

Backgrounder

Alberta Liberal Action Plan for Aboriginal Affairs

- Reinststate a government ministry devoted strictly to Aboriginal affairs.
- Advocate for quick, fair and effective resolution of land claims for Alberta's First Nations.
- Double provincial funding for Friendship Centres.
- Take specific measures to improve Aboriginal health care and education.
 - Take aggressive measures – including mentorship programs, apprenticeship programs and specialized curriculum initiatives – to boost high school completion rates among Aboriginal students until they are on par with the rest of Alberta's students.
 - Require annual progress reports on First Nations, Métis and Inuit Policy Framework Initiatives from Alberta Education.
- Raise the profile of Aboriginal health by appointing a Director of Aboriginal Health within Health and Wellness.
- Heighten cultural awareness among health professionals, and encourage Aboriginal people to enter health professions.
- Establish urban-Aboriginal health centres.