Wholistic Framework
Framework's Background

**Elder Teachings/Research**
The Wholistic Framework incorporates sacred & theoretical knowledge.

**Medicine Wheel Quadrants**
Utilized to reflect the principles associated with balance in wellness. Imbalances become apparent.

**Assessment Tools**
Geared towards relationship-building, empowerment, & identifies potential imbalances in wellness for the child & family.
RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING
The Wholistic Concept
General Overview
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TEACHINGS

1. **Dependent**
   Family enters a welcoming atmosphere & information sharing i.e., Historical creation of dependence.

2. **Co-Dependent**
   Family works closely with Jordan's Principle worker to develop *Wholistic Wellness Plan*.

3. **Independent**
   Family asserts more control over the established Wellness Plan. Confident in consulting with professionals for child's needs.

4. **Interdependent**
   Ability to navigate & access services, & able to develop relationship with service provider(s).
**INDIGENOUS WORLDVIEWS AS GUIDELINES**

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OVERVIEW OF WHOLISTIC ASSESSMENT TOOLS
Services Currently Receiving Form

Services Being Requested Form
The Wholistic Assessment
To Measure Balance in Wellness

Areas in Medicine Wheel
Based on results from "Services Currently Receiving" form, areas in corresponding quadrants are shaded in i.e., 2 ticks in physical equals 2 shaded areas in yellow

Measurement
Tool determines, visually, potential service & support imbalances for child & family

Jordan's Principle Role
Family Support Worker/Case Coordinators are designated to conduct Wholistic Assessment
Building our model from Elder Teachings combined with theoretical approaches makes it culturally sensitive, and more effective in justifying Substantive Equality.

Empowerment of Families will lead to acceptance of "self" and subsequently acceptance of Culture. Our model focuses on a child as a whole & not only an individual. Thus leading to stronger, healthier communities.
Ongoing disruption in implementing cultural assessment tools makes Innovative grass-root models suffer or fade into the background. Current funding structures do not give this new model a chance to operate smoothly to better meet the needs of First Nations children.

First Nations have always experienced opposition to their approaches and ways-of-life. Will this be the time where this vicious cycle breaks?

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Mawiw's Jordan's Principle Wholistic Framework is not the first, nor will it be the last, innovative assessment tool. How many others are struggling for a chance to address their peoples needs?
Questions?

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Thank You