

16th Annual Caring Society Gala

Permanently Ending Canada's Discrimination

in First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle



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Friday, October 16, 2026 | 1 to 3 pm

Victoria Inn & Convention Centre, Carlton Room, 1800 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Admission is FREE! but pre-registration is required and *seating is limited*.

Light refreshments will be served.

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Join **Cindy Blackstock**, **Brittany Mathews**, and **Jessica Saunders** as they discuss what's next with the proceedings at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to end discrimination in First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) and full implementation of Jordan's Principle.

On August 20, 2025, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal issued 2025 CHRT 80 on the next steps for national long-term reform of FNCFS. Following national engagement, the Loving Justice Plan was submitted to the Tribunal as the First Nations-led designed plan to permanently end Canada's discrimination in FNCFS. Built from 100+ engagement submissions from leaders, youth, Elders and technical experts, the Loving Justice Plan outlines national minimum standards with enforceable accountability, needs-based funding and First Nations-led governance. The workshop will include an update on the progress to permanently end discrimination for First Nation children and families in FNCFS.

On November 21, 2024, the Tribunal issued their letter-decision, followed by its full reasons in 2025 CHRT 6 in January 2025, in response to the Caring Society's non-compliance motion filed in December 2023 regarding the Government of Canada's chronic and wilful failure to adhere to the Tribunal's orders on Jordan's Principle. The Tribunal ordered Canada to immediately tackle the backlog of Jordan's Principle requests, however, to date there has been little progress for First Nations children. The workshop will include an update on Jordan's Principle, avenues of support for families including remedies for delayed or denied Jordan's Principle requests, and the long-term implementation of Jordan's Principle.

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