

## **Children, Youth and Family Moving from the NWT**

The Child Protection Worker will facilitate the move of children or youth to another Province or Territory in compliance with the *Provincial/Territorial Protocol on Children, Youth and Families Moving Between Provinces and Territories, and the Child and Family Services Act*.

### **REFERENCE**

- *Provincial/Territorial Protocol on Children, Youth and Families Moving Between Provinces and Territories, April 1, 2016 Section 8.2.2*
- *Child and Family Services Act Section 79*
- Department of Health and Social Services Policy

### **PURPOSE**

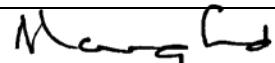
- To ensure children and youth remain in their home and/or communities to the greatest extent possible;
- To provide children and youth with permanency options outside of the NWT in accordance with their best interests;
- To ensure compliance to the Protocol's timelines and administrative requirements.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. When a parent, relative or significant person in another province or territory has been identified for a child/youth in the care of the NWT Director and a move outside the NWT is considered, the Child Protection Worker will provide a written request for an Interprovincial home study to the Interprovincial Coordinator which includes the following:
  - the Child Protection Worker has exhausted efforts to identify and unify family in the NWT and/ or that the identified placement is within the child's best interests;
  - Supervisor approval to initiate the Interprovincial home study request.
2. Assist the receiving jurisdiction in completing the Interprovincial home study by compiling the required information under Section 8.4 Documentation of the *Provincial/Territorial Protocol on Children, Youth and Families Moving Between Provinces and Territories, April 1, 2016* and submit to the Interprovincial Coordinator at the DHSS.
3. Within 60 days, the Child Protection Worker will receive the completed home study or notification from the Interprovincial Coordinator regarding the progress of the home study, its completion date or delays in the process. Note: The child or youth cannot be placed in the identified foster home until the Interprovincial home study has been approved and the receiving province/territory agrees to accept the

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file transfer.

4. If the receiving Province/Territory, on completing its assessment recommends that a child or youth not reside with a parent, relative or interested person, the Child Protection Worker will agree not to place the child unless the matter is further reviewed by the Assistant Director.
5. If the receiving province/territory agrees to accept the file transfer, the CPW must receive written approval from the Assistant Director authorizing the move of a child/youth in care to another province/territory.
6. If the child or youth moves to another province or territory, the NWT Child Protection Worker retains primary case management responsibility of the file while the receiving province/territory assumes a courtesy supervision role with responsibilities as outlined in the Interprovincial Placement Agreement. The originating Province/Territory retains full financial responsibility for the child/youth that is placed in another jurisdiction.

## **FORMS**

- None

## **TOOLS**

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