

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Death of a Youth in the Care of the Director in 2018

Circumstances of the Fatality

This review examined the case files of an Indigenous youth who died while in the care of the director. The director was providing services to the youth in relation to their developmental challenges, health concerns, and transition from care to the community.

Findings

The youth was in the continuing custody of the director since the age of two, and resided with extended family through a restricted family care home arrangement. At age 15, the youth was placed in a specialized ministry resource that could better meet their needs. Several months later, the youth was admitted to a ministry program in another city for an assessment of their behavioural and developmental challenges.

The youth requested to remain in the new city and was placed in a specialized resource to meet their needs. The youth had unique challenges that impacted their daily functioning; however, ministry staff and community professionals supported them with appropriate services that addressed these challenges, including accessing other ministry programs.

The youth was aware of their Indigenous identity throughout their time in care. While they did not reside with family or community members, ministry staff and community professionals ensured the youth maintained a connection to their culture and community. Ministry staff and support workers accompanied the youth on trips to their home town and Indigenous community. The youth completed their secondary school education and planned to attend a post-secondary institution.

Actions

No actions were considered for this review.

The review was completed in May 2019.