

## Liability Concerns for First Nations: Prevention Services and Jordan's Principle



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Join **Dr. Cindy Blackstock**, **Koren Lightning-Earle**, and **Mary Teegee** as they discuss potential liability concerns for First Nations and their employees who:

- take on prevention funding as part of Canada's reformed funding model for the First Nations Child and Family Services Program;
- assume responsibility for Jordan's Principle.



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Liability exposure is different for a First Nation than for child and family service agencies. While provincial/territorial child welfare laws often include a provision protecting social workers, the legislation does not apply to other kinds of service providers involved in child and family services. This means others, such as band representatives, prevention workers, and employees of the First Nation, may be open to claims in negligence that are not protected under the legislation.

While analysis of liability implications for First Nations assuming responsibility for Jordan's Principle is just beginning, the panel will discuss emerging questions and considerations.

*This dialogue session explores general information on potential liability concerns and does not constitute legal advice.*



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**ADMISSION is FREE!** but pre-registration is required | Light refreshments will be served

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