



First Nations not affiliated to a First Nations child and family services (FNCFS) agency: Setting next steps together

Date: Monday, February 12, 2024

Time: 9:00-16:00

Context

IFSD is pleased to continue working with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Caring Society (Cindy Blackstock), and the National Advisory Committee (NAC) to support the long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) program.

IFSD extends its gratitude for the invaluable contributions made to this work by First Nations. First Nations not affiliated to an FNCFS agency have contributed through a national questionnaire, regional and national gatherings, and in-depth analyses.

At the request of First Nations convened during the November 2, 2023 gathering, IFSD is convening a second meeting to share findings and gather your reflections, this time, on the draft final report.

IFSD's mandate is to deliver a needs assessment and cost analysis of a range of approaches to designing and delivering child and family services (CFS) among First Nations not affiliated to a FNCFS agency.

Informed by your generous contributions, IFSD has prepared draft cost estimation analyses and approaches to flowing resources to recipients.

Goals

- 1) Confirm your context and experiences are captured appropriately.
- 2) Define the range of options and tools for supporting the design and delivery of child and family services.
- 3) Capture anticipated challenges moving forward.



Participants

Our gathering will be attended by First Nations (and/or their delegates; in-person or virtually), Cindy Blackstock and the Caring Society and the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD).

How can I prepare?

IFSD suggests reflecting on the following questions and reviewing the summary briefing (which we will review together) ahead of the meeting:

- 1) How can the amount, terms and conditions of federal funding best support your First Nation to deliver child and family services?
- 2) What types of supports (e.g. capacity-building, capital, technical assistance) would assist my First Nation with designing, planning, and executing service delivery?
- 3) What suggestions do you have to develop and retain a workforce in child and family services to enable your nations to deliver the services your children need?
- 4) What is your desire, and current capacity, to collect needs based data on your children and track changes over time?

**Agenda, Monday, February 12, 2024
Delta Hotel, Vancouver**

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-9:30	Welcome to territory and introductions.
9:30-9:45	Greetings from IFSD
9:45-11:00	Keynote address: <i>Cindy Blackstock</i>
11:00-12:00	Review of research findings and Q&A, <i>Cindy Blackstock and Helaina Gaspard</i>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:15	<p>Breakout groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How can the amount, terms and conditions of federal funding best support your First Nation to deliver child and family services? 2) Are there other service providers with which service delivery should be coordinated? 3) What types of supports (e.g. capacity-building, capital, technical assistance) would assist my First Nation with designing, planning, and executing service delivery
14:15-14:30	Break
14:30-16:00	Share back session: Breakout groups report back to the plenary to define takeaways
16:00-16:30	Concluding remarks