

Advising Parents of their Right to Seek Legal Counsel

The Child Protection Worker shall advise the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of their right to seek legal counsel where a court action is being taken.

REFERENCE

NWT Child and Family Services Act section 86

PURPOSE

- To ensure the parent(s) and guardian(s) best rights are upheld.

PROCEDURES

1. Advise the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) when served with a notice of hearing and application that they may seek representations by legal counsel.
2. Document the discussion in a *Case Note form* and place it on the child's file.

Note:

Failure to provide adequate notice to parent(s) and/or guardian(s) about their rights to seek legal counsel may result in a delay in the court proceedings.

FORMS

- Case Note

TOOLS

- None

COURT DOCUMENTS

- None

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Director of Child and Family Services

