

Children, Youth and Families Moving to the NWT

The Child Protection Worker will facilitate the move of children and youth in the care of a Director from another province/territory to the NWT in compliance with the *Provincial/Territorial Protocol on Children, Youth and Families Moving Between Provinces and Territories, April 1, 2016*, and *Child and Family Services Act*.

REFERENCE

- *Provincial/Territorial Protocol on Children, Youth and Families Moving Between Provinces and Territories, April 1, 2016*
- *Child and Family Services Act* Section 79
- Department of Health and Social Services Policy

PURPOSE

- To ensure children and youth remain in their home and community of origin, to the greatest extent possible;
- To provide children and youth with permanency options with family members in the NWT in accordance with their best interests;
- To ensure community resources are available to support the needs of the child to be placed in the NWT;
- To ensure compliance to the Protocol's timelines and regulations.

PROCEDURE

1. The Interprovincial Coordinator will contact the regional Health and Social Services Manager of any Interprovincial home study requests for placement in the NWT and forward the required information under Section 8.4 Documentation from the referring province/territory's Interprovincial contact. This information will provide context surrounding the child and family's needs.
2. The Child Protection Worker will complete all of requirements for the *Extended Family/Provisional Foster Home Profile* if the request is for the child to be placed with extended family within 60 days of receiving the request.
3. If the Child Protection Worker, on completing the home study requirements, recommends that a child or youth not reside with a parent, relative or significant person in the NWT, the originating province/territory agrees not to place the child or youth unless the matter is further reviewed and approved by the Assistant Director.
4. If the outcome of the Extended Family/Provisional Foster Home Profile, Criminal Record Check and Child Protection Record Check (both within the NWT and Interprovincial) are all found to be satisfactory by the Child

Protection Worker and Supervisor, the Assistant Director will provide final approval to accept the file transfer from another jurisdiction.

5. If a child or youth moves to the NWT, a Child Protection Worker will be responsible for courtesy supervision roles and responsibilities of the child while the originating province or territory retains primary case management responsibility for the file while in their placement in the NWT as per Interprovincial Placement Agreement.
6. If a family with legal status from another province or territory is requesting to move to the NWT, the originating province or territory will provide 60 days' notice to the Interprovincial Coordinator and the regional authority of the file transfer and if accepted by the Assistant Director, the NWT will provide courtesy supervision of the family and services per Interprovincial Placement Agreement.

FORMS

- None

TOOLS

- *Provincial/Territorial Protocol on Children, Youth and Families Moving Between Provinces and Territories, April 1, 2016*