

Obtaining Legal Counsel for Children

The Child Protection Worker may make a request at the court hearing for an order for a child or youth to be represented by the Office of the Children's Lawyer.

REFERENCE

NWT Child and Family Services Act section 86

PURPOSE

- To ensure the child or youth's best interests are upheld.

PROCEDURES

1. Consult with your Supervisor to determine whether a child or youth needs legal counsel to represent their best interests prior to applying for a Child Protection Order from the court.
2. Make a request for legal counsel at the initial court hearing.
3. Notify the Director of Child and Family Services by email and/or telephone once the judge has made the order for legal counsel.
4. Provide a copy of the order to the Director.
5. Apply to the Office of the Children's Lawyer for legal representation of the child or youth upon the approval from the Director or Deputy Director.

FORMS

- None

TOOLS

- Office of the Children's Lawyer Information Sheet

COURT DOCUMENTS

- None

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Director of Child and Family Services

