

## **Summary: Child and Family Practice Review of the Critical Injuries of Children in the Care of the Director in 2019**

### Circumstances of the Critical Injuries

The review examined the ministry services provided to Indigenous children who were critically injured. The children were receiving guardianship services at the time of the critical injuries.

### Findings

The ministry partially fulfilled their responsibilities for the care of the children. Educational needs were met for one of the children and the ministry supported the children's connection to their culture and family. Planning was not updated to reflect the children's needs. Support for one of the children was arranged, but the child did not receive the support. There was a delay in developing a cultural plan for the children. Once the plan was developed, the children began to connect more with their extended family, culture, and community.

Prior to the review being finalized, meetings occurred with the children's Indigenous community to discuss permanency options, and one of the children received support to address their emotional health needs.

### Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to consistently document contact with children in care, update the children's records to make note of ministry contact that occurred with them during the past year, and review policies relating to planning and recording information.

**The review was completed in March 2022. The above action plan will be implemented in July 2022.**