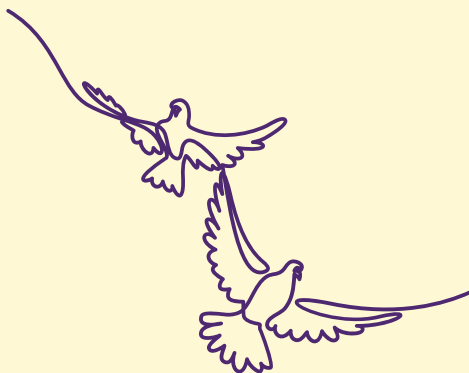




What are First Nations Representative Services?

First Nation Representative Services (FNRS; also referred to as Band Representative Services in Ontario) supports First Nations to have a voice when children, youth, and families are involved/at risk of involvement with child and family services. First Nations are the recipients of FNRS funding.



First Nations Representative Services in the Draft Agreement

FNRS under the Draft Agreement is funded on a per capita basis - based on the First Nations population on-reserve, on Crown Land, or in the Yukon, recorded in the Indian Registration System as of September 30th of the previous year. For First Nations, except those in Ontario, in fiscal year 2024-25, FNRS is funded at \$294.72 per person. Each First Nation will receive a minimum of \$75,000.00 to ensure that First Nations with smaller populations have adequate funding to offer FNRS. These amounts are subject to annual adjustments for inflation and population, as well as remoteness adjustments.

First Nation (outside of Ontario) Example FNRS Budget:

First Nation A	First Nation B
Population as of September 30, 2024: 500	Population as of September 30, 2024: 150
Per capita calculation: 500 people x \$294.72 = \$147,360.00	Per capita calculation: 150 people x \$294.72 = \$44,208.00
Total FNRS funding for 2025-26 : \$147,360.00	Total FNRS funding for 2025-26 : \$75,000.00

First Nations in Ontario are funded differently from First Nations in other jurisdictions, as funding models were negotiated by Ontario First Nations to correspond to those differences. In fiscal year 2025-26, Ontario First Nations will receive funding for FNRS/Band Representative funding at the highest amount that a given First Nation received during the period of fiscal years 2019-20 to 2022-23. Each First Nation will receive a minimum of \$75,000.00, and funds will be increased to account for the higher costs of delivering services in remote communities. In fiscal years 2026-27 to 2028-29 (i.e., the remainder of the initial five-year funding period), FNRS in Ontario will be based on the prior year's funding amount, adjusted for inflation and population growth.

First Nation in Ontario Example FNRS Budget:

Sample First Nation 2025-26	Sample First Nation 2026-27 to 2028-29
FNRS funding in 2019-20 : \$100,000	2026-27: Inflation and Population Growth is 5%, so the budget for this year is \$126,000.00 (\$120,000 x 1.05).
FNRS funding in 2020-21 : \$105,000	
FNRS funding in 2021-22 : \$110,000	
FNRS funding in 2022-23 : \$120,000	2027-28: Inflation and Population Growth is 4%, so the budget for this year is \$131,040.00 (\$126,000 x 1.04).
As the highest amount of this period was \$120,000.00, this is the amount that this First Nation will receive in 2025-26.	



What are First Nations Representative Services (FNRS)?

FNRS functions include, but are not limited to:



Serve as the main contact between a First Nation and child and family services providers.



Supporting the assertion of the rights and responsibilities of the First Nation applicable child and family services laws.



Ensure that child and family services providers address the real needs of First Nations children, youth, and families, including needs tied to culture, land, and the effects of historical and contemporary disadvantage.



Build and maintain meaningful cultural, family, and community connections for children, youth, and families involved with child and family services.



Facilitate the repatriation and/or reunification of children and youth in care with their family and First Nation.



May intervene in child protection proceedings before a provincial court.

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