



2025/2026

Annual Report Highlights

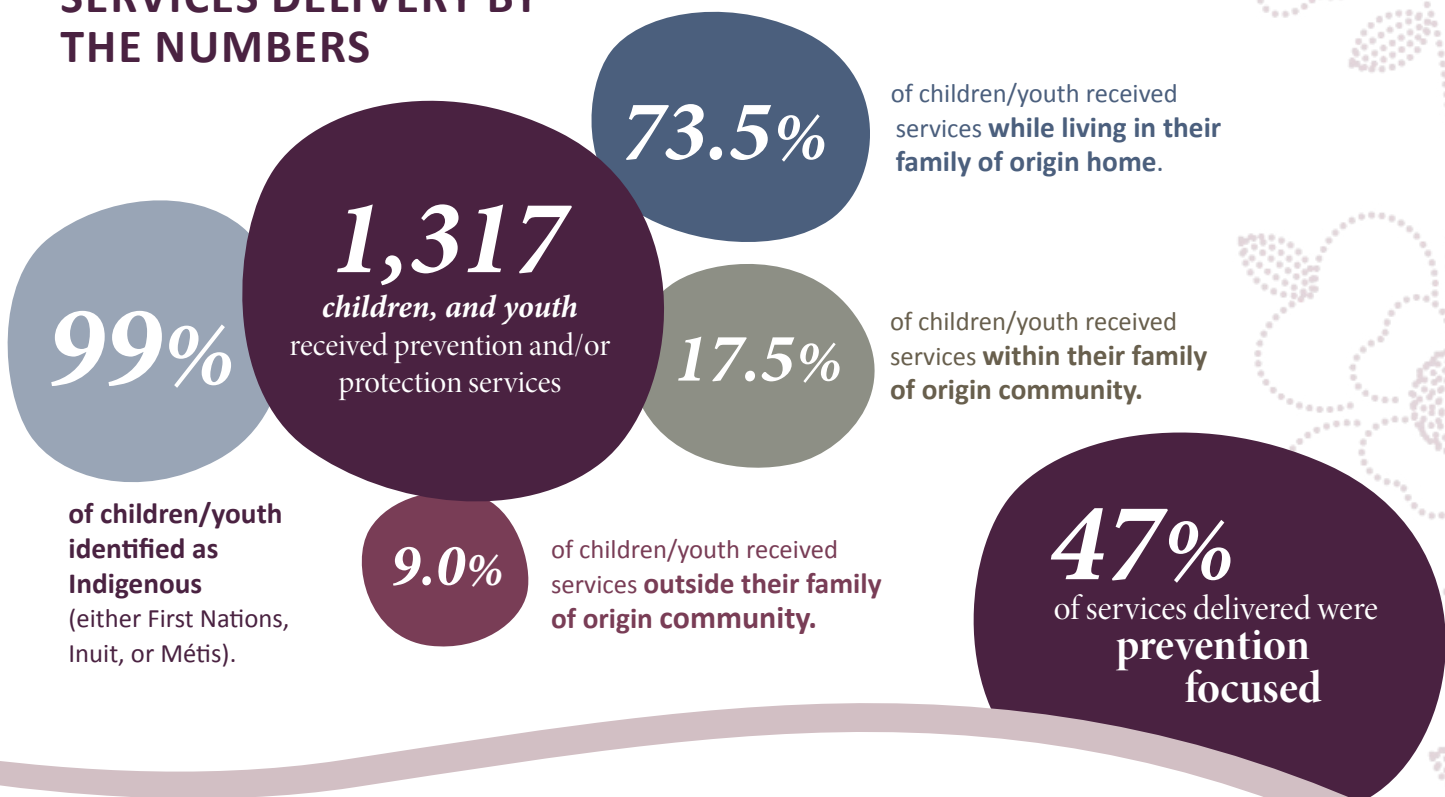
Director of Child and Family Services



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The Annual Report provides a detailed summary of services delivered in the Northwest Territories between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. Services include adoption services, family preservation, prevention supports, and protection services.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DELIVERY BY THE NUMBERS



The Family Preservation Program supported:



Government of
Northwest Territories

4 Main Reasons for Requests for Prevention Services

Services to
Improve Financial Situation

Services to
Improve Housing Situation

Other
Requested Services¹

Support in Accessing
Counselling Services

¹ Other requested services is any request outside what is defined in the CFSA. Examples include transportation support and items to meet basic needs of infant/young children (formula, diapers, furniture, clothing, etc.)

Over the past
five years

72%

of individuals in the permanent custody
of the Director **signed an Extended
Support Services Agreement (voluntary,
prevention focused agreement)** when
they reached the age of majority.

53%

of services delivered were
**protection
focused**

33%
decrease

in the number of children/
youth **in permanent care**
over the past ten years.

154

children/youth

were in **permanent care
or temporary care.**

74%

of children
**remained in
their family of
origin home**

614

children received
services through a **Plan
of Care Agreement**

26%

of children were cared
for **outside of their
family of origin home**

The rate of Indigenous
children/youth in
protection services is

114.20 per 1,000

49%

37%

14%

Placement Resources

160 active out-of-home placement resources across the NWT

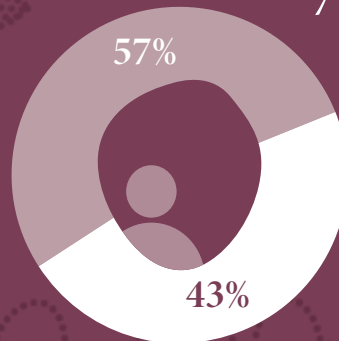
- Were extended family caregivers
- Were community members known to the child/youth/family
- Were caregivers not known to the child/youth/family

53%

of Indigenous children/youth who required support outside their family of origin home were **living with an Indigenous caregiver**.

Out-of-Territory Specialized Services

79 children and youth received specialized services outside the NWT.



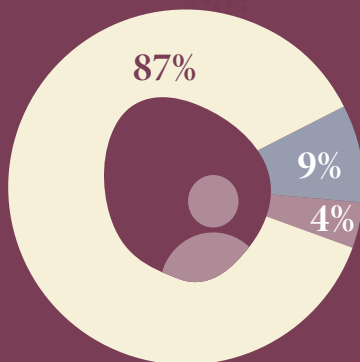
- Were supported through a **Family Treatment Program**
- Were supported through an **Individual/Group Treatment Program**

Workforce by the Numbers

131
staff members

34%
identified as
Indigenous

20.7%
vacancy rate



23 Adoptions

- Custom Adoptions
- Step-Parent Adoptions
- Private Adoptions

The Annual Report provides an opportunity to examine the types of supports and services delivered through CFS. Monitoring data and service level trends can **help to identify key areas where the CFS system can be improved** and where there have been **positive and meaningful changes**.

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