



# Canadian Human Rights Complaint



**FACT:** FNCFS agencies receive approximately 22% less funding than provincial agencies

**FACT:** There are 1 in 10 First Nations children in care compared to 1 out of every 200 non-First Nation children in Canada.

**FACT:** Approximately 8000 children are in the care of First Nation agencies, which contributes to a total of 27,000 children in First Nation and provincial agency care. This is **three times** the number of children that were in Residential Schools at the height of their operation

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada (FNCFCS) filed a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission on February 23, 2007 regarding the **inequitable and discriminatory funding to First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) agencies.**

This is one of the most significant human rights cases to ever arise in Canada. The recent decision by the Canadian Human Rights Commission that the complaint will go before a Tribunal Hearing is very positive, as it means we can finally begin to address the national crisis that has been created by unfair funding and inequitable services for First Nations children who are in First Nations agency care.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT THIS COMPLAINT ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN**

Donations can be made to support the legal defense fund by sending cheques or money orders payable to the AFN. For further information you may contact Mary Bradstreet-Metallic or Karyn Pugliese at the AFN at 1-866-869-6789.

The AFN & FNCFCS believe that all children in state care should have comparable services.