



Healthy, Self-Determining and Vibrant BC First Nations Children, Families and Communities



Our Values:

- **Respect**
- **Discipline**
- **Relationships**
- **Culture**
- **Excellence**
- **Fairness**

Our Directives:

- **Community-Driven, Nation-Based**
- **Increase First Nations Decision-Making and Control**
- **Improve Services**
- **Foster Meaningful Collaboration and Partnership**
- **Develop Human and Economic Capacity**
- **Be Without Prejudice to First Nations Interests**
- **Function at a High Operational Standard**

Why a First Nations Health Authority?

The First Nations Health Authority works to reform the way health care is delivered to BC First Nations through direct services and collaboration with provincial partners. The First Nations Health Authority is governed by and serves BC First Nations individuals and communities.

A New Relationship with our Partners

BC First Nations, the Province of BC, and the Government of Canada are committed to working together to improve First Nations health outcomes. Over the past decade, a New Relationship between the Tripartite Partners as forged through a series of precedent-setting political and legal agreements.

Making History Today and Tomorrow

In October of 2013 the First Nations Health Authority took responsibility over the administration of federal health programs and services formerly delivered by Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch – Pacific Region, and has been working to address service gaps through new partnerships, closer collaboration, and health systems innovation.

The historic transfer of programs, resources, assets, staff, and responsibilities from the federal government was a first for Canada. The First Nations Health Authority vision, values and regional focus, provide a strong foundation for innovation, transformation, and redesign of health programs and services.

Responsive, Visionary, Transformative

The First Nations Health Authority is part of a unique health governance structure that includes political representation and advocacy through the First Nations Health Council, and technical support and capacity development through the First Nations Health Directors As-

sociation. Collectively, this First Nations health governing structure works in partnership with BC First Nations to achieve our shared vision.

Responsibilities

The First Nations Health Authority plans, designs, manages, and funds the delivery of First Nations health programs and services in BC. We are the health and wellness partner to BC's 203 diverse First Nations communities and citizens across the province. These community-based services are largely focused on health promotion and disease prevention - such as:

- Primary Care Services
- Children, Youth and Maternal Health
- Mental Health and Addictions Programming
- Health and Wellness Planning
- Health Infrastructure and Human Resources
- Environmental Health and Research
- First Nations Health Benefits
- eHealth Technology

Our work does not replace the role or services of the Ministry of Health and Regional Health Authorities. The First Nations Health Authority collaborates, coordinates, and integrates our respective health programs and services to achieve better health outcomes for BC First Nations in rural and urban settings.

The first and only provincial First Nations Health Authority in Canada. Transforming health services for First Nations and Aboriginal people in BC.



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness