

reserves; indigent, registered Indians living off reserves who are not considered to be eligible for assistance from any source in the non-Indian communities in which they may be living at the time of need.

The social-services program administered and financed by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs includes social assistance, care and maintenance of children, maintenance of children, maintenance and rehabilitative services for physically and/or socially handicapped adults. It provides basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter, fuel and other household essentials for dependent Indians living on reserves under the same conditions as apply to other residents of the provinces and Yukon Territory. In the Northwest Territories, welfare benefits and services to Indian residents are the administrative responsibility of the territorial government.

Under Section 88 of the Indian Act, Indian residents are subject to the same provincial child-welfare legislation as non-Indian residents of a province. The welfare of neglected, dependent and delinquent Indian children is ensured through the enforcement of provincial legislation and provision of related services by provincial social welfare departments and accredited child-care agencies in each province. The Federal Government has entered into agreements with the governments of the Yukon, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, by which Indian children may receive the same welfare services as non-Indian children, in accordance with provincial child welfare legislation.

The Federal Government provides maintenance and care in homes for the aged and other institutions for physically and socially handicapped adults who need care which may not require active medical treatment.

In addition to the child-welfare agreements, the Federal Government entered into an agreement with Ontario in 1965 under which all provincial welfare programs are made available to Indians living in the province.

Under service contracts, private social agencies in Quebec are providing professional social services to Indian communities within their boundaries.

Indians are eligible for family and youth allowances, Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, which are administered and financed by the Federal Government. Certain provincial allowances in British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia are also available to Indian residents.