

Self-determination + Equity = Success for First Nations children and families

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Let's talk



THE HARMS
WERE IN PLAIN
SIGHT



THERE WERE
FREQUENTLY
SOLUTIONS



WE HAVE NOT
LEARNED FROM
HISTORY



THE INJUSTICES
CONTINUE



WE MUST STAY
AWAKE

TERRIBLE WRECK ON C.P.R. A DEATH LIST OF SEVEN

One Ottawa Man Is among the Dead and Several Others Are in the List of the Injured in Fatal Early Morning Collision.

Light Engine Crashed into the Soo Express Coming East and the Locomotives and Cars Caught Fire.

- KILLED: J. C. NADON, Fireman, Chalk River; J. HENDRIE, Engineer, North Bay; D. A. CLARK, Express Messenger, Montreal; J. S. IRVING, Baggageman, Ottawa; J. E. YOUNG, Engineer, North Bay; T. PRENDERGAST, Webbwood; H. J. PRENDERGAST, Webbwood. INJURED: Fred Hyland, Hull; Alf. Robert, 64 Nelson St., Ottawa; Madame Gellinas, Ottawa; D. Lynch, Hintonburg; E. Roberts, Ottawa; M. Maloney, St. Patrick; E. McGuire, Italy; Wilfred Malone; E. Labelle, Montreal.

Seven people were killed and created and eight others injured, but not seriously, in a frightful head-on collision on the Canadian Pacific railway at Moorlake at 12.39 this morning. The scene of the accident is 12 miles west of Chalk River, and 24 miles from Pembroke, on the North Bay division of the line.

likely to result fatally. There happened to be three physicians on the train, and these gentlemen rendered valuable assistance to the injured. As soon as the accident occurred the divisional points were isolated and while wrecking auxiliaries were sent from Chalk River and North Bay, doctors were hurried from Pembroke and Mattawa. The most of those whose injuries were any way serious were taken to the hospital at Mattawa.

DECEASED OTTAWAN.

James R. Irvine, the baggage man on the Soo, was the only Ottawa man losing his life in the wreck. He resided at 601 Gilmour street, and was about 25 years of age. Mr. Irvine entered the employ of the Canadian Pacific in 1891 and was regarded as one of the most faithful and trustworthy employees. News of his tragic death has been received with the sincerest regret by all who knew him. The doug baggage man leaves a widow and a young son, who are the recipients of genuine sympathy in their painful bereavement.

David A. Clark, of Montreal, the express messenger killed in the accident, formerly resided in Ottawa, on Rochester street. He used to run on the line between here and Pembroke, but in May last was transferred to Montreal. Since then his run has been on

well known in lower town, who does business at the above address. He had been up west of a business and cattle buying trip. Madame Gellinas, mentioned in the list, is unknown, the only person of that name in the directory being Mr. F. Gellinas, of the public works department, none of whose family were on the train. D. Lynch, of Hintonburg, is a freeman on the C. P. R. and is probably the one of the locomotive crews who escaped death. He resides on the Richmond road.

A BAD TRAGEDY.

(Special to the Evening Citizen.) Montreal, Nov. 15.—D. A. Clark, the express messenger who was killed in the wreck, lived at 152 Laporte street, Montreal. He was a native of Gampe, Que., and before coming to Montreal a year ago spent several years in Ottawa. He had been married nearly two years and was to have celebrated the second anniversary of his wedding day on Monday, 18th. Preparations had been made for celebrating the event by a little gathering of friends at their home. Mrs. Clark was heartbroken when she learned the news of her husband's tragic death. She was completely overcome and a physician had to come in. Clark also leaves a little baby nine months old. He has several married sisters in the city who have taken on charge of the widow. Clark was buried under the burning wreckage and was absolutely cremated, this fact being kept from his wife by Rev. Mr. Brown



IRVING, DR. President of the... who arrives in... to address the... the National So... the Canadian... the Russell H... morrow.

DEFINES Olympic Games, 1908, Com

Col. Hinshbury... Children an extra definition" extracted from the Olympic 1908, with refere competition. An on and Canadian are likely to take in deemed advisable as much publicity as possible. The extract from the Olympic games of London, 1908, is as follows: International Skating Union—A skater is not recognized as an amateur if he has since January 1st, 1882: (a) Practised in his own person any sporting bodily exercise as a means of gain (gymnastic and balling, instruction excepted). (b) Practised or taught anything for money (the bare payment of hotel and travelling expenses by his own club or association excepted). (c) Held or pledged prizes won in sporting competitions.

COMES OUT FOR TARIFF REFORM

"In that Canada fails to obviate the preventable causes of death it brings itself into unpleasant nearness with manslaughter" SH Blake (1908)

LOCAL BRIEFS

The annual meeting of the Ottawa Hockey League will be held on the evening of the 26th inst., at the C. A. A. C. In the list of members attending meeting in the board of trade in last evening, the name of Ad. He was inadvertently omitted. The annual congregational at home St. George's parish will be held next evening in the parish hall at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Women's association. William Blason, sent up for trial in the city police court, cause being Judge Gunn and elected to be led by a judge. His case will be heard on Monday morning. Detective M. H. Montreal, who injured yesterday afternoon while attempting to report to the Bureau.

In his report upon the Indian boarding schools in Manitoba and the North West, Dr. F. H. Bryce, Chief medical officer of the Indian department, emphasizes the absolute necessity for greater care in the selection of pupils and for sanitary precautions in the schools to prevent the spread of disease. During his recent tour of inspection Dr. Bryce instructed the principals of all the schools to report to Ottawa direct upon the past history and present condition of the health of the children who have been pupils at the schools. Summarizing the statistical statement thus obtained Dr. Bryce says, after alluding to the defective records of the schools: "It suffices for us to know however that of a total of 1,637 pupils reported upon, nearly 25 per cent. are dead, of one school with an absolutely accurate statement, 80 per cent. of pupils are dead, and that everywhere the almost-invariable cause of death given is tuberculosis."

PERSONAL Dr. Bryce's description of the schools shows them to be veritable hotbeds for the propagation and spread of this disease. In fact, in only one school which the medical inspector visited was attention paid to the most ordinary requirements of ventilation of the dormitories. The total school attendance in Indian schools of every class was 2,691 last year. Only about 52 per cent. of Indian children between the ages of seven and seventeen attend school, and the attendance at the industrial schools is decreasing.

MARRIED IN INDIA Stanley Fillion Marries a Buckingham Store Waterproof Hose Cores Birkmyre's Waterproof Floor Cores

SCHOOLS AID WHITE PLAGUE

Startling Death Rolls Revealed

AMONG INDIANS Absolute Inattention To Bare Necessities of Health.

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"Similar to the Residential Schools era today, the fate and future of many First Nations children is still being determined by the government"

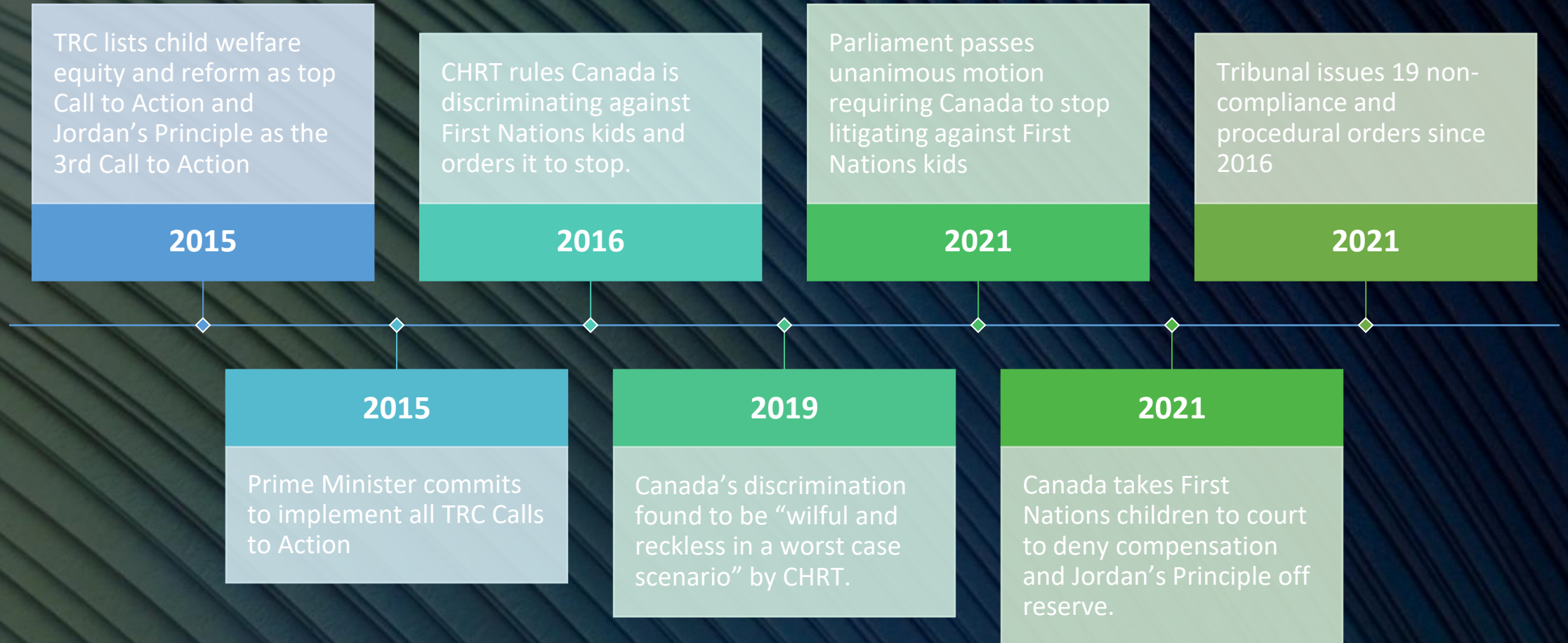
2016 CHRT 2 para. 426

**2016: Canada
discriminates against
over 165,000 First
Nations children**

**Causing unnecessary
family separations**

**Contributing to the
deaths of some children**

Canada v. First Nations Children in the post-TRC era



What changed for kids because of the CHRT case?

Over one million services, products and supports provided to First Nations children via Jordan's Principle.

First Nations child welfare budget doubled with an annual increase of about 600 million. Some First Nations agencies in BC received their first increase in the prevention budget in 28 years.

First Nations not served by agencies receive 100+ million in prevention funding

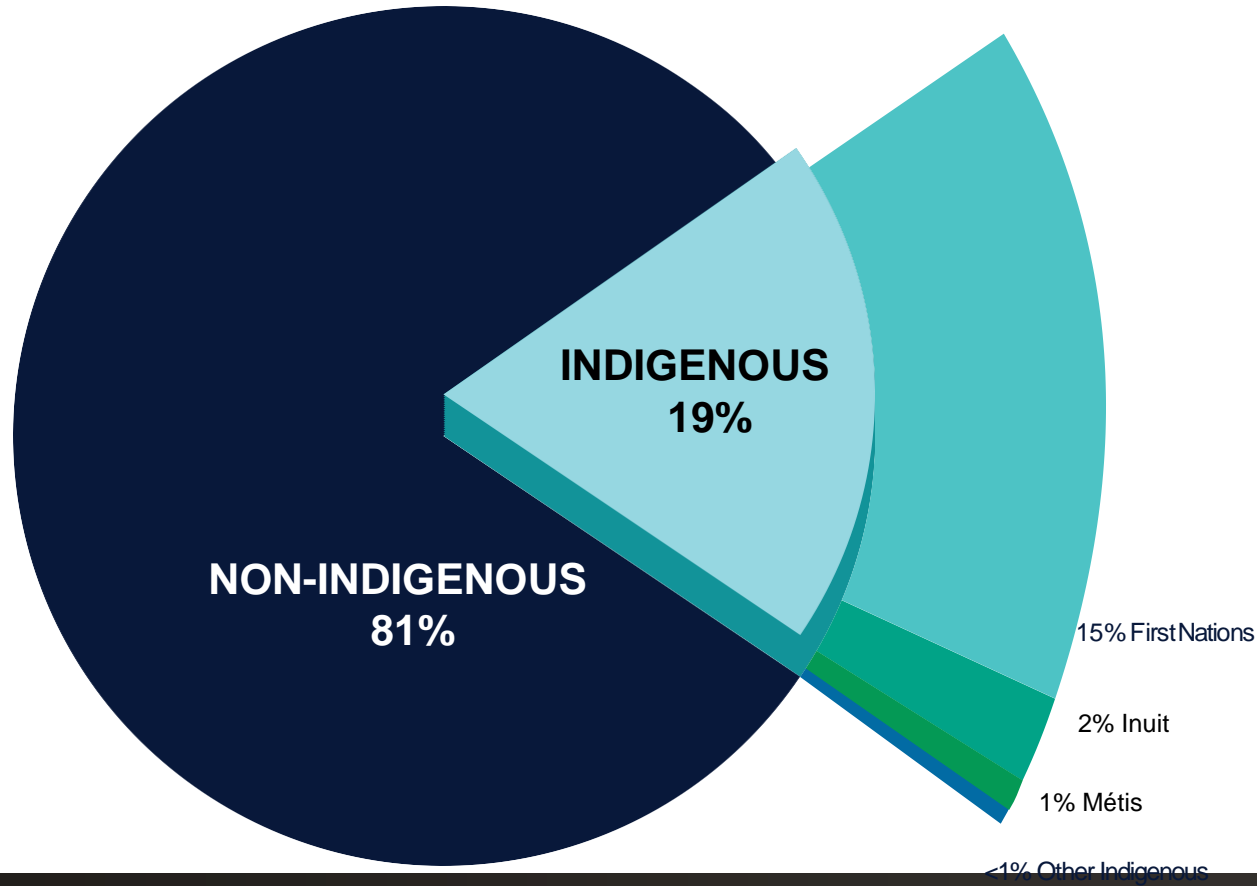
Capital for Jordan's Principle and CFS at actual cost

C-92- real self-determination or an escape hatch for Canada from CHRT orders?

Consideration	CHRT	C-92 Interim Funding
Legally enforceable	✓	?
Capital at actuals	✓	X
Prevention/legal/bldg. repairs, intake/assessment and maintenance at actuals	✓	X
First Nations evidence based	✓	X (CIRNA developed)
Jordan's Principle	✓	?

FN/CIS 2019 Findings

Indigenous Identity of Child Investigations in Canada in 2019

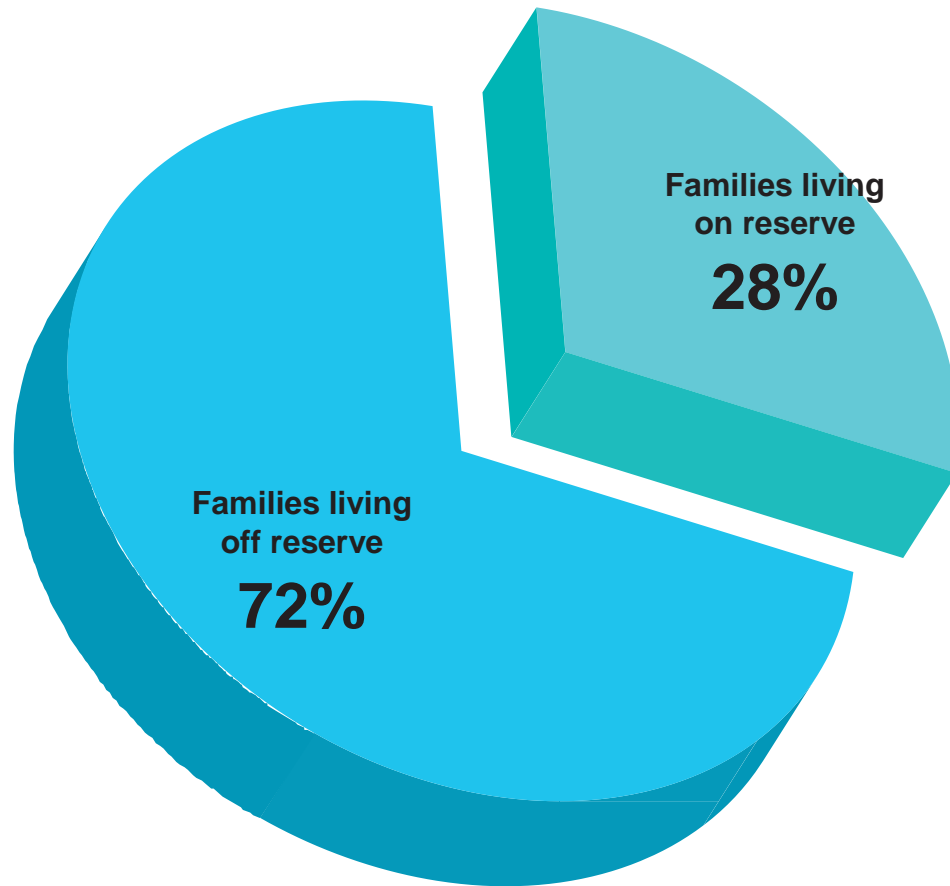


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Families living On and Off Reserve in Investigations Involving First Nations Children



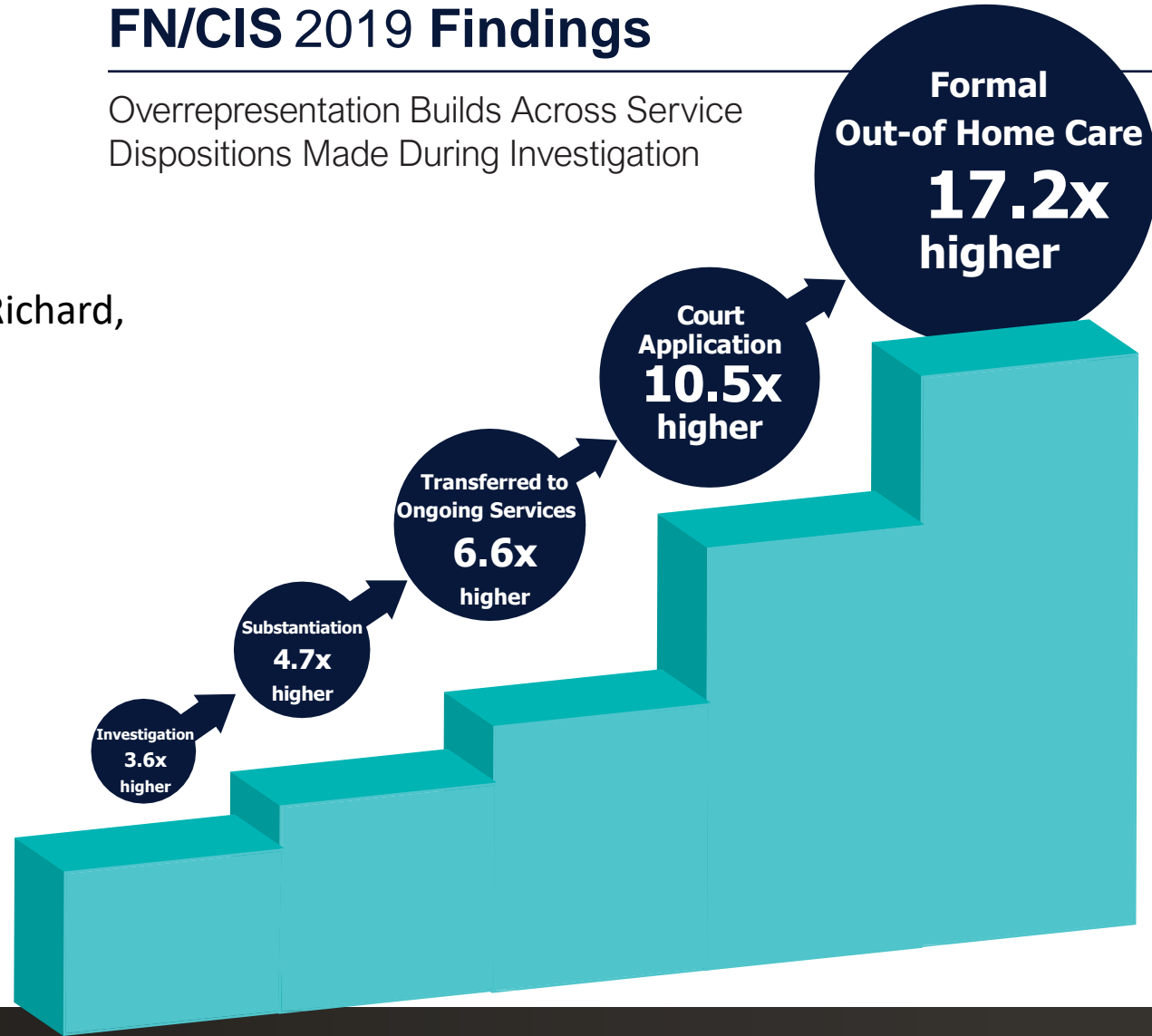
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Overrepresentation Builds Across Service Dispositions Made During Investigation

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At least one caregiver risk factor identified

74%
First Nations child investigations

57%
Non-Indigenous child investigations

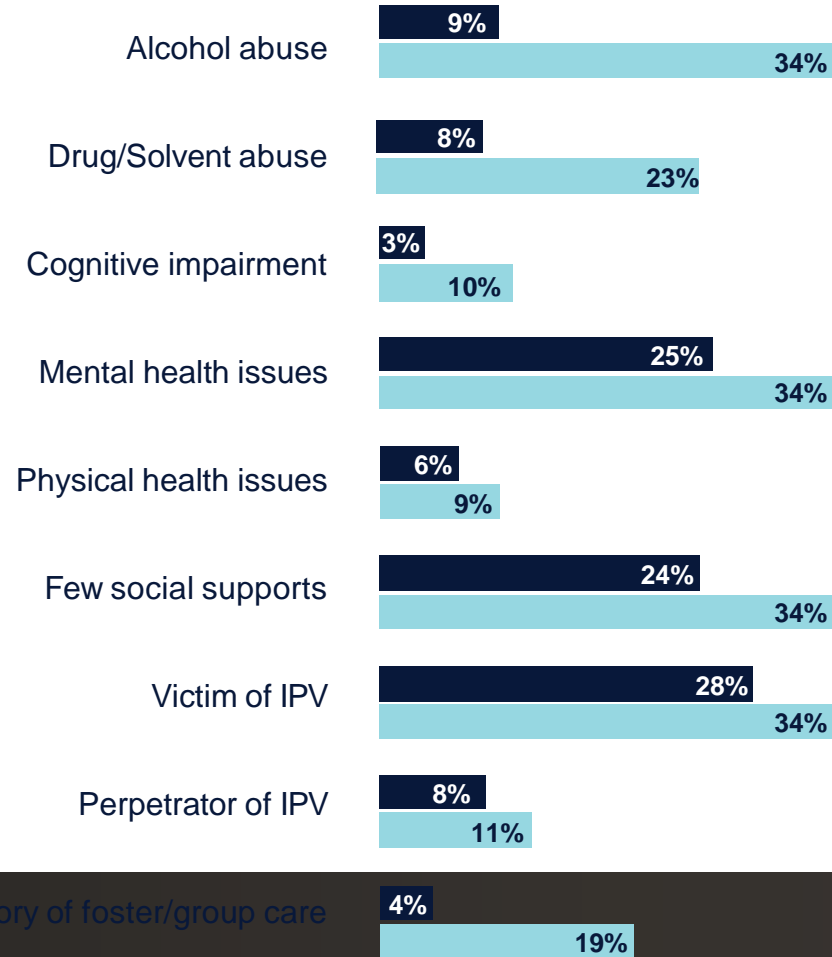
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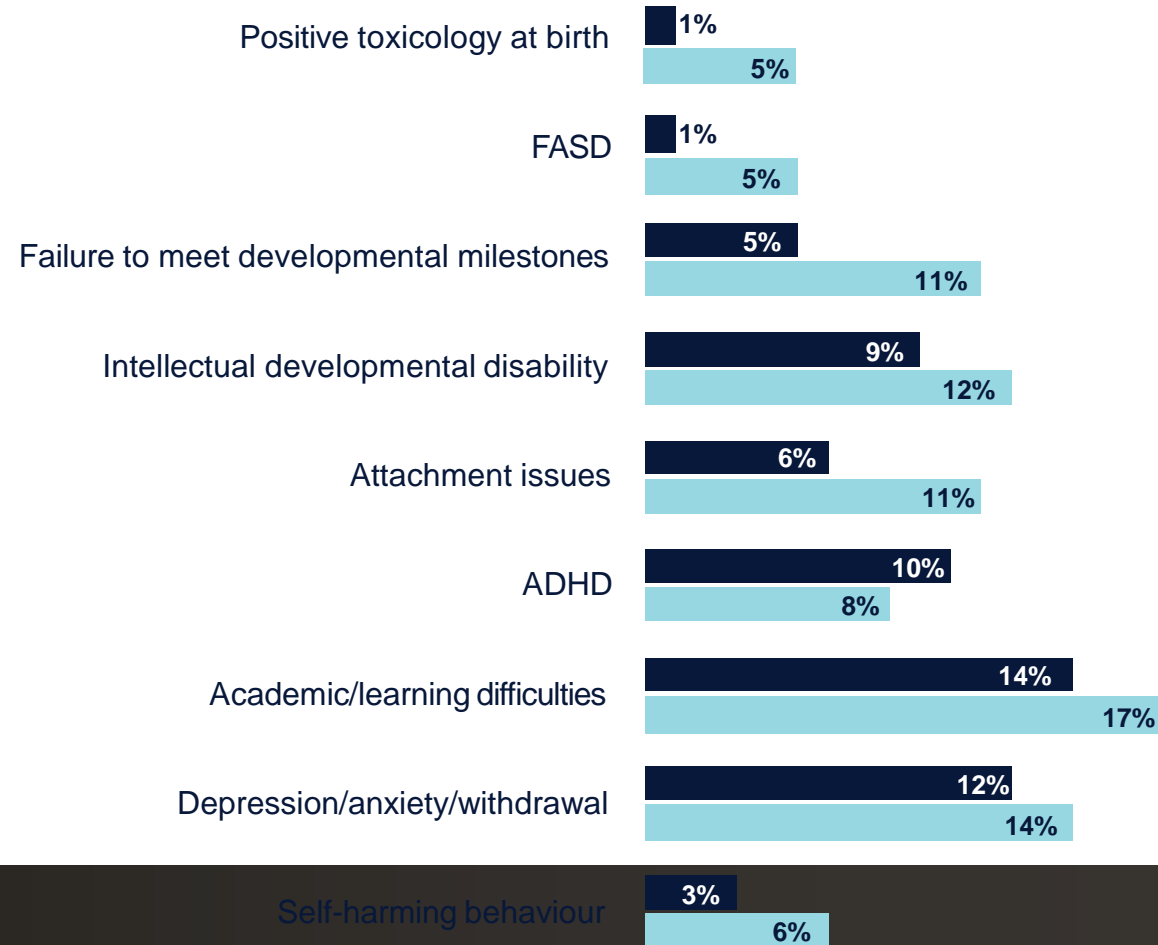
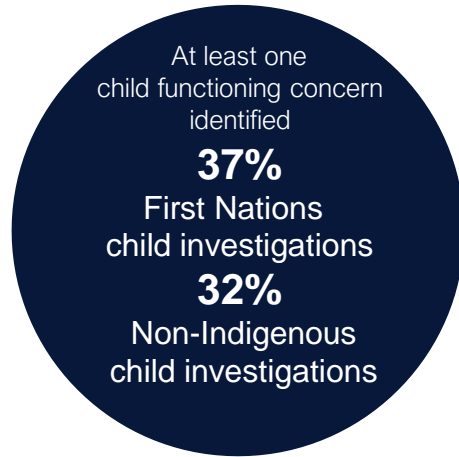
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Caregiver Risk Factors Among Investigated Families



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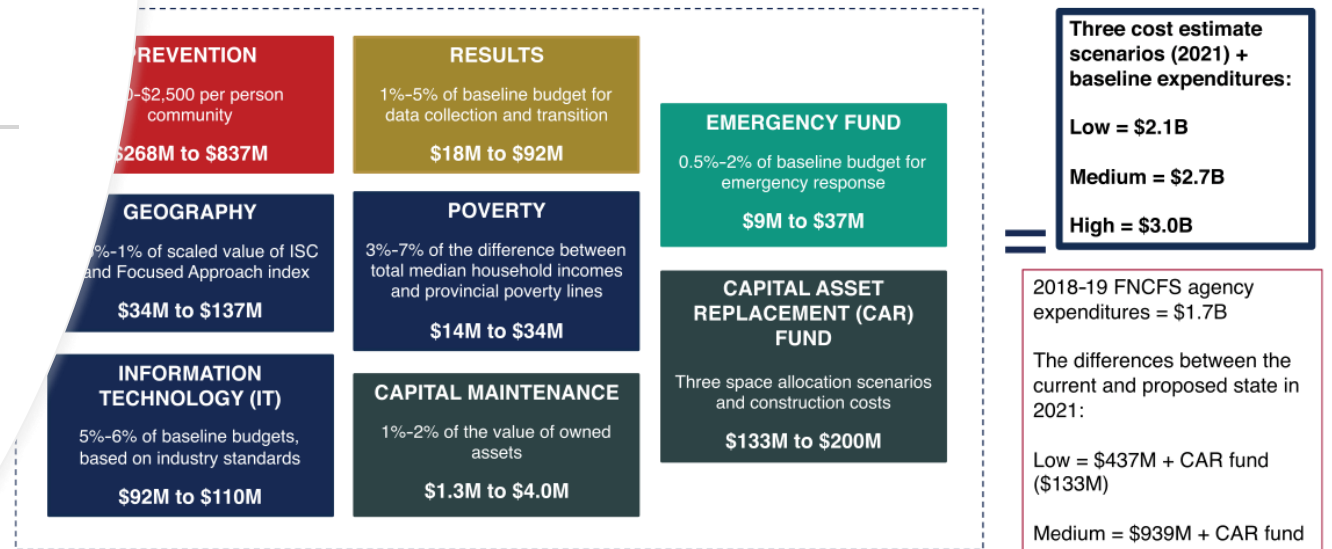
Child Functioning Concerns Among Investigated Families



Enabling First Nations children to thrive

Funding First Nations child and family services (FNCFS): A performance budget approach to well-being

Cost estimate overview of the proposed funding approach.





Spirit Bear Plan

End Inequalities in Public Services for First Nations Children, Youth and Families

First Nations children and families living on reserve and in the Territories receive public services funded by the federal government. Since confederation, these services have fallen significantly short of what other Canadians receive. This injustice needs to end and Spirit Bear's Plan will do just that.


Spirit Bear calls on:

- 1 CANADA** to immediately comply with all rulings by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ordering it to immediately cease its discriminatory funding of First Nations child and family services. The orders further require Canada to fully and properly implement Jordan's Principle (www.jordansprinciple.ca).
- 2 PARLIAMENT** to ask the Parliamentary Budget Officer to publicly cost out the shortfalls in all federally funded public services provided to First Nations children, youth and families (education, health, water, child welfare, etc.) and propose solutions to fix it.
- 3 GOVERNMENT** to consult with First Nations to co-create a holistic Spirit Bear Plan to end all of the inequalities (with dates and confirmed investments) in a short period of time sensitive to children's best interests, development and distinct community needs.
- 4 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS** providing services to First Nations children and families to undergo a thorough and independent 360° evaluation to identify any ongoing discriminatory ideologies, policies or practices and address them. These evaluations must be publicly available.
- 5 ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS**, including those at a senior level, to receive mandatory training to identify and address government ideology, policies and practices that fetter the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

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Spirit Bear Plan to end all inequalities in First Nations public services

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