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Thank
you
for being
there for
165,000
kids

WAKE UP
CANADA!
We've waited
enough

Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUT THE 165,000
CHILDREN ON RESERVES ACROSS CANADA!
THANK YOU FOR NEVER
GIVING UP!
TO: CARING SOCIETY

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For caring and never giving up
5,000 children living on res
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You

Funding: Why Structure and Amounts matter

AFN: April 13, 2021
Cindy Blackstock, PhD

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Health Equity and Dignified Lives

Revised edition



Executive Summary of the Report of the Commission of the Pan American Health Organization on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas

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Regional Office for the Americas

INSTITUTE of HEALTH EQUITY

network

INTERSECTIONALITY: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUITIES, GENDER, SEXUALITY, ETHNICITY, DISABILITY, MIGRATION

STRUCTURAL DRIVERS

Political, Social, cultural and economic Structures

Natural Environment, and and Climate change

History and Legacy, including Colonialism, structural Racism

CONDITIONS OF DAILY LIFE

Early Life and Education

Working Life

Older People

Income and Social Protection

Violence

Environment and Housing

Health Systems

TAKING ACTION

Governance

Human Rights

HEALTH EQUITY AND DIGNIFIED LIFE

Spirit Bear Plan to end all inequalities in First Nations public services



Spirit Bear Plan




End Inequalities in Public Services for First Nations Children, Youth and Families

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Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (2016 CHRT 2)

Ordered Canada to cease its discriminatory conduct in First Nations child and family services AND

To ensure that the discrimination does not recur

Both funding amounts AND the structure are vital to achieving these goals

First Nations Child and Family Services

Joint National Policy Review Final Report June, 2000



Prepared for:

Assembly Of First Nations With First Nations Child And Family Service
Agency Representatives In Partnership With The
Department Of Indian Affairs And Northern Development

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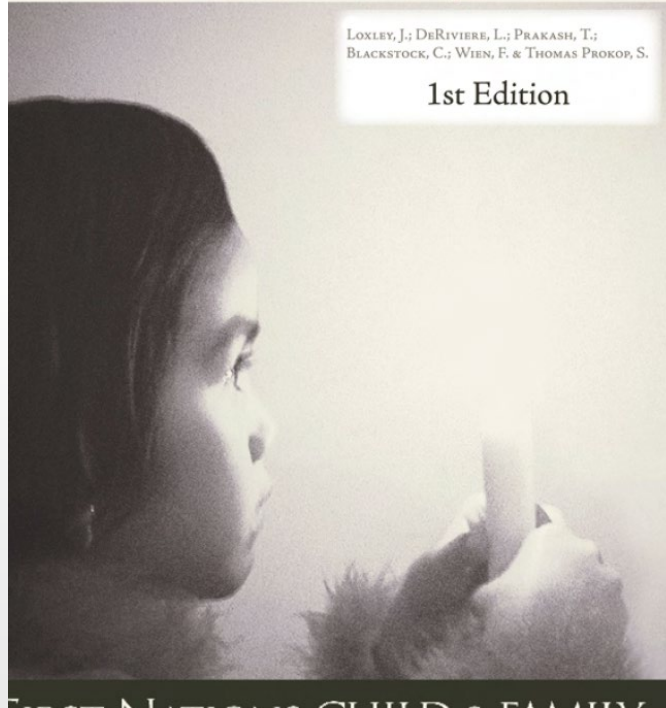
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THE NATIONAL POLICY REVIEW ON
FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
RESEARCH PROJECT: PHASE THREE

LOXLEY, J.; DERIVIERE, L.; PRAKASH, T.;
BLACKSTOCK, C.; WIEN, F. & THOMAS PROKOP, S.

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The program has not defined key policy requirements
Responsibilities and services are not always well defined
The Department has limited assurance that services meet legislation and standards
Coordination with other programs is poor
INAC devotes limited human resources to the program
[Funding of services](#)
Program funding is inequitable

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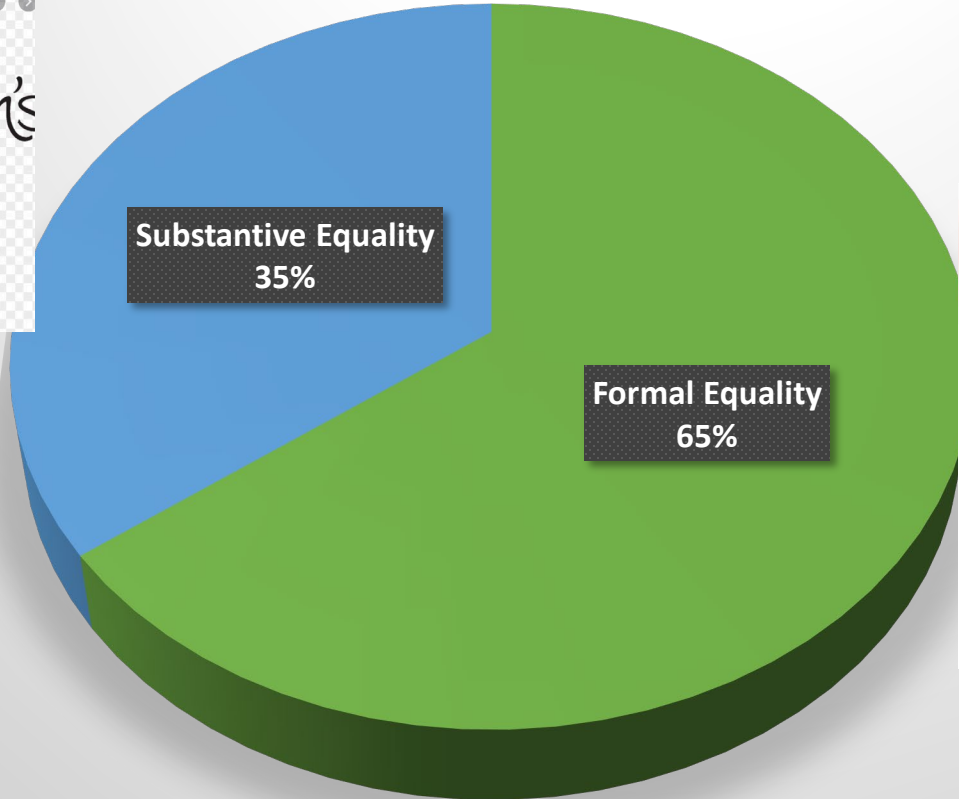
Child welfare IS poverty, poor housing, addictions, mental health and family violence




Jordan's Principle: equality by application?



Approved cases 2020





Spirit Bear Plan




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- Formal Equality
- Substantive Equality

Act Respecting First Nations Child and Family Services

What is Canada's position on
its CHRT funding obligations
post-First Nations laws?

Undertakings in Response to Questions from the Assembly of First Nations

Undertaking #7: Clarify whether for First Nations that choose to exercise their right under the Act, there will be a funding stream for them to provide services to their communities. (similar to undertaking #5)

There is no funding stream for the long-term operationalization of an Indigenous governing body's law once they begin exercising jurisdiction. Each community will directly receive funding unique to their service delivery model as established in the coordination agreement. The needs and service delivery models will vary in each community, and we cannot fully anticipate at this time what funding will be required to support the operationalization of Indigenous laws.

Canada files for Judicial Review on compensation: October 4, 2019

- Justice Favel assigned by the Federal Court
- AFN, Caring Society, COO, NAN and Amnesty International Canada all filed notice of appearance
- Hearing scheduled for June 14 -18, 2021

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Canada files for Judicial Review on Jordan's Principle: Dec 22, 2020

- Justice Favel assigned by the Federal Court
- AFN, Caring Society, COO, NAN and Amnesty International Canada all filed notice of appearance
- Congress of Aboriginal Peoples applied for, and was granted intervenor status
- Hearing scheduled the week of June 14-18, 2021

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Bear Witness Day

- **May 10**
- Bring your bears to daycare, school or work and post online using **#JordansPrinciple** and **#BearWitnessDay**
- Don't forget to tag @SpiritBear



Spirit Bear and Children Make History (2020)

- Produced by Spotted Fawn Productions
- Based on the true story of how children of all diversities came together to stand for justice during the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal.
- Shares the story of Jordan's Principle
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