

# The Path of Good Medicine

Towards Health Equity  
for First Nations Children

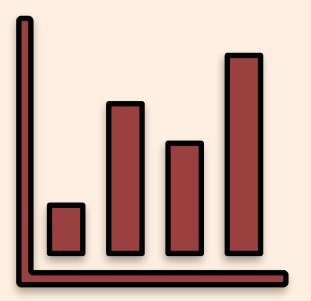
# What Accounts for Health Disparities among First Nations Children with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities?

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## background/rationale

### PURPOSE

Identify/analyze **disparate outcomes** and **structural barriers** within healthcare system in respect of FN children with NDD.



Illustrate the impact of structural barriers in the cases of **Jordan River Anderson** and **Jeremy Beadle** — both of which came before courts and tribunals.



Advocate for the **fulsome development** and **implementation** of **culturally-informed** clinical and research practices which **holistically transform** First Nations trust and engagement with non-aboriginal health services.

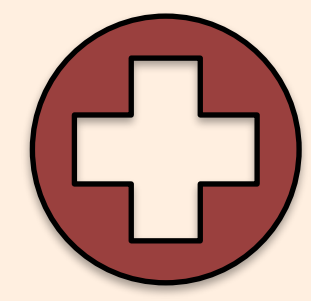
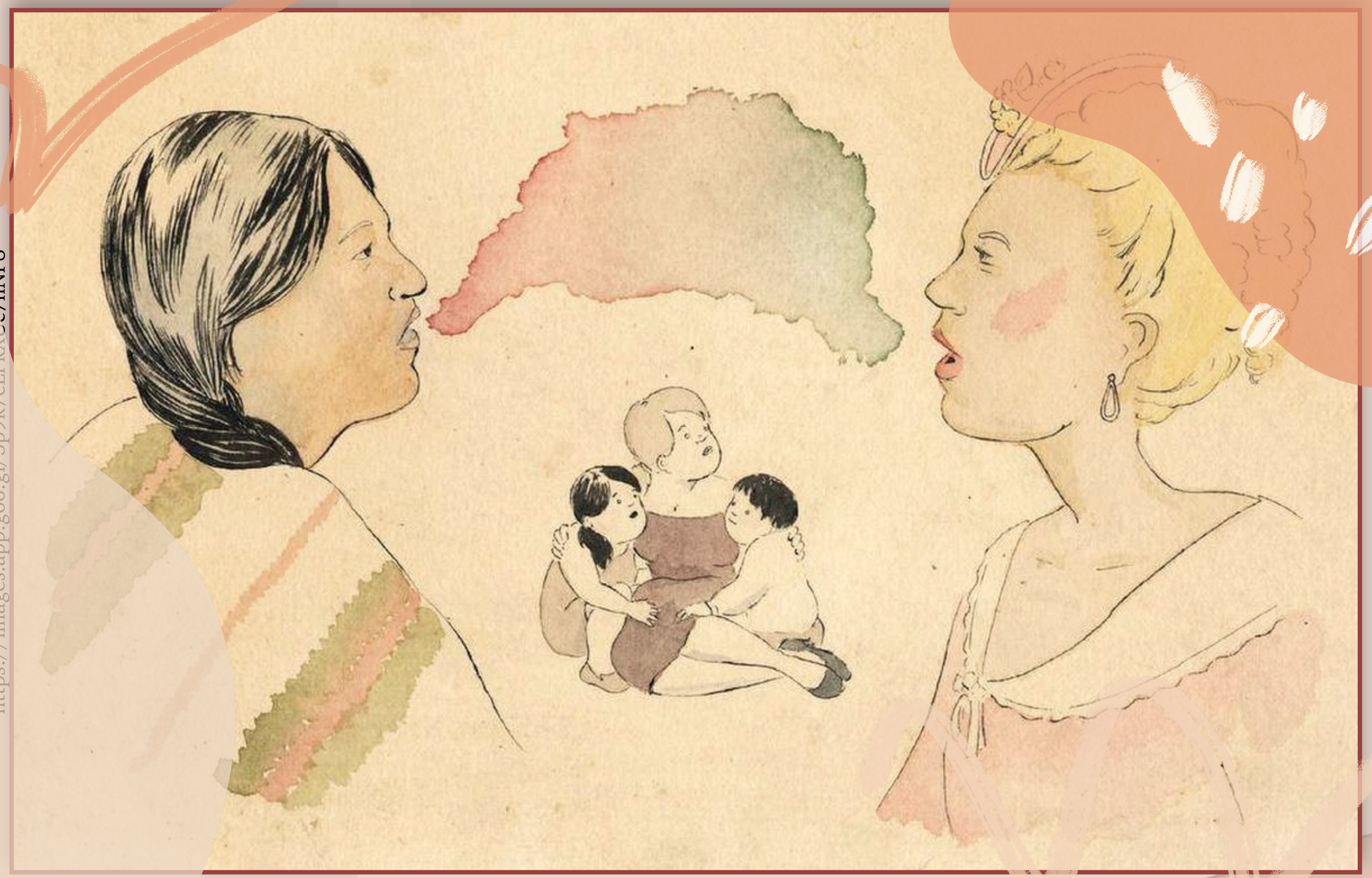


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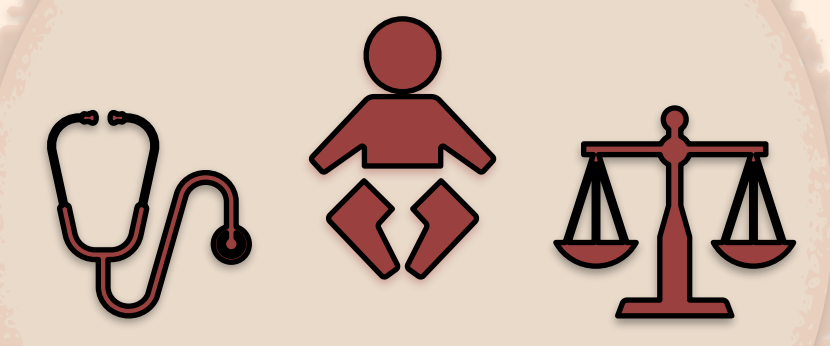
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### REFERENCES

Photo by Emily Flake for the Globe and Mail, 2014.  
Holland Bloorview Research Institute's Data Management Strategy Fact Sheet, March 2023.

### METHODS/RESULTS



- ◆ Discourse & case law analysis.
- ◆ Critical disability & race framework.

First Nations children overrepresented in child welfare system yet underrepresented in NDD health data.

Disparate health outcomes connected to displacement, government regulations and policies both past and present.

Reconciliation involves implementation of both UNDRIP and OCAP® principles as renewed foundation of clinical and research practices.

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We live and work on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee speaking nations, including the Huron-Wendat, Seneca and Mohawk, and Mississauga of the Credit.

### RELEVANCE

In recent years, the Holland Bloorview Research Institute has developed an enhanced Data Management Strategy.

The DMS includes innovative approaches designed to collaborate with and empower First Nations-led research initiatives in accordance with community-driven principles.