

**BASELINE FUNDING INFORMATION SHEET
SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT ON
LONG-TERM REFORM OF THE FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
PROGRAM ON APRIL 1ST, 2025**

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Under the reformed First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program, and as committed to in the Final Agreement, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) would allocate \$14.048 billion over a 10-year period beginning in 2024-25 for Baseline Funding.

WHAT IS IT?

Baseline Funding replaces the separate funding streams for protection, operations and maintenance, and includes intake and investigations, legal fees, building repairs, child service purchase and least disruptive measures as outlined in provincial legislation. Baseline Funding amalgamates the various funding available to delegated FNCFS Service Providers, and is inclusive of funding for least disruptive measures that seek to prevent the separation of children from their families and reunify children with their families.

Signatories to the Final Agreement and Canada will work together to develop guidance material and documents for FNCFS Service Providers to support the transitions under the reformed FNCFS.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

- Baseline Funding will continue to be provided directly to FNCFS Agencies including to provinces and the Yukon in instances where there is no delegated FNCFS Agency.

HOW IS BASELINE FUNDING DETERMINED?

- Starting April 1, 2025, delegated FNCFS Agencies will receive annual Baseline Funding, based on their 2022-2023 expenditures for protection, operations and maintenance (together called Baseline Funding). This amount will be adjusted for inflation and population.
- A child and family wellbeing plan will outline implementation activities that relate to and are eligible for Baseline Funding. The plan will be developed by FNCFS Agencies in consultation with their affiliated First Nation(s).

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR BASELINE FUNDING

Examples of eligible activities for Baseline Funding may include:

- Intake, intervention, planning, implementation, evaluation, assessment and investigation to address reports of identified risks to children, including after-hours services, and the

continuation of services to facilitate the transition of youth into adulthood, in accordance with provincial and Yukon legislation, regulation and policies.

- Legal services, child representation, or other activities related to child protection proceedings.
- A range of alternate custody, and kin care arrangements, agreements, and/or orders to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the child(ren) and supports for the family and care providers.
- Placement services including recruiting, assessing, training, educating, supporting, monitoring and evaluating alternate care providers.

Guidance material and documents are being prepared to support FNCFS Service Providers.