

# Glossary of Key Terms

**Agencies/offices** – Refers to a child and family services delivery vehicle; “agency” refers to an incorporated body with its own Board of Directors; “office” means an operational service site of an Authority.

**Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC)** – A political organization representing the First Nations of Manitoba; in this initiative, AMC represents the thirty-six southern First Nations.

**Authority** – The corporate body, proposed to be constituted under provincial legislation, that receives the authority to administer the duties and obligations as defined by relevant legislation for a defined group of people (Southern First Nations; Northern First Nations; Metis; General Population) throughout the province of Manitoba, and assigns duties and obligations to child and family service agencies/offices.

**Authority Determination** – The standardized process to identify the Authority that has jurisdiction for a family and/or child based on established criteria.

**Child and Family Services Act, Adoption Act** – Existing provincial legislation governing the provision of child welfare services and adoption services respectively in the Province of Manitoba.

**Common registry/registries** – Systems of information that are established and maintained province-wide. May include prior contact registry, child abuse registry, adoption registry, post-adoption registry, child in care registry, etc.

**Executive Committee** – A committee comprised of the leadership of the four parties (MMF, MKO, AMC, and the Province), which is responsible for overseeing and directing the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry – Child Welfare Initiative as a whole.

**Executive Support Unit** – The Branch of the Department of Family Services and Housing that deals with the administration of the relevant child and services legislation.

**Implementation Committee** – A committee comprised of six representatives: two representing the MMF; two representing First Nations (MKO and AMC); and two representing the Province; it is a sub-committee of the Joint Management Committee responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of the plan to restructure the child and family services system.

**Intakz** – Refers to the process by which a family/child/individual makes initial and/or subsequent contact with the child and family service system.

**Joint Management Committee** – A committee consisting of nine representatives: three representing First Nations (MKO and AMC); three representing the MMF; and three representing the Province; it is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the plan to restructure the child and family service system.

**Leadership Council** – A council comprised of political leaders from the First Nations, Metis, and the Provincial Government.

**Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO)** – A political organization representing twenty-seven northern First Nations in Manitoba.

**Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF)** – The political organization which represents and serves the needs of the Metis people of Manitoba.

**Streaming** – A standardized process for referring persons coming into contact with child and family services to a designated Authority (agency/office) based on established criteria for the purpose of receiving services.

