

Honouring Indigenous Disability Awareness Month



- [Indigenous Disability Awareness Month](#) (IDAM) raises awareness about the challenges and struggles that Indigenous individuals with disabilities and their families encounter daily. IDAM focuses on honoring the accomplishments of Indigenous individuals with disabilities, acknowledging their important social, economic, and cultural impact on our communities.
- [Indigenous Disability Canada/British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society \(BCANDS\)](#) created Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) in 2015.
 - IDAM is the only Indigenous disability-specific awareness campaign of its kind worldwide.
 - In 2017, Canada was advised by the United Nations International Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to formally designate November as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month each year.
- Indigenous Canadians have a disability rate much higher than the overall population, approximately 30% to 35%. ([Spinal Cord Injury BC](#))

Interviews

- [Advocating for Indigenous Persons Living with Disability: An Interview with Evelyn Huntjens](#) (2024, University of Guelph)
- [Breaking barriers: Unreserved marks Indigenous Disability Awareness Month](#) (2020, CBC)

Jordan's Principle



- [Jordan's Principle fact sheet \(2023\)](#) (First Nations Caring Society)
- [Myths About Jordan's Principle](#) (Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies)
- [Jordan's Principle and the Inuit Child First Initiative](#) (Native Women Association of Canada)
- [Jordan's Principle makes disability services a right of First Nations children](#) (Holland Bloorview)

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