

Role of Support Persons

The Child Protection Worker must inform the parent(s), guardian(s) and the child, if 12 years of age or older, of their right to bring a support person who is 19 years or older with them to Plan of Care Committee meetings.

REFERENCE

NWT Child and Family Services Act section 85(1)(2)

PURPOSE

- To inform the parent(s), guardian(s) and the child, if 12 years of age or older of the option to include a support person in the Plan of Care Committee process.

PROCEDURE

1. Explain the role of the support person to the Plan of Care Committee members and support person(s).
2. Provide the *Oath of Confidentiality form* to the support person(s) for signature.
3. Explain the rules of confidentiality to the support person(s) when no Chairperson of the Plan of Care Committee has been selected and provide them the *Confidentiality and Disclosure form*.

Note:

The support person(s) does not give opinions or speak for the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) or the child as they are not an official member of the Plan of Care Committee, but provides emotional support.

FORMS

- Oath of Confidentiality
- Confidentiality and Disclosure

TOOLS

- None

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