

# About the Play

**Jordan** is a play that depicts **Jordan River Anderson** as a superhero. Awakening in a hospital, Jordan discovers newfound abilities to speak and move, guided by his spirit bear companion, Maskwa. The story addresses the healthcare challenges faced by Indigenous children, highlighting the significance of Jordan's Principle in ensuring equal healthcare for First Nations youth. Jordan represents hope and resilience, reflecting the broader struggle for justice within Indigenous communities.

## Who?



**Braiden** plays  
**Jordan**



**Wahsontí:io** plays  
**Maskwa**



**Krystle** plays  
**Vee & Others**



**Ravyn** plays  
**Kelly & Others**

# Standing Up for Yourself and Others

**Jordan** meets **Cindy** (Cindy Blackstock), a lawyer who has been calling the government into action via the human rights tribunal.

- Why do you think Jordan wanted to help the people he met?
- Why is it important for Cindy to advocate (spread the message) of Jordan's Principle?
- How would you describe bravery? Can you think of a moment you were brave?

## Community Care

**Maskwa** introduces **Jordan** to **Kelly**, a young person who is struggling with their mental health. Jordan encourages Kelly to go to their community's health centre and speak with a trusted adult. When we see Kelly all grown up at a pow wow, they are thriving because connecting with their culture helped them find belonging.

- How do the people in your life demonstrate care and support? What do you do to care for others?
- What does belonging feel like? Is there a community you belong to?

# Indigenous and Disability Justice

**Braiden** is an actor playing a fictional version of **Jordan River Anderson**, a young disabled child who spent his short life in hospital. In the story, when Maskwa wakes Jordan up, we learn that he was not able to speak, or move without being assisted.

- How might living in a hospital feel different than living at home?
- How did Jordan feel about not being able to speak? Can you think of a time where you felt limited or underestimated?

**Jordan** meets the parents of young children; **Simon's** parents are told he would receive better accommodations if they moved off the reserve, and **Tyra's mom** is worried about taking care of her daughter while she is sick.

- Why do you think it's important for families to be together with their community?
- What was your response when you learned Tyra might've been taken away from her family?

## The Medicine Room

**Medicine** is the practice of maintaining spiritual health. This room is a quiet space available for everyone coming to see Jordan. It can be used before, during, or after the performance to sit with the story, decompress, and access resources. There will be liquid smudge available for use. We ask that children accessing the space have an adult with them.