

We as Nuu-chah-nulth did not come here to simply talk. We do not want to waste our time, and more importantly our children's time. Our chiefs didn't travel from the West Coast of Vancouver Island to simply talk without action.

We want the Province of BC to commit to something before the end of tomorrow. We aren't looking for a commitment to simply meet again.

We call upon the Province of BC to commit to following, but not limited to:

1. **Develop a BC First Nations Child and Family Action Plan and Strategy** (in partnership with First Nations) to address the overrepresentation of the number of Indigenous children in care and work to prevent our children from going into care in the first place (with resources for implementation). The plan would include, but not limited to items such as:
 - a. **Increased funding** for First Nations in terms of child and family services
 - b. **A policy and legislation review** in partnership with First Nations with recommendations for amendments for action to reduce the number of children in care and prevent our children from going into care in the first place.
 - c. Develop an implementation working group in partnership with First Nations to create an action plan for the implementation of **ALL The TRC Calls to Action in terms of the Child Welfare**
 - d. Commitment to fund **Aboriginal Family Court workers across BC OR family court training** for First Nations people across BC.
 - e. Work with First Nations Leadership Council on **all future appointments of the Assistant Deputy Minister position in MCFD** who is responsible for the Aboriginal Child and Family Services.
 - f. **Develop an "aging out" strategy**(in partnership with First Nations) for First Nations children in care who will "age out", so that they are provided with the proper supports, programs and services before they age out.
 - g. Develop a joint action plan on **implementing Jordan's Principle in the Province of BC.**
 - h. Create a working group, in partnership with First Nations, to begin **jurisdiction** preliminary discussions with BC, Canada and BC First Nations.

If the Province of BC and MCFD do not make any commitments, we call upon the BC Assembly of First Nations(BCAFN), First Nations Summit(FNS), Union of BC Indian Chiefs(UBCIC), the Assembly of First Nations(AFN)National Chief, the Representative for Child and Youth(Mary Ellen Turpell Lafond) and Cindy Blackstock to stand with Nuu-chah-nulth and go to the media in a press conference (with a joint press release) to condemn the inaction of the Province of BC in terms of their lack of progress and commitment for First Nations child and family services.

First Nations children in care should be consider a crisis in BC. No longer can the Premier run a "families first" agenda without actually addressing First Nations child and family issues.