

SUMMARY: Child and Family Practice Review of the Death & Critical Injury of Children in the Care of the Director in 2020

Circumstances of the Fatality and Critical Injury

The review examined the Indigenous Child and Family Services (ICFS) Agency and ministry involvement with an Indigenous child who died, and their sibling who was critically injured. The children, and their family, received services at the time of the death and critical injury.

Findings

The ministry engaged in concurrent planning to support the children to reside within their Indigenous community; however, some required actions were miscommunicated or not fully completed when the service provision transferred to the ICFS Agency.

Prior to the review being finalized, ministry policy was updated. The involved Service Delivery Area reviewed policies and best practices related to issues identified in the review and created a new form for tracking required work. The involved ICFS Agency created new processes to communicate about children and families coming into their territories and ensure they have complete information when accepting file transfers.

Actions

The involved ICFS Agency leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to review a specific policy related to issues identified in the review, and to receive feedback from the ICFS Agency on a new draft policy. A process for communication with the Indigenous Nations they serve would be implemented.

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to review a checklist that tracks required work and to review an upcoming policy.

The review was completed in July 2022. The above action plan is due for full implementation in December 2022.