



Revised FSA: Supports available to Class Members

On April 19, 2023, Parties to the Final Settlement on compensation parties signed the Revised Final Settlement Agreement (“Revised FSA”) on Compensation. The following information sheet will cover information relating to supports available to Class Members.

It is important to note that the Revised FSA is a legal agreement and to agree to the terms of this agreement is an important decision. Claimants are strongly urged to read the Revised FSA in its entirety before starting a claim and to seek legal advice if they have concerns.

This document is not intended to replace the actual Revised FSA document and only to provide an informal overview of the information contained in the Revised FSA.

Supports Available to Class Members

Supports available to Class Members throughout the Claims Process

- (1) the parties to the Revised FSA have agreed to providing culturally sensitive health, information and other supports to Class Members in the Claims process, including funding for health care professionals to deliver support to Class Members who suffer or might suffer trauma during the Claims Process.
- (2) Canada will provide funding to the AFN to provide supports to First Nations Claimants for a 5 year period beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2029, although AFN may seek further funds to extend supports. This will include a help desk with AFN line liaisons and providing culturally safe assistance to Claimants in completing any Claims forms.
- (3) Canada will fund the enhancement for the *Hope for Wellness Line* to include training to their call operators and counsellors on the Actions and promote this service to Class Members as soon as possible. The parties have agreed to recommend that the Court appoint a third-

party Indigenous organization (funded by Canada) to provide a culturally safe, youth-specific support line that would provide counselling services for youth and young adult Class Members and to refer to post-majority care services (when appropriate).

- (4) Canada will also pay for:
 - a. mental health and cultural supports,
 - i. based on evolving needs of the Class, with over half of the Class Members being adults, and transitioning to a focus on young adults in the remaining years of the Agreement.
 - b. Navigators to promote communications and provide referrals to health services,
 - c. help desk with AFN line liaisons,
 - d. reasonable costs incurred by First Nations service providers in providing access to records to support Claimant eligibility from provinces, territories, and agencies, Child Welfare Records Technicians,
 - e. professional services (taxonomy and actuarial services),
 - f. reasonable fees relating to a structured settlement (if applicable) to be agreed.

Supports to benefit Class Members who do not receive direct compensation

General Fund

In addition to the supports made available through the Claims Process, a fund or a foundation, which may be led by First Nations young people and children in care, formerly in care, their allies and those who experienced a delay, denial or service gap under Jordan’s Principle will be established to offer grant-based supports to help Class Members, and the children of First Nations

parents who experienced delays, denials and service gaps through Jordan's Principle access culture-based, community-based and healing-based programs, services and activities.

Grant-based supports may include:

Family and community unification, reunification, connection, and reconnection for youth in care/formerly in care

- facilitating First Nations youth in care and formerly in care to identify birth family and their First Nation, which may include accessing records or files, meeting family members or travelling to their First Nation;
- accessing holistic wellness supports for First Nations youth in care and formerly in care during the family and community reunification and reconnection process; and
 - reducing the costs associated with travel and accommodations to visit community and family, including for First Nations youth in care and formerly in care, support person(s) or family members.

Cultural Access

- facilitating access to cultural programs, activities and supports, including: youth groups, ceremony, language, Elders and Knowledge Keepers, mentors, land-based activities, and culturally-based arts and recreation.

Transition and Navigation supports, facilitating access...

- for First Nations youth in care and formerly in care to transition supports for First Nations youth in care and formerly in care who are either not eligible for post-majority care and services under the reformed First Nations Child and Family Services Program or that are not covered elsewhere, in their transition to adulthood, including: safe and accessible housing, life skills and independent living, financial literacy, planning and services, continuing education, health and wellness supports.
- to navigational supports for Class Members and the children of First Nations parents who experienced a Delay, Denial or Service Gap under Jordan's Principle who are not eligible to receive post-majority services under Jordan's Principle or are not covered elsewhere.
- to a scholarship for the Jordan's Principle Class and the children of First Nations parents who experienced a

Delay, Denial or Service Gap in the provision of services under Jordan's Principle. The scholarship will be designed to acknowledge the adverse effects associated with the experience of a Delay, Denial or Service Gap under Jordan's Principle.

A National First Nations Youth in/From Care Network

A National First Nations Youth In/From Care Network may also be established through the grants, or through the creation of a fund, foundation or similar organization, which may include funding an existing national network and existing regional networks. The networks would share best practices and updates, provide advocacy, discuss and make recommendations on policy. The structure, scope and membership of the networks is to be determined by First Nations Youth In/From Care.

Post-Majority Supports for Jordan's Principle

The purpose of the Jordan's Principle Post-Majority Fund is to provide some additional supports to high needs Approved *Jordan's Principle Class* Members between the Age of Majority and their 26th birthday, that are necessary to ensure their personal dignity and well-being.

Jordan's Principle Post-Majority Beneficiaries may access benefits under the Jordan's Principle Post-Majority Fund by making a request to the Jordan's Principle trust entity. If an Approved *Jordan's Principle Class* Member who is approaching or is past the Age of Majority contacts ISC through mechanisms for accessing Jordan's Principle, ISC will refer the Class Member to the trust entity. ISC will collaborate with the Caring Society and the Plaintiffs regarding public information that can be provided by ISC regarding the Jordan's Principle Post-Majority Fund.