

Resources for Developing a National Plan to End Canada's Discrimination in First Nations Child and Family Services



This information sheet contains a list of resources on topics related to First Nations Child and Family Services to inform regional discussions on developing a national plan to end Canada's discrimination and ensure that First Nations children, youth, and families have access to effective and culturally based interventions to prevent and respond to child maltreatment and ensure they can thrive in a manner consistent with applicable child protection legislation and legal orders. The legislation and orders include, but are not limited to, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families; the Canadian Human Rights Act; the orders of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal in First Nations Child and Family Caring Society et al. v Attorney General of Canada; and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Child Maltreatment

What is Child Sexual Abuse? (April 2025)

cwrp.ca/publications/what-child-sexual-abuse

What is Children's Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence? (April 2025)

cwrp.ca/publications/what-childrens-exposure-intimate-partner-violence

What is Child Neglect? (September 2024)

cwrp.ca/publications/what-is-child-neglect

What is Child Physical Abuse? (September 2024)

cwrp.ca/publications/what-is-child-physical-abuse

Data on First Nations Children and Families in Contact With Child Welfare (2019)

fncaringsociety.com/publications/first-nations-incidence-study-reported-child-abuse-neglect-2019-fncis-2019-information

Prevention

Balancing Immediate Protection and Long-Term Well-Being (April 2025)

cwrp.ca/publications/balancing-immediate-protection-and-long-term-well-being

Supreme Court of Canada's Reference re An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families: What Indigenous Peoples and Governments Need to Know (January 2025)

cwrp.ca/publications/supreme-court-canadas-reference-re-act-respecting-first-nations-inuit-and-metis

Legislation, Regulation and Soft Law (January 2025)

cwrp.ca/publications/legislation-regulation-and-soft-law

What are Child Welfare Prevention Services? (September 2024)

cwrp.ca/publications/what-are-child-welfare-prevention-services

What is Out-of-Home Care? (September 2024)

cwrp.ca/publications/what-is-out-home-care

Unpacking the Meaning of Culturally-Relevant, Trauma-Informed Care (August 21, 2024)

Spirit Bear Podcast, S2 E7: jkingfncfcs.podbean.com/e/s2-e7-unpacking-the-meaning-of-culturally-relevant-trauma-informed-care/

Loving Our Children: Finding What Works for First Nations Families (April 2024)

cwrp.ca/publications/loving-our-children-finding-what-works-first-nations-families

Ask an Expert: Going "0-60" with Prevention Services (January 2024)

fncaringsociety.com/publications/ask-expert-going-0-60-prevention-services

Going "0-60" with Prevention Services (December 7, 2023)

Spirit Bear Podcast, S2 E10: jkingfncfcs.podbean.com/e/s2-e10-going-0-60-in-prevention-services/

Culturally Relevant Substance Use Interventions for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Communities (November 3, 2023)

Spirit Bear Podcast, S2 E9: jkingfncfcs.podbean.com/e/s2-e9-culturally-relevant-substance-use-interventions-for-first-nations-metis-and-inuit-communities/

Ask an Expert: Substance Use Interventions (November 2023)

fncaringsociety.com/publications/ask-expert-culturally-relevant-substance-use-interventions-first-nations-metis-and

Ask an Expert: Providing Culturally Relevant, Trauma-Informed Care to First Nations Youth (August 2023)

fncaringsociety.com/publications/ask-expert-providing-culturally-relevant-trauma-informed-care-first-nations-youth

Liability and Prevention Services: An Information Sheet for First Nations Providing Prevention Services (July 2023)

fncaringsociety.com/publications/liability-and-prevention-services

Let's Talk About Birth Alerts (June 8, 2023)

Spirit Bear Podcast: jkingfncfcs.podbean.com/e/birth-alerts/

Ask an Expert: Birth Alerts with Dr. Barbara Fallon, Dr. Ashley Vander Morris and Genevieve Sansone (April 2023)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/ask-expert-birth-alerts-dr-barbara-fallon-dr-ashley-vander-morris-and-genevieve-sansone

Parenting Capacity Assessments (April 24, 2023)
 Spirit Bear Podcast, S2 E3: [jkingfncfcs.podbean.com/e/s2-e3-parenting-capacity-assessments/](https://kingfncfcs.podbean.com/e/s2-e3-parenting-capacity-assessments/)

Ask an Expert: Parenting Capacity Assessments (April 2023)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/ask-expert-parenting-capacity-assessments-dr-barbara-fallon-dr-ashley-vander-morris-and

Getting Started with Prevention Services – Infographic (July 2022)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/getting-started-prevention-services-infographic

Child & Family Services – Prevention Measures: Federal, Territorial and Provincial Legislation (December 29, 2020)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/canadian-federal-provincial-and-territorial-prevention-legislation-review

Funding Structures

Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy - First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Project: Phase 3 (Interim Update) (March 2024)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/first-nations-child-and-family-services-fncfs-phase-3-interim-update

Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy - First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Project: Phase 2 (Executive Summary) (August 2020)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/ifsd-executive-summary-phase-2

Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy - Funding First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS): A Performance Budget Approach to Well-Being (Fact Sheets) (January 2020)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/ifsd-fact-sheets

Reformed Approaches

Study of Budget Needs and Funding for Small First Nations in the Amended Draft Final Settlement Agreement for Long-Term Reform of FNCFS Program (July 2025)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/study-budget-needs-and-funding-small-first-nations-amended-draft-final-settlement

Reformed Approach to Child and Family Services (June 2024)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/reformed-approach-child-and-family-services

Caring Society's March 24, 2025, Submission to the Tribunal Regarding Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services (March 2024)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/caring-societys-march-24-2025-submission-tribunal-long-term-reform

Expert Advisory Committee for the Reform of Indigenous Services Canada: Summary Report of Activities, Observations and Advice (2024)
<https://fncaringsociety.com/publications/eac-reform-indigenous-services-canada-summary-report-activities-observations-and>

Proposed Amendments

Proposed Amendments to the Draft Final Settlement Agreement (Sept. 24, 2024)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/caring-societys-proposed-amendments-draft-fsa

2016 CHRT 2

Victory for First Nations Children: Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Finds Discrimination Against First Nations Children Living On-Reserve (January 26, 2016)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/2016-chrt-2-information-sheet-victory-first-nations-children

2025 CHRT 80

Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Ruling on National First Nations Child and Family Services Long-Term Reform: 2025 CHRT 80 (August 2025)
fncaringsociety.com/publications/2025-chrt-80

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