarah Clarke, <i>Principal, Clarke Child and Family Law</i></li> <li>• David Taylor, <i>Managing Partner, Conway</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
2:30pm – 2:45pm	HEALTH BREAK	Opus Foyer
2:45pm – 4:15pm	<p><b>Self-Care for Service Coordinators</b></p> <p>Service Coordinators serve First Nations families in a front-line role, which involves significant emotional work and trauma. In this session, participants will learn about vicarious trauma, identify self-care tools and techniques that are grounded in culture, and discuss research on trauma and mental wellness in high stress professions. This session includes a question and answer period with panelists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Carol Hopkins, <i>Executive Director, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation</i></li> <li>• Dr. Brenda Restoule, <i>Chief Executive Officer, First Peoples Wellness Circle</i></li> <li>• Dr. Cheryl Regehr, <i>Vice President and Provost, University of Toronto</i></li> <li>• Knowledge Keeper Bill Sunday, <i>Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
4:15pm – 4:30pm	<p><b>Day 2 Closing</b></p> <p>To conclude Day 2 of the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator Gathering, participants will reflect on Day 2 of the Gathering, followed by a prayer and drum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wina Sioui, <i>Facilitator</i></li> <li>• Ironstone Drum Group, <i>Timiskaming First Nation</i></li> <li>• Knowledge Keeper Bill Sunday, <i>Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</i></li> </ul>	



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DAY 3: Thursday, March 7, 2024		
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8:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Registration</b>	Opus Foyer
8:15am – 9:00am	<b>HOT BREAKFAST</b>	Opus Foyer
9:00am – 9:15am	<b>Day 3 Opening</b> Welcome to the final day of the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator Gathering! The day will begin with an opening prayer and drum, reflections on the previous day's discussions and an overview of the day ahead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge Keeper Bill Sunday, <i>Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</i></li> <li>• Ironstone Drum Group, <i>Timiskaming First Nation</i></li> <li>• Wina Sioui, <i>Facilitator</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)
9:15am – 10:30am	<b>Capital and Infrastructure for Jordan's Principle</b> In 2021, the CHRT ordered Canada to pay the actual costs of capital and infrastructure to deliver Jordan's Principle and Child and Family Services (2021 CHRT 41). In this session, participants will be provided with an overview of the order and investments in First Nations capital and infrastructure, learn how to access capital funding, and discuss the long-term approach to capital and infrastructure. This session includes a question and answer period with panelists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Taylor, <i>Managing Partner, Conway</i></li> <li>• Stephanie Wellman, <i>Director of Social Development, AFN</i></li> <li>• Julie Pellerin, <i>Senior Director, Economic Development and Infrastructure, AFN (TBC)</i></li> </ul>	
10:30am – 10:45am	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	Opus Foyer
10:45am – 11:45am	<b>Legislation and Jordan's Principle</b> Distinctions-based health legislation and accessibility legislation are key priorities for First Nations. Jordan's Principle must inform these key pieces of legislation, and the legislation must uphold and advance the implementation of Jordan's Principle. In this session, participants will receive information and updates about Indigenous health legislation and accessibility legislation, including AFN's mandates, advocacy and next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Bisson, <i>Director of Health, AFN</i></li> <li>• Marie Frawley-Henry, <i>Senior Policy Analyst, AFN</i></li> </ul>	Plenary (Opus)



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11:45am – 12:00pm	<b>Keynote: Looking Forward – The Future of Jordan's Principle</b> This keynote address will provide participants with reflections on the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator Gathering and an overview of the next steps and path forward for the AFN's advocacy on Jordan's Principle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephanie Wellman, <i>Director of Social Development, AFN</i></li></ul>	Plenary (Opus)
12:00pm – 12:30pm	<b>Closing</b> Thank you for joining us at the Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator Gathering! In the closing ceremonies, participants will reflect on the Gathering proceedings and begin their journeys home in a good way with the Drum and a closing prayer from our Knowledge Keeper. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wina Sioui, <i>Facilitator</i></li><li>• Cindy Woodhouse-Nepinak, <i>National Chief, AFN</i></li><li>• Ironstone Drum Group, <i>Timiskaming First Nation</i></li><li>• Knowledge Keeper Bill Sunday, <i>Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</i></li></ul>	
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