A Call to Action

DESTIGMATIZING LANGUAGE





This resource intends to build awareness of and facilitate discussions around the use of child-centered, person-first, and identity-first, destigmatizing language when speaking to and documenting the lives of children and youth as a response to the <u>Representative for Children and Youth's Report: Missing</u>.

Existing resources are organized by domains to promote immediate adoption of recommended language to promote security, a sense of belonging, and well-being for all.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

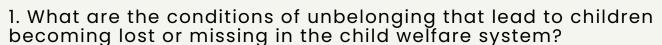
- <u>Human Rights Code</u>
- Accessible BC Act
- Anti-Racism Data Act



DOCUMENTATION

- 3.12 Gender and Sex Data Standard
- Writing Guide for Indigenous
 Content

To address the root systemic and structural causes of children and youth going missing from the child welfare system we need to collectively explore:



- 2. How are children's unmet needs across systems contributing to them going missing?
- 3. How do we align systems of care and protection to respond more effectively and uphold the rights of children who have disappeared in the system?

MONITORING

POLICY

PRACTICE

CHILD AND YOUTH VOICE

LANGUAGE

BELONGING

COMMUNICATING WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

- Words Matter Guidelines

 on Using Inclusive

 Language
- Modernizing Language
 Guide
- A Way with Words and Images

CRITICAL REFLECTION & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- Glossary BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner
- Plain Language Checklist
- <u>Wheel of Privilege and Power</u>





