

Summary: Child and Family Practice Review of the Death & Critical Injury of Children Known to the Director in 2022

Circumstances of the Fatality and Critical Injuries

The review examined the services provided to an Indigenous child who died, and their siblings who were critically injured due to emotional harm as a result of the death. The children and their family received services at the time of the death and critical injuries.

Findings

The director screened and assessed reports regarding the safety of the children and worked collaboratively with the family and the Indigenous community. Information from relevant individuals was not sought and integrated meetings did not occur. A specific concern was not fully assessed, and a specific child safety issue was not addressed with the parents.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to review with the Service Delivery Area's child and family services team leaders the policy and guidelines related to the assessment of specific situations and practices regarding child safety issues. The review would also be shared with the involved staff to promote learning.

The review was completed in February 2024. The above action plan was completed in May 2024.