

# Indigenous Services Canada

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch

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# Role of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

ISC is a Federal Authority and has a signed MOU with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada formalizing departmental roles and responsibilities under the Impact Assessment Act.

## Designated Projects

- › ISC is required to provide expert information or knowledge regarding a designated project at every phase of the impact assessment process. It contributes to the assessment of potential impacts, advising on possible mitigation, complementary measures, and accommodation as appropriate.
- › ISC is committed to identifying policies, plans, or programs under the department's authority that could address issues or concerns raised by Indigenous groups during impact assessment processes, but that are not fully addressed through mitigation or proposed conditions under the Act.

## Regional Assessments and Strategic Assessments

- › Conducted under sections 92, 93 and 95 of the Impact Assessment Act

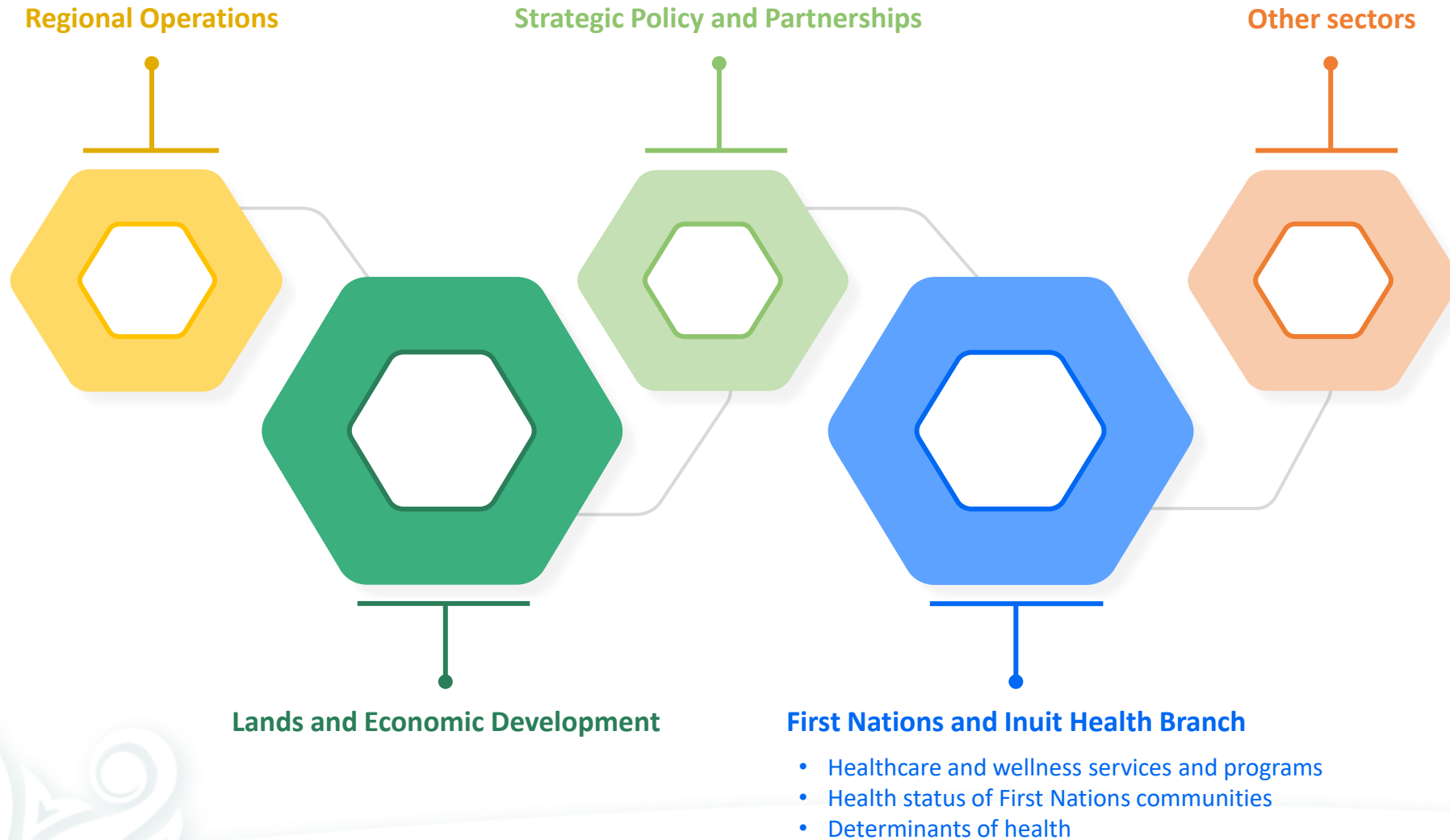
## Designation Requests

- › Under section 9 of the Impact Assessment Act in relation to projects that are not listed in the Physical Activities Regulations.

## Projects on Federal Lands

- › Conducted under sections 82 to 91 of the Impact Assessment Act, To ensure that smaller, non-designated projects located on federal lands do not result in adverse effects to federal lands
- › This responsibility is delivered by ISC's Lands and Economic Development's Environment Directorate (LED), with substantive support from the regional offices.

# ISC Sectors Involved in the IA Process



# What are FNIHB Areas of Expertise?

FNIHB has knowledge and expertise pertaining to First Nations on-reserve south of the 60th parallel, this includes:

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## Provision of Healthcare Services

- E.g., Nurses work on-reserve to provide primary health care; dental care for children on reserve

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## Community Health and Wellness Programming

- E.g., Crisis response services and Community nutrition program

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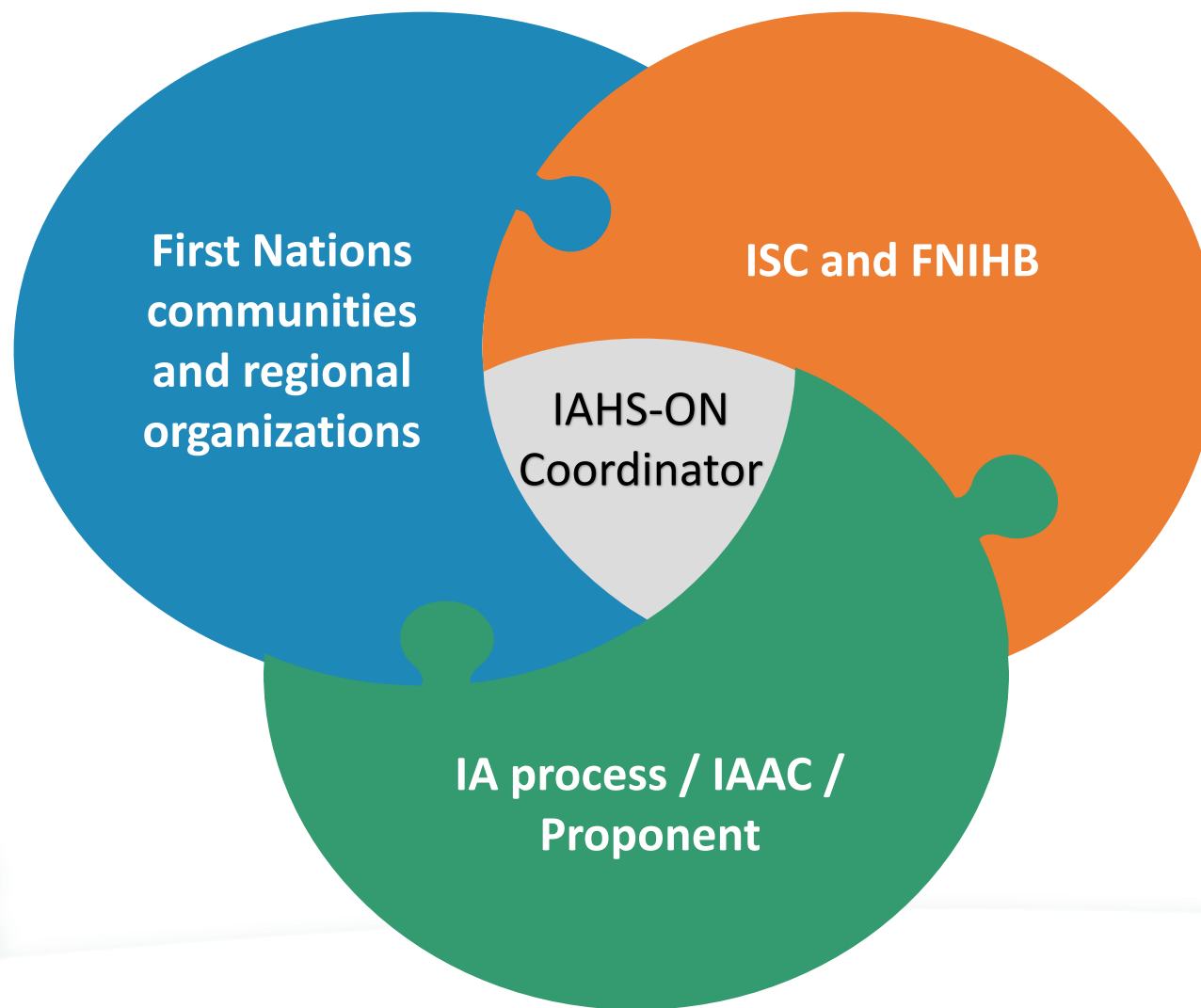
## Determinants of Health

- E.g., Environmental public health officers perform inspections and provide education on health risks



**NB:** FNIHB does not approve or issue licenses, permits or authorizations in relation to the impact assessment of proposed major projects.

# Key Activities of FNIHB's-ON Health Impact Assessment Coordinator/Officer



Service is a Path



### Indigenous Health Impact Assessment

- First Nations communities are supported by FNIHB & IAAC in leading impact assessments and HIAs, submitting their substituted assessments directly to IAAC and undertaking direct assessments with proponents.



### Health Impact Assessment

- Supports First Nations in developing knowledge and specific tools in HIA; and promoting Health in All Policies (HIAP) and HIA within the government and among First Nations.



### Impact Assessment and Health

- Provides expertise to IAAC to assist in the assessment of potential adverse impacts on health and well-being.
- Builds relationships and raises awareness among First Nations communities while identifying and learning from IA Champions within those communities.

# Overview of Key FNIHB Funding Programs Supporting the IA/HIA

## Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP)



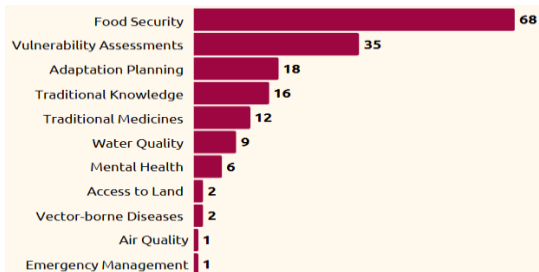
First Nations and Inuit communities' efforts to **identify, assess** and **respond** to the health impacts of climate change.

CCHAP funds communities to develop:



To date, CCHAP has allocated over \$18 million to fund projects south of the 60th

### CCHAP South Projects Funded by Theme Since 2016



## First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment (BAPHE)



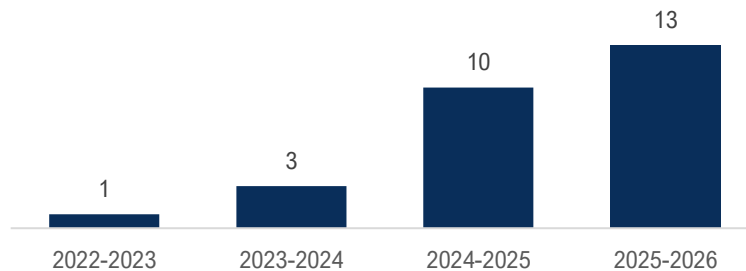
Community-based research program that supports First Nations, south of the 60° parallel

BAPHE Funds First Nations to assess the baseline status of human health and the environment in their communities and traditional territories **prior to the implementation of a major industrial project**



**Two types of projects :**  
Primary research and Knowledge integration

**27** Projects Funded Across Canada with \$1.8M distributed, and \$1.2M allocated over the next two fiscal years



Note: BC not included as it is under FNHA

## First Nations Environmental Contaminants Program (FNECP)



**Empower communities to:**

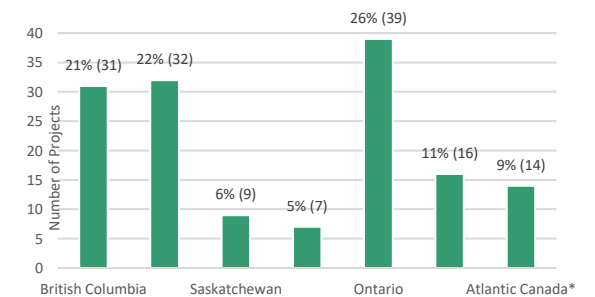
- Understand potential human health risks
- Make informed decisions
- Initiate risk mitigation and/or remediation actions.

### Competitive Selection Process



First Nations Selection Committee comprised of representatives of six Regional First Nations Organizations.

### FNECP projects by region, 1999-2024



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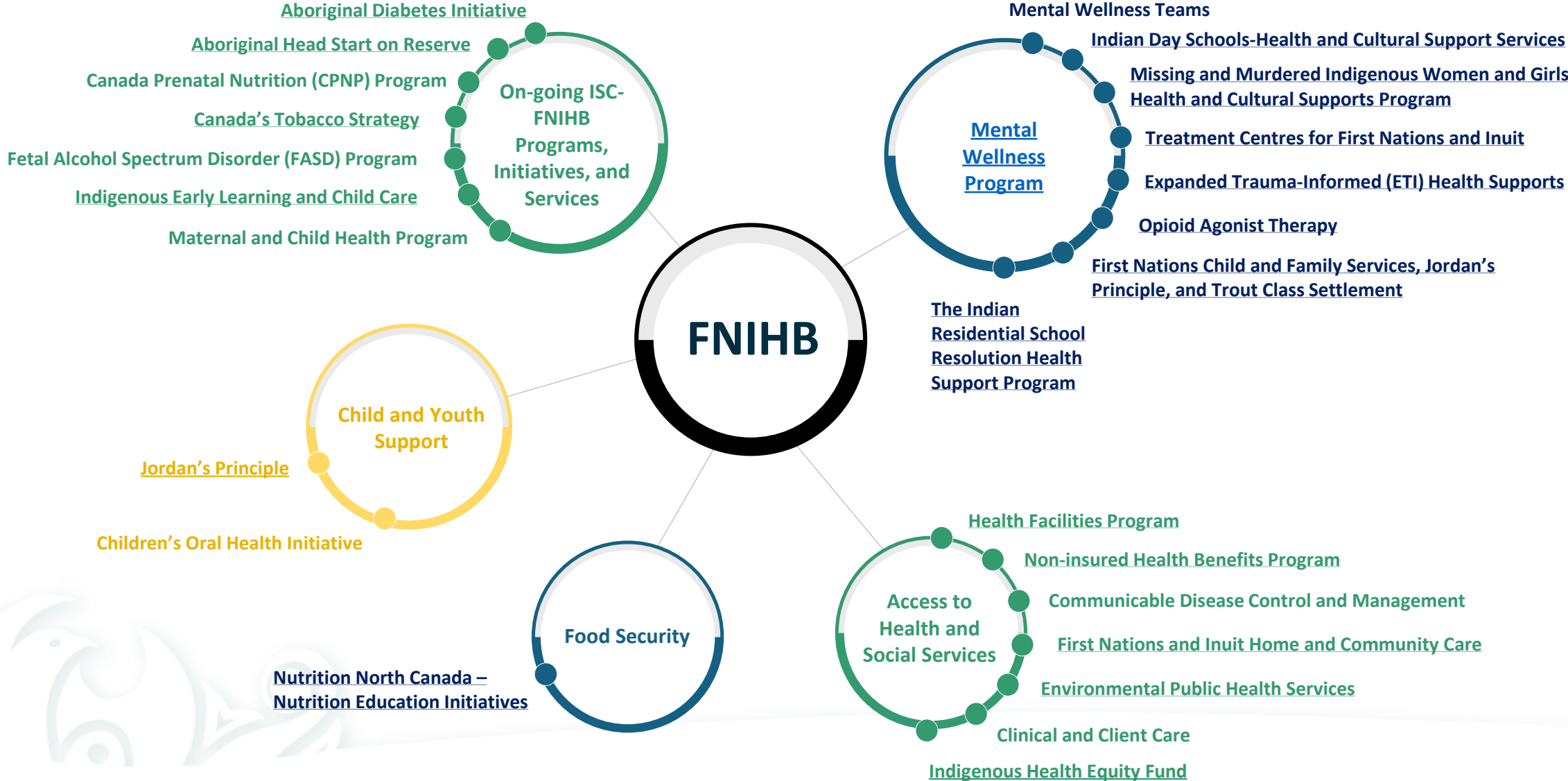
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# FNIHB Programs



Thank you



# Support Contact Information

## **Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program**

[cchap-pccas@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:cchap-pccas@sac-isc.gc.ca)

## **First Nations Environmental Contaminants Program**

[fnecp-plcepn@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:fnecp-plcepn@sac-isc.gc.ca)

## **Indigenous Health Equity Fund**

[fesa-ihf-on@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:fesa-ihf-on@sac-isc.gc.ca)

## **First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Ontario region**

10 Wellington Suite 1455  
Gatineau QC K1A 0H4

## **First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care**

Regional Executive Office  
First Nations and Inuit Health Branch  
Indigenous Services Canada  
Sir Charles Tupper Building Address Locator 6604D  
2720 Riverside Dr  
Ottawa ON K1A 0M2

Telephone: [343-597-6828](tel:343-597-6828)

Toll free: [1-800-567-9604](tel:1-800-567-9604)

# Support Contact Information

## **Jordan's Principle**

In the event of an urgent request, contact the Jordan's Principle Call Centre at 1-855-572-4453 (24 hours, 7 days a week)

For non-urgent requests contact the Ontario regional focal point:

Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm (Eastern time)

## **For requests:**

[1-833-442-2429](tel:1-833-442-2429)

[jordansprincipleon-principedejordan@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:jordansprincipleon-principedejordan@sac-isc.gc.ca)

## **For payment inquiries:**

[1-833-442-2429](tel:1-833-442-2429)

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# Support Contact Information

## **Non-Insured Health Benefits**

1455-10 Wellington Street

Address Locator: 6604E

Gatineau QC K1A 0H4

## **Client information line**

- Telephone (toll free): [1-800-640-0642](tel:1-800-640-0642)  
Fax (toll free): 1-800-806-6662
- 1-800-881-3921 – Vision, Mental Health, Medical Supplies and Equipment
- 1-855-618-6291 – Dental
- 1-800-580-0950, ext. #3 – Drug Exception Centre
  
- Medical Transportation:
  - Southern Ontario 1-800-881-3921, option #3
  - Thunder Bay - 1-877-779-7749
  - Sioux Lookout - 1-888-283-8885

# Support Contact Information

## **Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative**

Phone: [613-866-9679](tel:613-866-9679)

Fax: 613-946-4203

## **Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve**

Phone: [613-797-5692](tel:613-797-5692)

Fax: 613-952-7733

## **Children's Oral Health Initiative**

Contact the Ontario Regional COHI team at: [oncohi-isbeon@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:oncohi-isbeon@sac-isc.gc.ca)

## **eHealth Unit**

Phone: [613-241-2751](tel:613-241-2751)

Fax: 613-952-0177

## **Environmental Public Health Services**

Contact the Health Director or Chief and Council in the community.

# Support Contact Information

**First Nations Child and Family Services, and Jordan's Principle Settlement  
Trauma-Informed Health and Cultural Support Services**

Phone: [1-888-301-6426](tel:1-888-301-6426)

**Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program**

Phone toll free: [1-888-301-6426](tel:1-888-301-6426)

Toll free confidential fax: 1-877-430-3306

**Nurse Recruitment Officer**

Phone: [613-946-9399](tel:613-946-9399)

Fax: 613-948-9253

Phone toll free: [1-877-494-4604](tel:1-877-494-4604)

**Supports for Federal Indian Day School**

Toll free: [1-888-301-6426](tel:1-888-301-6426)

**Supports for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**

Phone toll free: [1-888-301-6426](tel:1-888-301-6426)