

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Death of a Child in the Care of the Director in 2019

Circumstances of the Fatality

This review examined the case files of an Indigenous child who died from natural causes while in the care of the director. The director was providing services to address the child's specialized health needs.

Findings

The child's parents, extended family and Indigenous community were unable to care for the child due to their significant health needs; however, the ministry collaborated with them to address the child's safety and well-being. The child was placed with a caregiver who received specialized training.

Although the child spent a significant amount of their life in hospital, the ministry provided opportunities for the child to build a relationship with significant family members, as well as had awareness of their identity and culture. The ministry maintained frequent contact with the Indigenous community regarding legal proceedings, permanency planning, health care decisions, and the child's end of life care. Extensive collaboration was also evident with various community professionals.

Actions

The findings of the file review did not identify areas that required any actions.

The review was completed in August 2019.