

## First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Project – Phase 2 Monthly Update

**November 2019**

IFSD is pleased to provide the third monthly update to its stakeholders on the progress of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Project – Phase 2.

### Principal updates

- At this time 37% of FNCFS agencies have completed the questionnaire. There are **significant participation gaps in Saskatchewan, Ontario and Alberta**. The goal is to achieve **at least 50% participation** from each province/region to ensure agencies are represented. IFSD wishes to thank all those agencies that have participated and is asking that all agencies who have not yet participated to [download](#) and return the completed questionnaire as soon as possible.
- A draft results framework is available in the full update, which builds from the goal of **enabling First Nations children to thrive** defined in Phase 1. This framework will serve as the point of departure for the funding approach. IFSD welcomes feedback from agencies on this work.
- IFSD is continuing to work with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to complete its August 2019 data request on departmental spending.
- IFSD is grateful to all of the agencies who have come forward to serve as case studies and regular collaborators for this project. We look forward to visiting and learning from you.
- **IFSD welcomes your feedback throughout this work.**

*Are you an agency that hasn't yet participated in the questionnaire?*

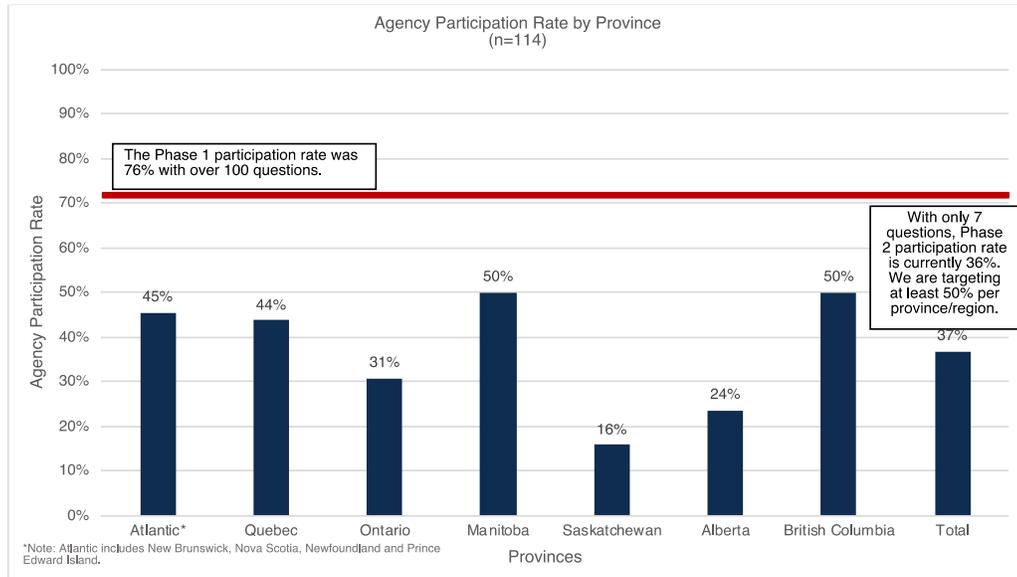
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### Participation gaps – questionnaire

The short (7-question) questionnaire is designed to capture basic information on funding (e.g. total expenditures, CHRT funding requested) and performance practices among FNCFS agencies. Most of the questionnaire can be completed by checking boxes.

The information from the questionnaire will help IFSD to ensure alignment to need as a funding approach is developed and more accurately cluster agencies to model the effects of transition.

In Phase 1, the participation rate for 100+ question survey was 76%. The overall participation rate for the Phase 2, 7-question questionnaire, is currently 37%. IFSD is targeting at least 50% participation from each province/region for representivity. By sharing your experience, you're making this work more representative and reflective of your agency's reality. We encourage all agencies to complete the survey.



## Results framework

The results framework is designed to 'flip the current structure on its head' by defining the end goal (thriving First Nations children) and building out a funding approach that aligns to that outcome.

The table below is a high-level overview of the overall goal, the means through which it can be achieved and the way in which progress can be monitored by agencies.

*IFSD encourages you to share your input and ideas to enhance the framework.*

<b>Strategic Outcome: Thriving First Nations Children</b> <i>The overarching goal, to which all activities contribute.</i>				
	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Child well-being</b>	<b>Family well-being</b>	<b>Community well-being</b>
<b>Sub-Strategic Outcomes</b> <i>Areas of focus to achieve the strategic outcome.</i>	Children are protected from harm and achieve permanency in their living situation.	Children reach their full developmental potential and have hope, belonging, purpose and meaning.	Families enjoy a safe, stable environment in which to foster healthy relationships.	Communities have adequate infrastructure, services, resiliency and belonging to ensure collective safety, stability and well-being.
<b>Performance Areas</b> <i>The lenses through which progress on sub-strategic outcomes can be understood.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection</li> <li>- Permanency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cognitive development</li> <li>- Social relationships</li> <li>- Psychological and emotional development</li> <li>- Cultural and spiritual development</li> <li>- Physical well-being</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Self-sufficiency</li> <li>- Family health and protective factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to basic needs</li> <li>- Gaps in services to community</li> <li>- Public safety and community health</li> </ul>
<b>Measures</b> <i>Means of assessing progress in performance areas.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection from all forms of maltreatment</li> <li>- Emergency mental health</li> <li>- Permanency status</li> <li>- Out-of-home care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educational attainment</li> <li>- Social support and engagement</li> <li>- Child behaviour, mental and social well-being</li> <li>- Spirituality and tradition</li> <li>- Overall physical health, healthy habits and risk management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parental employment</li> <li>- Ability to meet basic needs</li> <li>- Physical and mental health of caregivers</li> <li>- Family protective factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to potable water, housing, broadband and community infrastructure</li> <li>- Poverty level</li> <li>- Gaps in health and social services</li> <li>- Overall community mental and physical health status</li> </ul>
<b>Examples of key performance indicators</b> <i>The variable measured.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recurrence of maltreatment</li> <li>- Number of moves in care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sense of belonging to cultural group</li> <li>- Literacy and numeracy scores</li> <li>- Youth who report positive relations with parents, friends and elders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parental job tenure and permanency</li> <li>- Self-reported physical and mental health</li> <li>- Developmental parenting and attachment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of boil water advisories</li> <li>- Median household income</li> <li>- Rates of suicide attempts</li> </ul>



### **Next steps**

1. Finalize FNCFS agency participation to complete the questionnaire and analyze data provided through the questionnaire.
2. Continue to identify and acquire federal spending data required to establish a clear portrait of allocations and spending.
3. Continue to refine the results framework and comparative assessments of results-focused funding approaches.
4. Continue to work with ISC to complete the data request.

### **Contact information**

IFSD is pleased to respond to requests for further information or to provide individual briefings on the project and its project. For questions about the project or to participate, please contact:

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