



St. Amant – Jordan’s Principle Child First Initiative

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What St. Amant services are available through Jordan’s Principle?

1. **Psychology services** to address challenging behaviours in children and youth with developmental disabilities and autism. Reasons for referral could include: aggression to individuals or property; self-harm; disruptive behaviours; refusal and non-compliance; inappropriate verbal behaviours or help with routines and structure. Goals are set based on the priorities of family or other care providers.
2. **Nurse consultation** from a nurse with special expertise in pediatrics and developmental disability. The nurse can offer many services that include providing hands-on training to support family members and respite workers to care for children with complex needs. Training can take place in the child’s community and in partnership with other healthcare providers. Nurse Consultants can also help in identifying medical issues, such as undiagnosed pain, that could contribute to challenging behaviours.
3. **Family care social work services** support families to increase their coping skills, help with advocacy and reduce the risk of family breakdown. Goals could include implementing positive parenting strategies, or addressing issues like challenging family dynamics, isolation and grief.
4. **Counselling services** for children and youth with disabilities or their families. Possible goals could include exploring what the developmental disability can mean for the individual or the family; or grief and loss. This is not a short-term crisis counselling service.
5. **Dietitian services** for complex issues such as supporting children who have autism and severe food selectivity, helping increase the variety of foods to promote growth and development. Please note that there is limited capacity to provide dietitian services at this time.

Where will services be delivered?

Services will be delivered in the child’s home community. Families and children will not be asked to travel to Winnipeg for service.

Who is eligible? All of St. Amant’s Jordan’s Principle services are available to children and youth who have a suspected or confirmed developmental or intellectual disability and who qualify for



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services under the Jordan’s Principle – Child First Initiative. Nurse Consultation services are available to all children who have complex medical needs. Services will usually focus on needs in the home or other non-school environments. From experience, St. Amant understands that supporting families and other care providers can help children achieve better outcomes. That’s why Family Care Social Work and Counselling Services are open to parents, family members, or other caregivers.

Who can make a referral?

- Jordan’s Principle Case Managers and Service Coordinators
- Clinical or other staff from service providers including Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC), Rehab Centre for Children, and St. Amant
- Community health or social service staff

How do I make a referral?

Please complete the St. Amant’s Jordan’s Principle – Child First Initiative Referral Form and fax to St. Amant Central Intake: 204-258-7065.

What you can expect once St. Amant receives the referral?

A clinician/coordinator will contact you to discuss the referral and prepare for service delivery.

How long is the wait for service?

This is a new service and wait times will depend on the number of referrals St. Amant receives.

Will St. Amant clinicians work together with other service providers?

Yes. St. Amant clinicians will work as part of a team with other professionals or care providers, unless the family or decision maker asks them not to.

Will you offer training and education?

Yes. We will offer training and education to Jordan’s Principle staff, families, or others. Training will be available online and in person. Possible topics could include positive parenting; symptoms & diagnostic criteria for autism; behaviour management principles; communication with people who are non-verbal; ‘picky eating’ and autism; and more.

Other questions? Please contact Ben Adaman, Senior Manager of Clinical Services:

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