

Summary: Child and Family Practice Review of the Death of a Youth in the Care of the Director in 2022

Circumstances of the Fatality

The review examined the services provided to an Indigenous youth who died. The youth received guardianship services at the time of the death.

Findings

The director maintained contact with the youth, supported the youth's relational permanency and engaged with their Indigenous communities. Referrals for assessments to support the youth's transition to adulthood were initiated late. Required reports related to the youth's health were not submitted.

Prior to the review being finalized, the director developed a new program to support youth. Additionally, documentation requirements were reviewed with involved staff and discussions occurred about when to involve leadership in planning and service provision.

Actions

The involved Indigenous Child and Family Services Agency leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan for the involved staff to complete training related to reporting requirements and to review policies related to planning for youth.

The review was completed in September 2023. The above action plan was fully implemented in September 2023.