

RECLAIMING SOVEREIGNTY

Developing a First Nations Child & Family Wellbeing Law through an Inherent Rights Approach

For generations, external provincial systems have imposed colonial policies on our families, resulting in high apprehension rates and a loss of cultural connection. While the federal **Bill C-92** acknowledges Indigenous jurisdiction, it falls short by forcing Nations into time-limited, program-based federal contribution agreements subject to government control and annual funding cycles. We reject these limitations and dependency. Instead, we are exercising our sovereignty from time immemorial, drafting a First Nations Child & Family Wellbeing Law rooted entirely in our **Inherent and Treaty Rights**.

Why We Stand Against the Bill C-92 Framework

Dimension	Bill C-92 Framework	Our Inherent & Treaty Rights Approach
Source of Authority	Derived from a federal statute (Canada).	Original, unsundered inherent sovereignty & Treaty promises.
Fiscal Relationship	Managed via discretionary program envelopes with ISC.	Direct fiscal relationship with the Treasury Board of Canada .
Funding Stability	Time-limited, conditional, and subject to annual parliamentary approval.	Perpetual, predictable, and sustainable year-over-year funding.
Accountability	Upward reporting to federal and provincial governments.	Downward reporting directly to our citizens, Elders, and Council .
Jurisdictional Risk	Nations are viewed as mere service providers under government standards.	Full constitutional protection under Section 35 , shielding our governance.

Core Pillars of Our Inherent Law

- **Inherent Sovereign Jurisdiction:** Our authority to protect our families is original and cannot be offloaded or altered by federal or provincial legislation. Our law applies to all children of our Nation, **regardless of residency**, establishing absolute paramountcy over provincial statutes.
- **A Nation-to-Nation Fiscal Framework:** We reject standard 'contribution agreements' and demand **Treaty fulfillment agreements** funded directly by the Treasury Board. This guarantees equitable resources that account for our distinct geographic and community needs.
- **Culture and Kinship First:** Children are sacred gifts. Our system shifts the focus entirely from colonial crisis-intervention to custom, holistic care operationalized through traditional kinship systems, oral laws, and Elder guidance.
- **Proactive Prevention Systems:** True well-being requires supporting families before crises occur. Funding will be structurally directed into community-designed wellness initiatives, traditional parenting, housing, and integrated healing circles.

Accelerated Development Master Schedule (12–15 Months)

An accelerated timeline requires shifting your phases from a traditional step-by-step sequence into a highly efficient, parallel workflow, completing the framework within 12 to 15 months.

Timeline Block	Phase Focus	Key Milestone
Months 1 – 5	Phase 1: Real-Time Consultation & Text Synthesis Legal team sits directly in community circles. Elders, youth, and families share oral customs and traditional parenting values.	Traditional kinship and oral custom text finalized.
Months 5 – 8	Phase 2: Inherent Law & Fiscal Law Finalization Refining the core legal text while concurrently drafting a Sovereign Financial Law to establish internal revenue management rules.	Sovereign Financial Law signed off by Council.
Months 8 – 10	Phase 3: Community Vote & Government Notice Launch of intense community awareness campaign and town halls, culminating in a formal membership ratification vote.	Law Ratified; Legal paramountcy package served.
Months 10 – 15	Phase 4: Treasury Board Direct Negotiations Bypassing ISC bureaucratic frameworks to negotiate a direct, long-term Treaty-fulfillment funding model with the Treasury Board.	Multi-year, perpetual funding structure secured.
Months 6 – 15	Phase 5: Infrastructure & Cultural Staff Training Designing independent data sovereignty platforms, mapping kinship lines, and running cultural immersion training for foundational staff.	Custom systems built; team ready for launch.