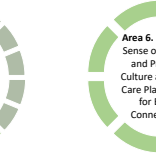


# Fall 2023 Ministry of Children and Family Development Progress Report on the Recommendations from *Indigenous Resilience, connectedness and reunification – From Root Causes to Root Solutions*



10 Substantially Complete		7 Substantially Complete 1 In Progress 4 Other		9 Substantially Complete 2 Other		1 Substantially Complete 2 In Progress 2 New Direction 1 Other		10 Substantially Complete 5 New Direction 1 Other		4 Substantially Complete 1 Identified for Continuous Improvement 2 New Direction 1 Other		4 Substantially Complete		5 Substantially Complete 1 Identified for Continuous Improvement 1 New Direction		2 Substantially Complete 4 Identified for Continuous Improvement 2 In Progress 1 Other		2 Other	
1	Increase front-line staff in First Nations communities	11	Convene session on Indigenous CW	23	Canada commit to Jordan's Principle	34	Fund community based prevention & family preservation	40	Connection to parents is not severed	56	Supports for language revitalization in care plans	64	Expand Indigenous EY programming	68	Implement model where Indigenous communities exercise full jurisdiction over Indigenous child welfare	75	Develop an Indigenous child welfare policy framework in BC	84	Federal Indigenous child welfare legislation
2	Increase number of front line staff working with Métis	12	Improve court proceedings related to CW	24	Funding formula that addresses INAC's Directive 20-1 & CHRT's rulings	35	ASI funding for community based program delivery	41	Mandatory permanency planning	57	Support development of cultural components of care plan	65	Long-term funding for EY programs	69	Support DAA capacity building & expertise in exercising authority over Indigenous child welfare	76	Implement the APPF	85	BC Premier champion national action plan on Indigenous child welfare
3	Support expansion of Sts'ailes pilot project	13	Appoint prov. court judges to focus on Indigenous children, families & communities	25	Funding for ADR prevention process is equal to removal under CCO	36	INAC Fund prevention services for First Nations not represented by DAA	42	Practice guide for permanency plans	58	Independent review of cultural components of care plans	66	Expand parenting programs & services	70	Amend CFCSA to support community driven initiatives	77	Separate service plan & distinct budget allocation		
4	SDAs review staff allocation & redirect to community	14	Improve access to justice within the child welfare system	26	Fund trauma services consistent with TRC & 2016 CHRT decision	37	Increase ASI budget by \$4M	43	Funding to monitor permanency planning	59	Indigenous engagement to develop cultural components	67	Update parenting programs + curriculum & support language revitalization	71	Amend CFCSA to make it easier for a child to remain with extended family or community in the event of a removal	78	Recruit & retain Indigenous people to MCFD leadership		
5	EDSs meet regularly with Métis/First Nations leaders/elders in their region	15	Expand FN Court Model & support the Family Healing Court	27	Short-term funding to address discriminatory aspects of Directive 20-1	38	INAC/MCFD ensure equity in prevention services for communities	44	Quarterly permanency updates to communities on ICYIC	60	Engage First Peoples Cultural Council	72	Move from concept of 'custody' to 'guardianship' & 'parental responsibility'	79	Recruit, retain & support Indigenous social workers	80	Remove barriers for DAAs to use alternate approaches like 'Signs of Safety'		
6	EDSs regularly provide lists of CCOs with First Nation councils	16	Expand Parent Legal Centre Model	28	Those not represented by a DAA are engaged in negotiating Service Agreement	39	Require court order prior to removal	45	Expand RCY mandate to review permanency planning for Indigenous CYIC	61	Ensure mandatory staff training regarding individual Indigenous identities, cultures and rights	73	Amend CFCSA to minimize circumstances where a child is moved out of temporary care and under a CCO	81	Fund continuation of RCYs oversight role, expand mandate to ensure involvement of communities in planning for Indigenous CYIC	82	Require ministries to table annual responses to RCY recommendations regarding Indigenous child welfare		
7	EDS job requirements reflect commitment to relationship building & reconciliation	17	Support Native Courtworkers	29	Fair & equitable funding for DAAs			46	Indigenous foster parent recruitment	62	Review requirements & statutory requirements for foster parents	74	Designate an Indigenous Director under the CFCSA	83	Improve data collection & analysis to support program development and service delivery for Indigenous child welfare				
8	Ensure Nation to Nation Protocols exist with each Indigenous community	18	Support ADR in the Child Welfare system	30	Address DAA wage issues & wage parity			47	QA program for all adoptions	63	Support foster parents to meet obligation to preserve cultural identity								
9	Core components of Nation to Nation Protocols	19	BC AG expand mediation program	31	Harmonize rates for families with permanent care of children			48	Adoptions registry for Indigenous children + register custom adoptions										
10	Fund training on child rights	20	Fund community participation in child protection proceedings	32	Harmonize rates for OOC & foster care			49	PAA for custom adoptions										
		21	Amend CFCSA to include "Aboriginal Child"	33	Ensure EFP families receive CCTB			50	Support & fund customary care										
		22	Support FNs & BC Métis to communicate info on CW system & rights					51	Report on legal & practical implications of adopting status/registered children										
								52	Review federal A-List policy & practices										
								53	Cultural connections for Indigenous adoptive children with non-Indigenous adoptive parents										
								54	Expand YAC's role to include more input										
								55	Supports for Indigenous youth aging-out of care										

### Legend + Status of MCFD Actions

Status	Oct 1 2023
Substantially complete/implemented	52
Identified for continuous improvement	6
New direction being actively implemented	10
In progress	5

This report provides the status of MCFD actions only. Many recommendations are identified as co-led with another organization; the statuses reflect MCFD actions only.

Of the 85 recommendations, 12 are solely led by another organization, these are not included in the Legend + Status of MCFD Actions