



FIRST NATIONS
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OUR MISSION

Working together,
honouring and
advocating for the
needs of our First
Nations people

Our Values

LOVE

We have love
and affection for
our People.

RESPECT

We value and
honor the diversity
of First Nations
cultures, languages
and aspirations.

FAIRNESS

We are fair and
equitable in all
our actions and
decisions.

COMPASSION

We seek to
understand each
other's individual
and community
experience.



FEEL GOOD STORY: Meet Lincoln & Yassah

Lincoln was born with complex medical needs and unfortunately his parents were unable to provide for him. He stayed in the hospital until he was one year old when his care nurse, who met him when he was just a baby, was given the opportunity to be a Person of Significant Interest. She said that he stole her heart, and she was able to take him home and raise him. He is now an active 7-year-old.



Photograph of Lincoln

In the last year, Lincoln's condition has gotten significantly worse, and he requires around the clock care. Yassah reached out to the First Nations Health Consortium to assist her with submitting Jordan's Principle requests to Indigenous Services Canada in Alberta to assist with Lincoln's needs. Since Yassah is not First Nations, one of our Registration Coordinator's was able to find out that Lincoln's birth mother was registered, making Lincoln eligible for Jordan's Principle supports. Due to his complex medical needs, including congenital heart disease, he requires high flow oxygen 24 hours a day. Lincoln and Yassah had moved from Saskatchewan to Alberta late in the school year, so the school didn't have the supports Lincoln needed. He is an active boy with both ADHD and Autism who is medically fragile. This means he needed a 1:1 Educational Assistant (EA) to support his complex needs while he is at school to keep him safe. He also needs respite care at night to prevent Lincoln's oxygen tube from being kinked while he's asleep. That way Yassah has a chance to rest and be ready to attend to his needs the following day.

The Regional Service Coordinator (RSC) working with Yassah collaborated with the Ministry of Children Services to ensure respite care is provided for Lincoln. Fortunately, Jordan's Principle can provide more comprehensive coverage to support Lincoln's needs.

The RSC submitted applications for an EA, Respite Care and Sensory Items on the family's behalf by advocating for this child's needs and they got approved! Yassah described her experience with the RSC as "Amazing and I am so so happy that I get to work with her, and I look forward to working with her forever." Yassah hopes that their story can help other families with children that have complex medical conditions and high needs. She describes Lincoln as "An amazing kid, wherever he is, his presence is just positive. He has an impact on everyone he meets."



Randy Littlechild & Dr. Deena Hinshaw

Dr. Deena Hinshaw was proudly recognized by the First Nations Health Consortium for her dedication to the health and wellness of the Indigenous population in Alberta during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A child under the age of majority in their province/territory of residence can access Jordan's Principle, if they permanently reside in Canada and if the child meets one of the following criteria:

- Is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act;
- Has one parent/guardian who is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act;
- Is recognized by their Nation for the purposes of Jordan's Principle;
- Is ordinarily a resident on reserve.

To learn more, please visit this website: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1568396042341/1568396159824>

JORDAN'S CORNER



A place to learn more about Jordan River Anderson

Jordan had a rare, genetic, muscular disorder called Carey-Fineman-Ziter Syndrome. This disorder occurs when the Myomaker (MYMK) gene is not working correctly causing a wide-range of symptoms that can range from mild to severe.

What are some examples of Jordan's Principle Requests?

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Sensory Items
- Psych-Ed Assessments
- Educational Assistant
- Tutoring
- Specialized Respite
- Assistive Technology
- Behaviour Therapy
- Audiology
- Mobility/Medical Equipment
- Podiatrist
- Mental Health Counselling
- Assessments & Screenings

RESOURCES

Emergency Financial Assistance

<https://emergencybenefits.alberta.ca/>

- Apply if you emergently need assistance with food, clothing, temporary shelter or transportation

Utilities Consumer Advocate

<https://ucahelps.alberta.ca/contact-a-mediation-officer.aspx>

- If you need assistance resolving an issue with your utility company or have questions about your electricity or natural gas choices

Native Counselling Services of Alberta- Indigenous Housing First

<https://www.ncsa.ca/programs/indigenous-housing-first-edmonton>

- The Indigenous Housing First Program provides housing and follow up support for chronically homeless Indigenous people in Edmonton

Telus - Mobility for good

<https://cafdn.org/your-impact/programs-and-funds/telus-mobility-for-good-program/>

- A program for youth transitioning out of care, Indigenous women at risk or surviving violence and low-income seniors

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH CONSORTIUM OFFICE LOCATIONS

High Level



Wabasca



Peace River



High Prairie



Grande Prairie



St. Paul



Sturgeon Lake



Edmonton



Maskwacis



Calgary



Lethbridge

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