

## **SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW**

### **Of the Critical Injuries of Children Known to the Director in 2020**

#### Circumstances of the Critical Injuries

The review examined the Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA) services provided to Indigenous children who were critically injured. The children, and their family, were receiving services at the time of the critical injuries.

#### Findings

Assessments were not fully completed, and planning was not implemented to address the concerns. Services were not provided, and the children's safety was not addressed.

Prior to the case review being finalized, a new collaborative practice guide which enhanced DAA practice was created, and training was delivered to staff. The involved staff also participated in training to address the use of assessment tools and discussed the use of extended family to mitigate risk. In addition, a screening template was implemented to highlight when high-risk factors or indicators are present.

#### Actions

The involved DAA leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to: provide information to staff about completing culturally safe parental mental health assessments when assessing child safety; review practice directives around clinical consultation and support in complex high risk child protection cases; and provide training on policies to support information sharing between ministry programs and screening of reports.

**The review was completed in November 2021. The above action plan is due for full implementation in January 2022.**