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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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DEDICATED SERVICES LAUNCHED FOR SAGAMOK ANISHWAWBEK

Batchewana First Nation | Garden River First Nation | Thessalon First Nation | Mississauga First Nation | Serpent River First Nation | Sagamok Anishnawbek | Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Ontario, February 8, 2021: Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services (the child welfare authority for North Shore First Nations) is pleased to announce that two new Jordan's Principle Case Manager positions have been implemented to provide service to Sagamok Anishnawbek.

Nogdawindamin mobilized Jordan's Principle service coordination in May 2018 and, since then, has worked to ensure quality services are provided through close collaboration with each of the seven member First Nations. The service is intended to ensure that each and every eligible First Nation's child has equitable access to the products, services and supports they need, when they need them. Funding can help with a wide range of health, social and educational needs, including the unique needs that First Nations Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA children and youth and those with disabilities may have.

On November 25, 2020, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) released a ruling about Jordan's Principle eligibility. A child under the age of majority in their province or territory of residence can access Jordan's Principle, if they permanently reside in Canada and if the child meets one of the following criteria:

- is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act
- has one parent or guardian who is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act
- is recognized by their nation for the purposes of Jordan's Principle
- is ordinarily resident on reserve

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, communities have been mobilizing to ensure that the service is located within the community and more accessible to address emerging needs including, for example, laptops, tablets or other e-learning tools, if they meet an identified health, education or social need. In response to the increased need for accessibility, two (2) Jordan's Principle Case Manager positions have been created to provide direct service to the members of Sagamok Anishnawbek. These resource people will be available for anyone that would like to submit a request for products, services or supports under Jordan's Principle as well as answering any questions about the program or eligibility. They will support the application process and work directly with members of the community to complete the documentation required for all applications and requests.

The Jordan's Principle Case Managers will begin orientation with Nogdawindamin the week of February 15th and services will be available to the community immediately. Members requiring assistance or seeking information on the program and services being provided may contact Terri-Lynn Chiblow tchiblow@nog.ca or Marla Toulouse mtoulouse@nog.ca.

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