



# Nezul Be Hunuyeh

Child and Family Services Society  
(NBH)

**2018 Newsletter**  
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**Nezul Be Hunuyeh staff accompanied 11 youth to the annual Gathering Our Voices Conference in Richmond March 20 –23.rd.**

**Weeks of planning and preparation go into these events to ensure youth have a positive experience and lasting memories.**

The Gathering Our Voices (GOV) youth leadership training, hosted by the **BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC)** and its **Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (PAYC)**, is held annually in March during the education break.

The local Friendship Centre and surrounding First Nations are engaged to ensure the community is consulted from planning to implementation.

Since GOV began, the goal for the leadership training has been simple and unwavering: **PROVIDE INDIGENOUS YOUTH WITH THE TOOLS TO WORK TOWARDS A BETTER TOMORROW** by improving themselves and the world in which they live. Over the course of four days, up to 1,500 delegates gather from across Canada to participate in ceremonies, workshops and engaging, informative and educational experiences.

Youth take part in **workshops** addressing important issues they face today, including:

- ◆ self esteem and leadership development
- ◆ anti-violence and anti-bullying
- ◆ health and wellness
- ◆ physical activity, sport and recreation
- ◆ education and career planning

**PRESS RELEASE: Gathering Our Voices Sells Out in Single Day**  
**October 25, 2017 - For the first time in 16 years, the event Gathering Our Voices (GOV) Indigenous Youth Leadership Training sold out in a single day. GOV is the premier Indigenous youth training opportunity in the country, attracting over 1,000 youth annually from all over BC and Canada.**

Watching each Year Grow		
1st & 2nd		100 +
3rd		460 +
4th & 5th		800 +
2008	Victoria	Almost 1000
2009	Kelowna	1300 +
2010	Vancouver	1500 +
2011	Prince Rupert	1500 +
2012	Nanaimo	1600 +
2013	Penticton	2000 +
2014	Vancouver	2200 +
2015	Prince George	<b>Capacity</b>
2016	Victoria	<b>Reached 2000 months before 'Early Registration' closed</b>
2017	Kelowna	<b>Sold out 1 week after registration opened</b>

**This overwhelming response serves to reinforce the need for a forum where Indigenous youth can come together to begin to make positive changes in their own lives and in their communities**

Also, each year the youth outdo themselves with an entertaining evening of world-class performances at the **Youth Talent Showcase**.

GOV is guided by a **Steering Committee** who assist with setting the themes, selecting workshops, and inviting exhibitors and guest speakers. Having youth at the center of the leadership training, from its inception to the delivery of the event itself, creates an authentic and relevant experience for all in attendance.

GOV is held in various locations throughout the province to enable the greatest intake of new participants each year. Locations are rotated through Vancouver Island, lower mainland, the interior and the north.



# 2018 Annual Book Fair



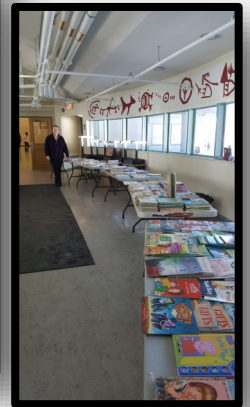
Each year, Nezul Be Hunuyeh organizes a book fair at Eugene Joseph School to promote literacy and engage youth in reading.

The Agency accepts donations of new and gently used books year round to prepare for the event.

The sorted books were distributed on February 27. Each student has the opportunity to look through the books and choose those that appeal to them to own and take home.

In addition, the Agency purchases basic school supplies such as pencils and fun erasers to distribute.

The students anticipate the day with excitement and enjoy the opportunity to add to their home libraries. It provides children who may not otherwise have access to books the opportunity to develop an interest in and love for reading.



Our Prince George office hosted the **Annual Baby Shower** to honor Tl'azt'en and Nak'azdli parents and babies residing in Prince George who have had babies born over the past year. This annual spring event provides parents with the opportunity to come together to introduce their babies and make connections with other parents. Many are not able to attend welcome baby ceremonies in their own community.

Families enjoy lunch together, receive a gift and participate in games and activities. In addition, parents have access to new or gently used baby items, books and baby clothing.

Foster parents and other caregivers are welcomed to attend to connect with the families of the children they care for.

**From March 2017 to April 2018 there were 14 babies born to Tl'azt'en and Nak'azdli community members in Prince George; that we are aware of.**

For families who may be experiencing stress in their lives, the programs and events happening in our Prince George office provide the opportunity to be part of a community and build a support system.



# Foster Parent Information



## What is Foster Care?

At times, children are unable to reside in their homes and are brought into the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development to ensure their physical and emotional safety. While in care, children are placed in foster homes.

## The Goal of Foster Care

To provide a safe, secure, culturally sensitive nurturing home, in or close to the children's home communities of TI'azt'en Nation and Nak'azdli Whut'en.

As part of the NBH team, all Foster Parents receive continued support through the Resource Worker, Guardianship Worker and Caregiver Support Worker.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or for more information please contact

**Dawn Henkes at 250-996-6806 or email [dawnhenkes@nezulbehunuyeh.ca](mailto:dawnhenkes@nezulbehunuyeh.ca)**

If you are also interested in becoming a **RESPITE Home**, please contact the NBH office for more information or to apply.

## Ongoing NBH Programs

### Eagle's Nest – TI'azt'en Nation

A drop in program for parents and their preschool children 0-5 years. Join us for arts and crafts, stories and song, play time and snacks and parenting support.

- ◆ Every Wednesday from 11:00 - 2:00—NBH Building Tache

### Family Support Group – Fort St. James

⇒ *“Hoon' Yanne Bubuzni Dulh Group” - Following the Path of the Elders*

We recognize that parenting is the most important and most challenging role you will ever have. In the past it took a community to raise a child and everyone had a role. We were never expected to do it on our own. Join Anna, Kristy and Lori for fun activities, information and parenting support

- ◆ Temporarily on hold until further notice

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Join Katelyn along with other parents and children for fun activities, field trips, information and parenting support

Transit tickets are available. Please call our office at 250-561-0790 for more information.

- ◆ Every Wednesday from 10:00am - 12:00pm

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# Staff Out & About

Staff from Nezul Be Hunuyeh look forward to participating in Community Events.

Our goal is to engage with community, to develop relationships and to provide information, support and assistance.

It is not only those you see in the pictures, but so many more staff behind the scenes that make everything possible

**Team Work is our biggest Asset**

## UPCOMING 2018 NBH EVENTS

### TO LOOK FORWARD TO

APRIL—Spring/Summer Clothing Drive	MAY— Annual Family Picnic
JUNE— Annual Tea Picking	JULY— Annual Culture Camp
OCTOBER—Annual Apple Day	OCTOBER— Fall/ Winter Clothing Drive
OCTOBER—Foster Parent Appreciation	DECEMBER— Annual Christmas Party

#### FORT ST JAMES

##### MONDAYS

- ◆ Young Warriors Girls Group  
Tache—NBH Building  
3:00 - 6:00pm

##### WEDNESDAYS

- ◆ Eagles Nest - Tache  
11:00am - 2:00pm
- ◆ Young Warriors Girls Group  
Nak'azdli—NBH Building  
3:00 - 5:30pm

##### THURSDAYS

- ◆ Family Support Group  
NBH Office  
'Hoon yanne bubuzni dulh'  
(Following The Path  
Of The Elders)



#### PRINCE GEORGE

##### TUESDAYS

- ◆ Young Warriors Girls Group  
Girls Group  
4:00 - 6:30 pm

##### WEDNESDAYS

- ◆ Family Support Group  
'Hoon yanne bubuzni dulh'  
(Following The Path  
Of The Elders)  
10:00am - 12:00pm

##### THURSDAYS

- ◆ Young Warriors Boys Group  
4:00 - 6:30 pm



# WELCOME NEW STAFF



We are pleased to announce that **Anna Whitely** will be filling the position of NBH's **Family Support Worker**. We would also like to congratulate Anna on her successful completion of the Life Skills Coach Certification Training.

Anna has worked at NBH as a Family Preservation Worker since 2014 and we are excited to have her transition into this new role.

As Family Support Worker, Anna will be working with families to assist them in navigating the child welfare system, support them in working with MCFD and to help develop life skills with parents and youth who require this service.



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## WE ARE FIERCE CONFERENCE

On March 26, staff accompanied 14 girls between the ages of 10 and 14 to the “We are Fierce” girls empowerment conference held in Prince George. This was a great opportunity for those youth who were unable to attend the GOV conference held in Richmond

The girls spent the week together engaged in workshops, an evening of pampering, recreational activities and fun connecting with other Carrier youth from throughout the territory during their Spring Break.

One of the highlights of the week was meeting former Mrs. Universe, 25 year old Ashley Callingbull from the Enoch Cree Nation in Alberta. She was the first Indigenous woman and the first Canadian to win the Mrs. Universe pageant.

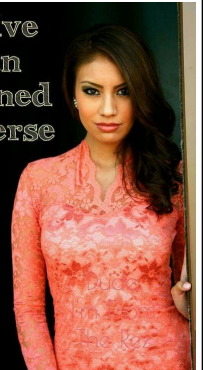
Callingbull said winning the Mrs. Universe crown is in contradiction of the stereotypes surrounding First Nations people. When competing in previous pageants, she said, she was judged for coming from the Enoch reserve located west of Edmonton, and told that she wasn't expected to place well in the competitions.

She gained attention after becoming the only Indigenous contestant in the 2010 Miss Canada pageant. She said that while she got a lot of support, she was also the target of racist comments.

That made her only more determined to showcase her culture. During the competition, she wore a jingle dress, often worn during pow-wow dances. For the talent competition, Callingbull chose to sing a traditional song while wearing a white buckskin dress.

First Native  
American  
to be crowned  
Miss Universe

Ashley  
Callingbull  
of the  
Canadian  
Cree Nation



Save the date!

2018 Culture Camp

July 22-26, 2018

Invitations will be coming out soon.  
Check our Facebook page and Website for  
notices and updates.





## **It's time to say "I see you"**

### **Chief speaks out on First Nations issues**

*Apr. 24, 2018 2:58 p.m.*

*Caledonia Courier News, Tim Collins*

Sawubona.

It's an African Zulu greeting that means "I see you," and it means so much more than our traditional "hello."

It says, "I see your personality. I see your humanity. I see your dignity and respect."

It's an exceedingly powerful statement, and one that Chief Alexander McKinnon of the Nak'azdli First Nation said should be considered in terms of the relationship between his people and the people of Fort St. James.

McKinnon had these insights regarding the realities of life for the Nak'azdli people; insights that may help the non-native community to "see" the Nak'azdli people.

#### **On Health care:**

"We have a clinic here on our land, and we've come a long way. We have a nurse practitioner and four Rn's who work here. In town there are a supply of doctors, but our people still face racism when we seek medical care. We don't get the same treatment as non-natives, and that's just the facts."

"They want us to come in and help build a new hospital for the community and they welcome us to the table because, as First Nations, we can access federal funds. But it's just using us and we won't be a part of it unless things change in how we are treated when we need medical care."

#### **On Education:**

"We took over the Catholic School and now have an elementary school on our First Nation where we can start to teach the culture and traditions and language to our children. That's a huge thing."

The high school in Fort St. James has done a great job of continuing that approach in the later grades. What they've managed is far beyond what I've seen anywhere else. The people there have honestly embraced us as part of their community and we are very grateful with their wisdom in what they're doing."

#### **On Policing:**

"In the North we often get the greenhorn constables and some are really good, but some aren't. We've experience racism in small ways all the time. In town, if a white person has a problem, the cars all roll up. We called a while back because a dog had bitten a child and were told it wasn't their problem. That's just not right. What if a white child had been bitten? Would the reaction have been the same?"

#### **On traditional teaching:**

"Residential Schools were designed to destroy our culture. They outlawed the Potlatch and the children who were taken away never learned the culture. These days the only traditional ceremony we tend to still have is the death ceremony. We don't do the Naming Ceremony, the Coming of Age Ceremony and others. These were the things that gave our culture its base and we have to bring them back while there are still elders to teach us."

#### **On healing and reconciliation:**

"They'll come across a man who's drunk and they'll treat him like the 60 year old they see before them. They don't realize that residential school broke that man and that what you have to deal with first is the eight year old inside him who was broken and who never healed."

"I asked a (Fort St. James) councillor once what they thought about reconciliation, and they said 'What's that?'. Can you believe it? How are you going to accept us as part of your community if you don't even know a thing like that?"

#### **On racism:**

"Maybe it's ignorance. Or maybe it's fear. We're a force to be reckoned with and the days of keeping us quiet are over. "

"Some people don't want to acknowledge racism because, if they do, they'd have to do something about it. But the problem that exists right now isn't just my problem or the problem of my people. It's all of our problem and it has to change."

"Its time for people to really 'see' us."





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To receive your Baby Box you will need to complete the online course and bring in your Certificate before distribution of your Baby Box

If you would like to learn more, please contact your local health unit or **Lori den Engelsen at Nezul Be Hunuyeh @ 250.996.6806.**



**The Nezul Be Hunuyeh Team would like to Congratulate our very own**

**Kristy & Desmond Erickson  
on the arrival of their Baby Boy  
*Dawson Peter Erickson***

**Baby boy Dawson blessed his  
Brothers & Parents on**

*April 9th @ 8:45am  
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**NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES IS RECRUITING!**

**Part Time – On Call  
Family Connections Worker – Prince George**

We are a First Nations Agency delegated to deliver services to the communities of Nak'azdli and Tl'azt'en.

We are accepting resumes for a Family Connection Worker in Prince George BC.

- Must demonstrate excellent written, oral and problem solving skills
- Should be proficient in Microsoft Office Software and computers
- Knowledge of the Carrier culture and history is an asset
- Ability to work in a team environment and independently
- Flexible schedule – evening and weekend work is required

Starting wage is \$18.00 per hour. Applicants must agree to a Criminal Record Check and have a valid Class 5 Driver's License.

Travel is required between Prince George, Burns Lake and Fort St. James geographical areas.

Please submit resume and cover letter to:

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NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES  
RECRUITMENT FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE OFFICE!

**Cultural Worker – Part Time On Call**

We are a First Nations Agency delegated to deliver services to its member communities Nak'azdli and Tl'azt'en. We are accepting resumes for a Part Time On Call Cultural Worker position for the Prince George location.

The Part Time, On Call Cultural Worker is responsible to develop and facilitate cultural curriculum to children and families of our member communities.

- Facilitation skills is a requirement
- Must demonstrate excellent written, oral and problem solving skills
- Should be proficient in Microsoft Office Software and computers
- In depth knowledge of the Carrier culture and history
- Ability to work in a team environment and independently
- Hiring preference will be given to a Nak'azdli or Tl'azt'en band member should they meet the employment qualifications
- Experience working with ICM/MIS/SWS and Best Practices is an asset

Wage is commensurate with experience and cultural knowledge. Evening and weekend work is a requirement.

Applicants must agree to a Criminal Record Check and have a valid class 5 driver's license.

Please submit resume and cover letter:

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NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES  
RECRUITMENT FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE OFFICE!

**Six (6) Month Contract – Full Time**

We are a First Nations Agency delegated to deliver services to its member communities Nak'azdli and Tl'azt'en. We are accepting resumes for a Youth Care Worker on a six (6) month contract with the possibility of renewal at our Prince George location.

The Youth Care Worker will be responsible for engaging with youth and assisting youth for transitioning to independence and adulthood.

- Strong rapport building skills, assertiveness and advocacy skills
- Must demonstrate excellent written, oral and problem solving skills
- Should be proficient in Microsoft Office Software and computers
- In depth knowledge of the Carrier culture and history
- Ability to work in a team environment and independently
- Hiring preference will be given to a Nak'azdli or Tl'azt'en band member should they meet the employment qualifications
- Experience working with ICM/MIS/SWS and Best Practices is an asset

Wage is \$20.00 per hour and will work a 35 hour work week. Evening and weekend work is required.

Applicants must agree to a Criminal Record Check and have a valid class 5 driver's license.

Please submit resume and cover letter. The deadline is **Thursday, May 24, 2018:**

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Jackie Thomas stands beside a quilt made by the Saik'uz people in commemoration of the abuses of residential schools. (photo/Tim Collins)

## Racism still the biggest challenge Saik'uz look to a new era in Vanderhoof

Apr. 25, 2018 9:12 a.m.

Omineca Express News, Tim Collins

When pressed, Saik'uz Chief, Jackie Thomas, still identifies racism as the First Nation's biggest challenge for the future.

"I'm not sure we will ever totally overcome some of the racism that takes place, but we are working on it, and it starts with us standing up and saying that it's time for a change...that we will not stand for it any longer," said Thomas.

The roots of that racism run deep within the community. One example can be seen in the very offices now occupied by the Omineca Express which once housed the medial clinic in

Vanderhoof.

There are two entrances to the building, virtually side by side, because, when the clinic operated, one door and an adjacent waiting room was reserved for non-aboriginal patients while the other was for "Indians". At 86 years of age, Margaret Antoine recalls a time when the bakery in town didn't allow First Nations people to sit and eat with the white people.

"There was a cubbie hole in the back with three tables and that's where we could eat," she recalled. (see Antoine's profile as "senior of the Week in this edition of the Express)

"Those attitudes have gotten better, but they still persist, just under the surface these days," said Thomas. A good example comes in the way that First Nations people are treated in the health care system. Recently, Dermott Kelleher, the Dean of Medicine at UBC, went on record acknowledging that there is systemic racism in the provision of health care to First Nations people.

"There are peer reviewed studies that show that they don't get the same level of care and that, often, that care is predicated on stereotypical assumptions," he said while addressing the Stellat'en First Nation. The admission comes as no surprise to Thomas.

"I've gone to meetings with the hospital and sometimes I just play the 'dumb Indian' to get them to see what they're doing instead of challenging them. I say things like 'Gee, I thought everyone gets asked if they've been drinking when they go to the hospital. I wonder why my people get asked that question every time?'" said Thomas with a rueful laugh. "I think they're starting to catch on."

Thomas points to other, equally serious, aspects of racism in the community. "We need to get to a point where businesses are hiring First Nations workers. Our young people are getting tired of going to job fairs and filling out a ton of applications and resumés and never getting a job. So we are developing our own industries and training our people to do things like fire fighting and truck driving so they have a chance for getting work."

Thomas is quick to acknowledge that some of the industries in Vanderhoof are "starting to come around" and points to some successful partnerships that have boosted First Nations hires.

"It's starting to change and it's a shame that it's been so hard."

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***Racism still the biggest challenge  
Saik'uz look to a new era in Vanderhoof***

One particular incident puts the question of racism into focus for Thomas.

“Last Canada Day I was so sad. I’d been asked to speak at this ceremony down at Riverside Park and before my turn they played a video on a big screen showing pictures of all these pioneers who built Vanderhoof,” Thomas recalled.

“Do you know that there wasn’t one picture of a First Nations person? It was so sad, and it made me angry. I just wanted to punch someone.”

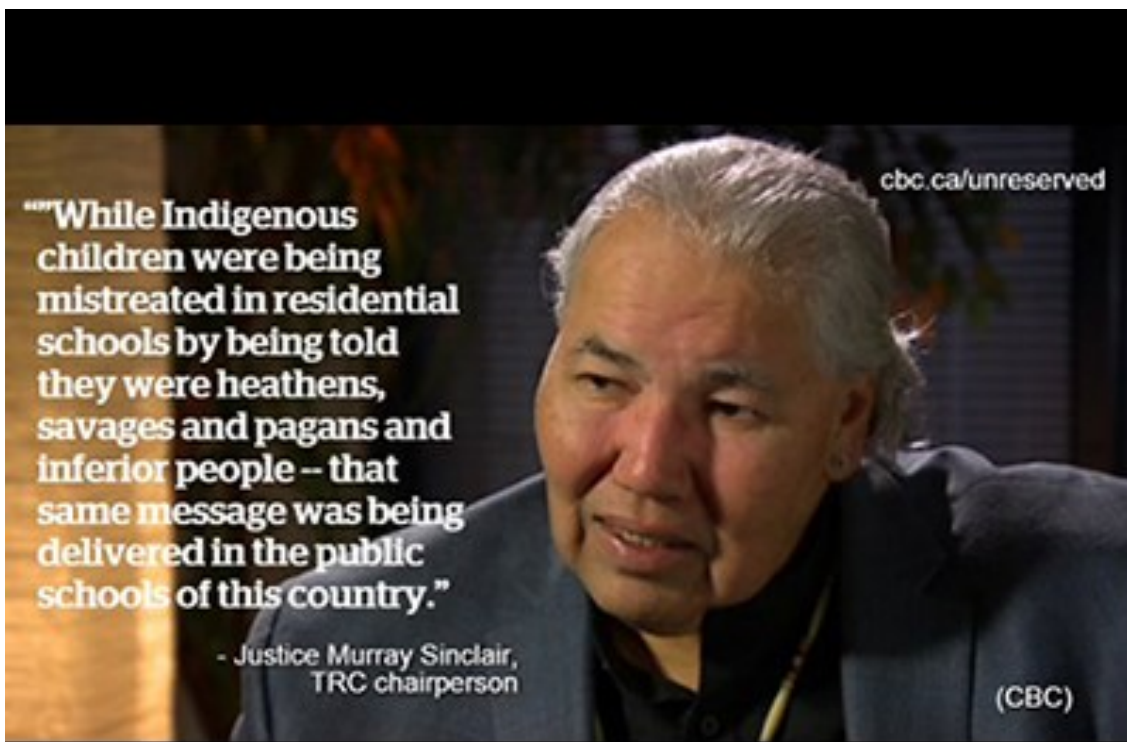
She went on to reflect on the true history of Vanderhoof.

“When the pioneers first came here we worked together to survive...especially in the hungry 20’s and 30’s. Now they don’t have a use for us, that’s why I say ‘out of sight out of mind’. It often seems that when they have a use for us, that’s when we get a call.”

The affect of this lifelong experiences of subtle (and sometimes, not so subtle) racism can also play out in decidedly negative forms.

“We have some people who will go into Vanderhoof, and they are angry or frustrated and they go and stand around Riverside Park and drink right out in the open. What people don’t realize is they are doing it to make a point. They’re saying, ‘This is what you expect from us so, here, we’ll do it for you. How do you like that?’. What people have to realize is that this acting out is their way of rebelling and thumbing their nose at the community,” said Thomas.

“I’m not saying for a minute that it’s right, but I understand it. The white community might understand it too if they walked in our shoes for a while. What we’re doing at Saik’uz is teaching our people that regardless of what happens in the white community, we have to find our own pride in who we are and make the change start within our people and within ourselves. We’ll let the white community catch up with us when they can.”



# **B.C. Bus service for Highway of Tears**

*PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. – June 2016*

A bus service that links communities along a notorious stretch of highway in northern British Columbia known as the Highway of Tears will carry passengers by the end of the year, the province's transportation minister said Wednesday.

Eighteen women have been murdered or have disappeared along Highway 16 between Prince George and Prince Rupert and adjacent routes since the 1970s.

First Nations, social service agencies and women's groups have been calling for a shuttle bus service in the area for several years to provide regular transportation for people who live in communities along the 750-kilometre route.

The highway cuts through the centre of the province and follows rivers and mountains, passing through numerous small communities, including Houston, Smithers and Burns Lake. The route also provides the main transportation link to and from remote First Nations villages located off the main highway.

Most cases of murdered and missing women remain unsolved, though investigators don't believe a single killer is responsible.

**Transit Info 1-855-499-1119**

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## **Customer Crisis Fund Program**

**For BC Hydro residential customers at risk of disconnection**

The Customer Crisis Fund (CCF) is available to all residential BC Hydro account holders who have arrears on their account and are at risk of having their electricity service disconnected. Grants of up to \$600 (\$500 for non-electrically heated homes) are available to eligible applicants.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR A CCF GRANT:**

- You need to be the residential account holder (or authorized representative applying on behalf of the account holder).
- Only your primary residence is eligible, must be in arrears (have overdue payments), and be facing disconnection.
- You must have experienced a life event, within the last 12 months, that caused a temporary financial emergency.
- To apply for a grant, you need to have an outstanding balance of \$1,000 or less, and should have demonstrated some attempt to make payments towards your bill.
- You may receive one CCF grant per account-holder annually (one per year). If a grant application is denied and your circumstances change, you can apply again in the same year.

Visit [bchydro.com/ccf](http://bchydro.com/ccf) to learn more and to apply.



Updated: March 9

## Community Bus

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Location:	Departure Time
Binche Bay Store	8:45 am
Tl'az'ten Admin Building	9:15 am
Binche Bay Store	9:45 am
Binche Highway Bus Stop	9:50am
Key (Downtown FSJ)	10:30 am
Stuart Lake Hospital	10:40 am
Sana'aih Market	10:45 am
Key (Downtown FSJ)	11:00 am
Binche Bay Store	11:45 am (continues to Tl'az'ten if necessary)
Binche Store	3:00 Departure
Tl'az'ten Admin Building	3:40 pm
Binche Store	4:15 pm
Binche Highway Bus Stop	4:20 pm
Key (Downtown FSJ)	5:00 pm
Stuart Lake Hospital	5:10 pm
Sana'aih Market	5:15 pm
Key (Downtown FSJ)	5:30pm
Binche Store	6:00 pm (continues to Tl'az'ten if necessary)

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

**Binche Bay Store** (Hours 10-9 weekdays and 12-8 weekends)

**Tl'az'ten Administration Office** (Hours M-F 8-4)

**Sana'aih Market** (Hours 8-9, 7 days a week)

**\$2 per ticket. The driver is not authorized to accept cash.**



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# Early Years Children's Fair

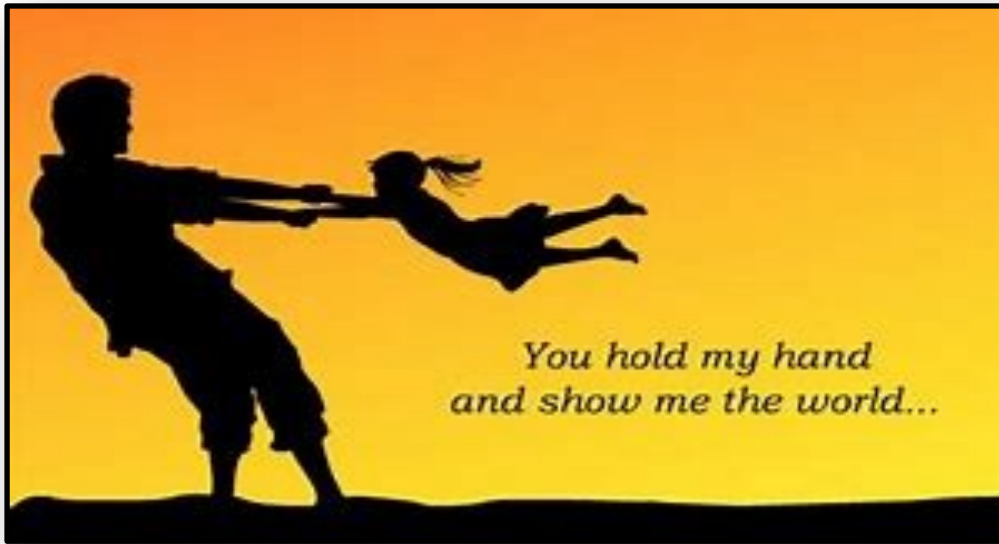


The Eugene Joseph School Gym was rocking March 7, when NBH held their Annual Children's fair. The event was well attended by parents, preschoolers and community service providers. The preschool crowd enjoyed lunch, the fish pond, bouncy castle and a variety of hands on activities. Each child in attendance received a preschool literacy box and this years themed t-shirt to take home.

*Musi to all those who came to spend the day with us and our Providers!*







## ***Mother's Day in Canada***



In North American country of Canada, Mothers Day is a the most popular festival after Christmas and Valentines Day. Just as in USA, Mothers Day in Canada is celebrated in the second Sunday in the month of May. People pay tribute to their mothers on the day and thank them for their constant support and love. In Canada, cards and flowers are the most commonly used methods of expressing love for moms.

I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother.

## ***FATHER'S DAY IN CANADA***



In Canada, Father's Day is celebrated with lot of enthusiasm and fanfare. Since, the tradition of celebrating Fathers Day moved to Canada from US, Fathers Day in Canada is also celebrated on third Sunday of June. Just as in US, people in Canada too wear roses to express gratitude for their father. Traditionally, if the person is wearing red rose, it symbolizes the person's father is alive. Likewise, white rose means that the person's father is



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## FACT SHEET

# Jordan's Principle in BC

### WHAT IS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE?

Jordan's Principle is meant to prevent First Nations children from being denied essential services or experiencing delays in receiving them. Jordan's Principle:

- Applies to all First Nations children
- Involves all jurisdictional disputes, between federal departments or between federal and provincial governments
- Provides payment for needed services by the government or department that first receives the request

To support Jordan's Principle, the Government of Canada has committed to:

1. Resolve situations where governments and departments cannot agree about who should pay for services and supports to meet the needs of a First Nations child
2. Cover the costs for health and social services and supports for First Nations children in situations when a First Nations child does not have access to a publicly funded program usually available to other children
3. Facilitate access to all services and supports for all First Nations children without delay or disruption

The Government of Canada's approach to supporting Jordan's Principle includes proactive measures to help prevent any delay in accessing needed services by First Nations children.

### JORDAN'S STORY

Jordan River Anderson was a five-year-old First Nations child from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, born with a rare disorder that required hospitalization from birth. After spending the first two years of his life in a hospital, doctors felt he could return home. However, the federal and provincial government could not resolve who was financially responsible for the necessary home care in order for Jordan to return to his family in his home community 800 kilometers north of Winnipeg.

After spending over two years in hospital without cause while governments disputed who should pay for his at-home care, Jordan died in a hospital in 2005. On December 12, 2007, the House of Commons supported a motion focused on adopting an approach that addresses First Nations children's needs first, it was called Jordan's Principle.

### WHAT IS COVERED?

Examples of health services considered under Jordan's Principle include:

*Home support and personal care; in-home nursing care; in-home respite; client assessment; case management; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; speech language therapy; in-home palliative care services for children; and certain nutritional supplements.*



Social services considered under Jordan's Principle include:

*Meal programs; meal planning and preparation for children with special dietary needs; day programs for children; attendant care services; group care and non-medical transportation; and minor home maintenance related to accessibility (levered door handles instead of knobs; support rails in bathrooms).*

## **HOW IS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE BEING APPLIED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA?**

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is responsible for administering Jordan's Principle resources in BC. This approach does not limit or relieve the federal government of its fiduciary responsibilities to First Nations in BC.

Key elements of the FNHA's approach to case coordination will include:

- FNHA will serve all First Nations, regardless of residence
- Case coordinators will assess needs; facilitate early intervention; develop integrated care plans; connect the child and family to needed services; remove the stress of navigating service systems; support families as they manage their needs; and involve relevant partners in each case, as necessary, to expediently address immediate service gaps

## **WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE IN BC?**

Through high-level agreements and many years of working closely with federal and provincial governments, the FNHA has built a strong foundation to address systemic barriers and health inequities that impact First Nations peoples in BC.

Many jurisdictional barriers that persist elsewhere across Canada are being addressed in BC. In 2006, the Province of BC confirmed that it has responsibility for providing health services to all residents of BC, including First Nations. Additionally, committees, such as the Tripartite Committee on First Nations Health and the Implementation Committee, work in direct partnership with FNHA to advance progress on issues like Jordan's Principle here in BC.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE IN BC?**

All First Nations children 0-19 with an identified need for a publicly funded health or social service or support are eligible, regardless of their health or social status, or place of residency (on or off reserve).

To report a case of Jordan's Principle or request supports from the Jordan's Principle Child-First Initiative in BC or for more information, please contact:

### **Jordan's Principle Implementation**

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