



Different Pathways to Jordan's Principle

Jordan's Principle requires Canada to ensure timely services that meet the needs and best interests of First Nation children. Under Jordan's Principle, the federal government must fund services and equipment that extend beyond provincial standards if required to meet First Nations children's needs. Jordan's Principle applies to a broad range of needs, including health, education and social needs and currently applies to all First Nations children, living on or off reserve, who are under age 19. Jordan's Principle funds:

- Health, education, and social services for individual First Nations children, without requiring families to bear the cost of service and then file for reimbursement.
- Health, education, and social services for "groups of children." "Group funding" supports the development and extension of services that meet the needs of First Nations children.

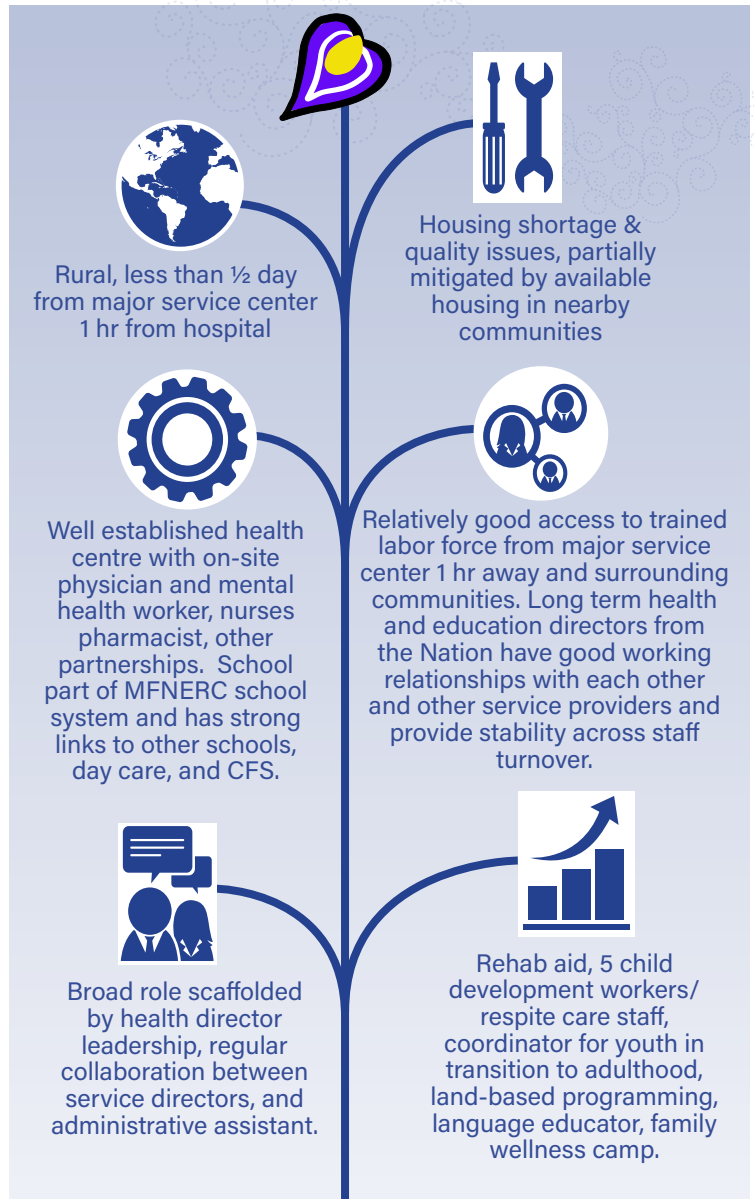
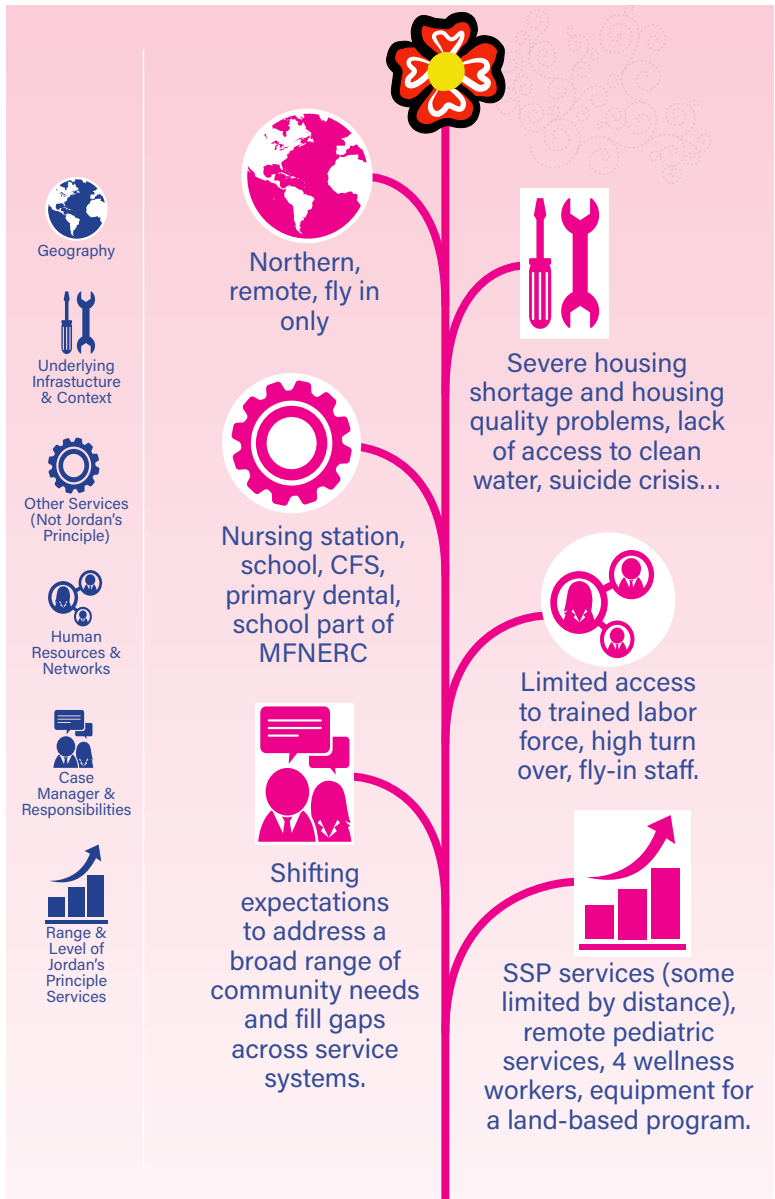
The Potential of Jordan's Principle:

- **If implemented properly,** Jordan's Principle would eliminate the need for any family to sign a Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA) to access services; comparable services should be available through Jordan's Principle.
- Jordan's Principle offers new opportunities to break down siloes, facilitate collaboration and information sharing between service providers, and expand the scope of services managed and controlled by First Nations.
- Jordan's Principle offers the opportunity to re-vision services in First Nations and create locally based, First Nations controlled services grounded in the strength and power of First Nations cultures, languages, traditions, ceremonies, and knowledges, geared toward wellness and prevention, rather than disability.

How did we do this research

Research was co-designed and undertaken in partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. It involved 35 interviews and 5 focus groups with Jordan's Principle Case Managers and Service Coordinators, Specialized Service Providers (SSPs), and region policy experts. Additional data was collected through: participant observation, document review and analysis of administrative data.

Different Pathways for Different Nations:



Please see final report for full description of findings and key recommendations – Sinha, V., Sangster, M., Gerlach, A.J., Bennett, M., Lavoie, J.G., Lach, L., Balfour, M., & Folster, S. (2022). *The implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba: Final report.* Winnipeg, MB: Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs <https://manitobachiefs.com/wp-content/uploads/22-01-28-The-Implementation-of-Jordans-Principle-in-Manitoba-Final-Report.pdf>

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