

SUMMARY: Child and Family Practice Review of the Death & Critical Injury of Children Known to the Director in 2021

Circumstances of the Fatality and Critical Injuries

The review examined the ministry involvement provided to an Indigenous child who died and their siblings who were critically injured. The children and their family were receiving services at the time of the death and critical injuries.

Findings

The ministry collaborated with the family's Indigenous communities, advocated for the family to obtain necessities, completed assessment tools, and developed a plan to address the child protection concerns; however, the services provided did not address the primary concerns for the children's safety.

Prior to the review being finalized, a fulsome review of the service provision for the family was completed and steps were taken to address the children's safety.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to create a mentoring partnership for the involved team and review policies related to assessing child protection reports and providing ongoing services, as well as review documentation requirements. Additionally, training and support will be provided around working within Indigenous communities and reviewing approaches for intervention and support.

The review was completed in November 2022. The above action plan is due for full implementation in July 2023.