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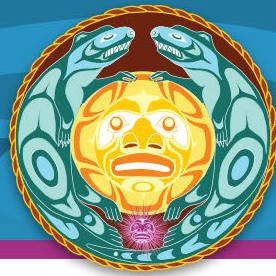


## BACKGROUND

- January 2016: The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal found that Canada's failure to ensure that First Nations children have access to government services on the same terms as other children was discriminatory and contrary to the law.
- Jordan's Principle is now a legal principle.
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's third Call to Action calls upon **all levels of government** to fully implement Jordan's Principle.

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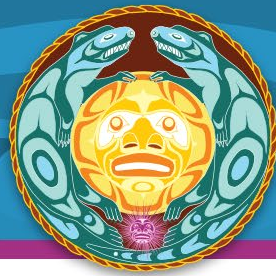


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## JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

- Jordan's Principle is a principle that applies to all First Nations children, **regardless of where they live.**
- Jordan's Principle is meant to ensure there are no gaps in government services for First Nations children.
- Jordan's Principle recognizes that First Nations children may need government services that exceed the "normative standard" to ensure substantive equality.



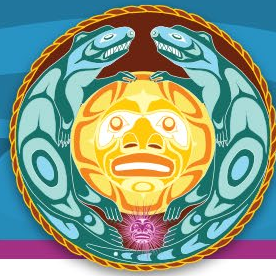
## CURRENT AND ONGOING WORK

- Canada has committed to fully implement Jordan's Principle and to work with First Nations to determine a long-term approach to ensure First Nations children have access to the services and supports they need.
- AFN Resolution 27/2018, *Support for the Long-Term Implementation of Jordan's Principle*:
  - Calling for greater First Nations control over Jordan's Principle.
  - Calling on Canada to invest in capital costs.
  - Calling on Canada to continue to invest in, and implement, Jordan's Principle beyond March 31, 2019.



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## ADVOCACY REQUIRED

- Respecting regional diversity and the need for flexibility, provinces/territories must work with Canada and First Nations within their jurisdictions to fully implement Jordan's Principle.
- Provinces/territories must take concrete steps to ensure First Nations have equal access to services provided to all residents.
- Canada must meaningfully invest in First Nations control of Jordan's Principle.