



FIRST NATIONS
HEALTH CONSORTIUM

OUR MISSION

Working together,
honoring and
advocating for the
needs of our
First Nations People



LOVE

We have love
and affection for
our People



COMPASSION

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



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



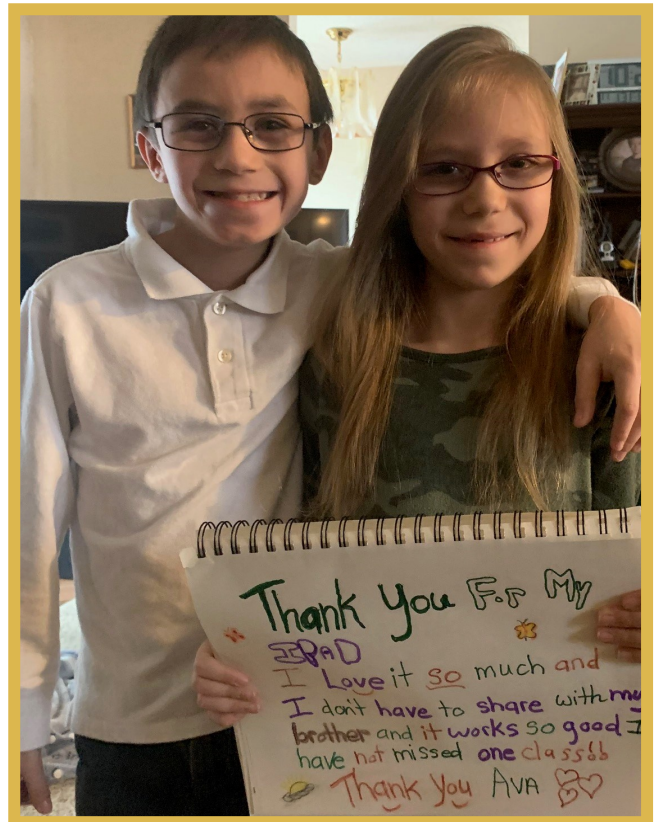
EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Quarterly Newsletter- December 2020

Making a Difference in Children's Lives

I would like to let you know just how much you have improved my little children's lives, from a grandmother now raising them. Both children have special needs, so they will have a long road ahead of them, but with your help things are most certainly improving for them both. I became their guardian too quickly and was denied kinship support for these two special needs children, so this is the best thing that has happened for them.

When they received their very own iPads they both cried. My little girl was so overwhelmed that the tears were just running down her face. She said, "Mom are you sure this is just for me?" I smiled and said, "Yes, mom received support once again from the incredible place called First Nations Health Consortium." She hugged me more tightly than ever before and told me that she was so happy she didn't have to try to use her brothers, as he received one before her. She would not have to try to remember what class room was hers or his and she would not miss any more school because this iPad will work just for her. An hour later I finally had everything added and she took her iPad and showed her brother and then went upstairs to show all her stuffed animals. It was the kind of moment that makes a person's heart hurt because it was so greatly appreciated from an incredible little girl.



Deklyn & Ava Sarazen , ages 8 and 7

Today I told them both that the special teacher that is helping them is also from FNHC. My little girl said, "Really? They must think we are very special to help us with our school learning too!" So, this is what you have all done for these two little children. You have given them the extra support that they needed most to become

more successful in their education as we all know that these years are the building blocks for tomorrow.

With our most sincere gratitude thank you so much for everything you have done and will be doing to help these children succeed in their life's journey.

~ Diane Sarazen

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE UPDATES

On Nov. 25, 2020, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) released a ruling about Jordan's Principle eligibility. 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 resident on reserve.

(The eligibility above replaces the CHRT interim motion ruling of February 2019).

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

NIHB NEWS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be delays in registering an infant for First Nation status.

In order to allow additional time for parents to register their infant children, NIHB has extended coverage of unregistered infants up to 24 months of age, until further notice.

Infants up to 12 months of age can access most types of NIHB benefits under the identification number of their eligible parent or guardian. Contact the Dental Predetermination Centre if dental services are required. Contact the Drug Exception Centre if pharmacy services are required. You will be provided with a temporary NIHB client number that is valid until your child reaches 24 months of age.

For more information and to subscribe to updates, please visit the NIHB website: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1578079214611/1578079236012>

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



Did you know?

The documentary, *Jordan River Anderson, The Messenger* is free to watch on the National Film Board site!

Alanis Obomsawin's film tells the story of how the life of Jordan River Anderson initiated a battle for the right of First Nations and Inuit children to receive the same standard of social, health and educational services as the rest of the Canadian population.

www.nfb.ca



RESOURCE LINKS

**Alberta College of Speech Language
Pathologists & Audiologists**
www.acslpa.ca

Society of Alberta Occupational Therapists
www.saot.ca/search-for-an-ot

FASD Alberta Networks
<https://fasdalberta.ca/>

Government Benefits Finder
Families can input their information to
determine eligibility for Provincial & Federal
Benefits
www.benefitsfinder.gc.ca

Hope for Wellness Helpline
Phone & On-Line Chat Counseling Service
24/7 Toll-free Help Line: 1-855-242-3310
www.hopeforwellness.ca

Northern Alberta Office Locations

Bonnyville
Edmonton
Fort Vermillion
Grande Prairie
High Level
High Prairie
Lac la Biche
Maskwacis
Sturgeon Lake
Wabasca

Southern Alberta Office Locations

Calgary
Kainai
Lethbridge
Rocky Mountain House
Siksika

FNHC would like to wish you a safe and healthy holiday season!

Want to learn more?
Book a presentation!

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community members, or group,
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