

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SERVICE COORDINATOR



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Ha7lh skwáyel tanewyap. Jaleisa kwi en sna, Ts'itstenaát kwi en kweshamin. Tina7 chan tl'a Eslha7án úxwumixw. An wenáxw ten skwalwen. My given name is Jaleisa George and my ancestral name is Ts'itstenaát. I was born and raised in the village of Eslha7án in North Vancouver. I'm very proud of who I am and where I come from. I am a mother to two extraordinary daughters- Taelyn and Tiyímia. Daughter to Linda George (Nekwsaliya), and granddaughter to late Nekwsaliya-t whom was a first language speaker within Squamish Nation. She instilled in me the importance of our language and culture and I incorporate those teachings in all that I do.

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WHAT IS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE?

Jordan's Principle is a child first principle named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. Jordan was a First Nations Child from Norway House Cree Nation. Born with complex health needs Jordan spent more than two years unnecessarily in hospital while the Province of Manitoba and the federal government argued over who should pay for his home care. Unfortunately Jordan passed away in hospital never having spent a day in his family home. This in turn was the creation of "Jordan's Principle".

Jordan's Principle ensures that the First Nations children can access the services they need, when they need them. Services are provided on the basis of substantive equality which includes providing culturally based services that take into full account the historical and contemporary disadvantage that many First Nations children live with. When services are requested, the government of first contact pays for the service and can resolve jurisdictional or payment disputes later.

WHY IS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE IMPORTANT?

Payment disputes within and between federal and provincial or territorial governments over services for First Nations children are common. First Nations children are frequently left waiting for services they desperately need or are denied services that are available to other children. This includes but is not limited to services in: education, health, early childhood services, recreation and culture and language. Jordan's Principle is a legal requirement that provides access to services for First Nations children in need and ensures that the government of first contact pays for the services without delay.

WHAT IS COVERED?

The following list has been funded by Jordan's Principle. Each situation is different and all requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please reach out to Jaleisa George to find out what is covered and how to access coverage. ***Please know the coordinator role is unique to Squamish Nation and many of these services have the potential of being provided through existing departments. Contact Jaleisa and she will navigate and support you through the process.***

Health:

- Mobility Aids
- Wheelchair ramps
- Services from Elders
- Assessments and screenings
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Mental health services

Social:

- Social worker
- Land-based activities
- Respite care (individual or group)
- Specialized programs based on cultural beliefs
- Personal support worker

Education:

- School supplies
- Tutoring services
- Teaching assistants
- Psycho-educational assessments
- Assistive technology and electronics



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