



Fact Sheet

- 1 *Jordan's Principle is a child first principle to resolving jurisdictional disputes within and between federal and provincial/territorial governments. It applies to **all government services available to children, youth and their families**. Examples of services covered by Jordan's Principle include but are not limited to: education, health, child care, recreation, and culture and language services*
- 2 *Where a jurisdictional dispute arises around government services to a Status Indian or Inuit child, Jordan's Principle requires that **the government department of first contact pays for the service to the child without delay or disruption**. The paying government can then refer the matter to intergovernmental processes to pursue repayment of the expense.*
- 3 *Given that Jordan's Principle is a child first principle, **it is imperative that governments meet the needs of the child as a first priority. The obligation to meet the needs of the child first always supersedes government interests to establish jurisdictional dispute processes or policy implementation policies.***
- 4 ***Full and proper implementation of Jordan's Principle in each province/territory should include:** an official statement of support from the head of government, inclusion in statements of government policy priorities (i.e.: Speech from the Throne), and an implementation plan developed with full participation of First Nations and Inuit governments and Non Governmental Organizations.*

Jordan's Principle is consistent with government obligations set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and many federal, provincial and territorial child focused statutes.

To date, no provincial/territorial government has fully implemented Jordan's Principle. Private Members Motion 296 passed the House of Commons on December 12, 2007 but the federal government has yet to fully implement Jordan's Principle.

Jordan River Anderson: Founder of Jordan's Principle

In honoured memory of Jordan, and with respect for his family and community, this child first principle to resolving jurisdictional disputes is to be termed Jordan's Principle and be implemented without delay.