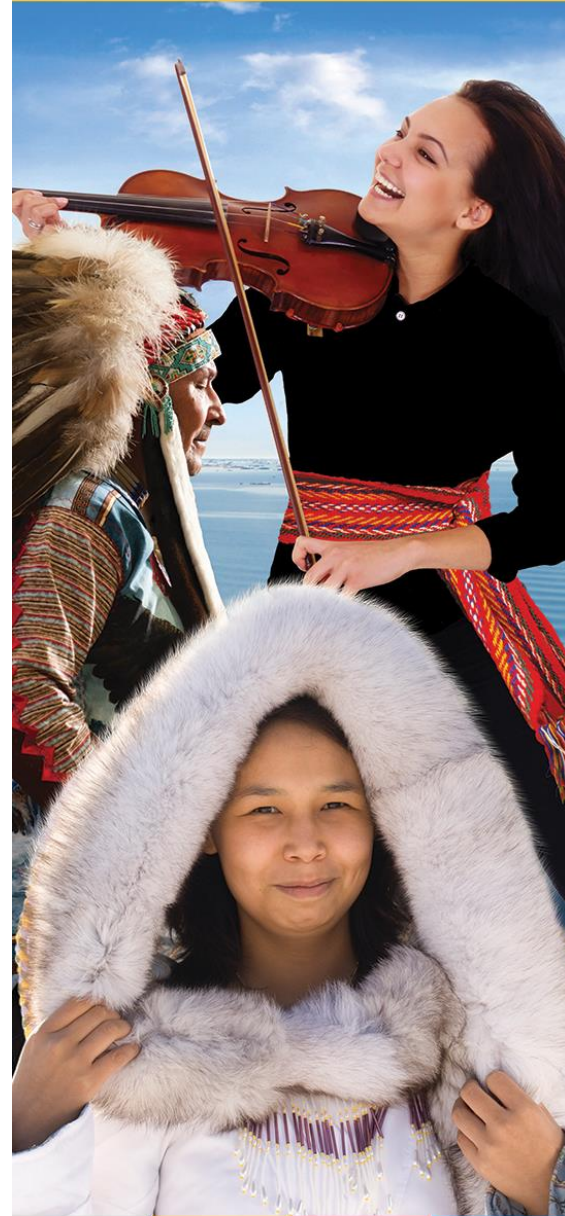




First Nations Child and Family Services Program Reform

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Child and Family Services: *Where are we now?*

- The time for change is **now**.
 - The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action
 - The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Decision
 - Grand Chief Ed John Report's 85 recommendations
 - The recent reports from British Columbia's Representative of Children and Youth
- Canada is committed to reform the First Nations Child and Family Services Program
- Reforms should be based on shared outcomes- child and family well-being in First Nations communities

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What have we done so far?

- Budget 2016 Investments
 - Budget 2016 Investments for the First Nations Child and Family Services Program
 - \$635M in new funding over five years (nationally)
 - For BC, this includes \$51.2M in new funding for operations and prevention for the Delegated Aboriginal Agencies
 - \$100K per Delegated Aboriginal Agency last year to identify their distinct needs and develop culturally-relevant programs
 - \$382M for Jordan's Principle over three years (nationally)

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Funding Provided to Delegated Agencies (2016-2017)

Delegated Agency	Maintenance 1	Total Ops / Prevention 2		Total Funding 3	
Ayas Men Men	\$3,468,408	\$1,250,739		\$4,719,147	
Denisiqi	\$42,353	\$825,813		\$868,166	
Heiltsuk	\$15,000	\$404,790		\$419,790	
2016-17 (40%)	2017-18 (60%)	2018-19 (80%)	2019-20 (100%)	2020-21 (100%)	Total (2016-2021)
\$5,390,010	\$8,085,015	\$10,780,020	\$13,475,025	\$13,475,025	\$51,205,095

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National and Regional Engagements

- Minister's Special Representative – Engagement Sessions
 - Fall 2016, BC Region Trip
- National Advisory Committee –to provide advice to the Minister and First Nations leaders on reform
- Regional tri-partite tables in each province to discuss funding and reform
- Agreements with First Nations partners across the country to lead regional engagements
- B.C. Regional Engagement:
 - MoU with First Nations Health Council on Engagement on CFS
 - Work with our partners in First Nations Leadership Council Tripartite Working Group
 - Ongoing Regional Partnership Tables
 - Delegated Aboriginal Agencies and MCFD



Engagement Principles: Partnership with the First Nations Health Council

- INAC and FNHC Memorandum of Understanding
 - Further engagement directly with BC First Nations
- Principled Goals in MoU:
 - Community-Driven, Nation-Based
 - Increased First Nations Decision-Making
 - 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

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What we have heard so far

The things we need to change:

- Significantly decrease the number of children in care and prevent children from going into care
- Work to achieve family reunification and preservation
- Improve child, family and community well-being
- Work with First Nations and the Province to develop funding models that work
- Provide more help for families in the court system
- Consider new approaches to jurisdiction in the area of child welfare.

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What we have heard so far

What works:

- Promising practices in Child Welfare have been emerging in British Columbia:
 - Sts'ailes Project (a model of co-location)
 - Wet'suwet'en: Anuk Nu'At'en Ba'glgh' iyi z'ilhdic (ANABIP)
 - Stikine Wholistic Working Group
 - Conferences/sharing opportunities



Questions

- We need to work in partnership with you

Questions that need answers:

1. How can Government support community investments in child safety and wellbeing?
2. What does a more coordinated approach look like for child wellbeing in your community?
3. What changes would be most impactful for improving child wellbeing in your community?

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