

Aboriginal Justice Inquiry - Child Welfare Initiative



Options for Foster Care Providers

Winnipeg and Surrounding Regions

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Winnipeg and Surrounding Regions Map

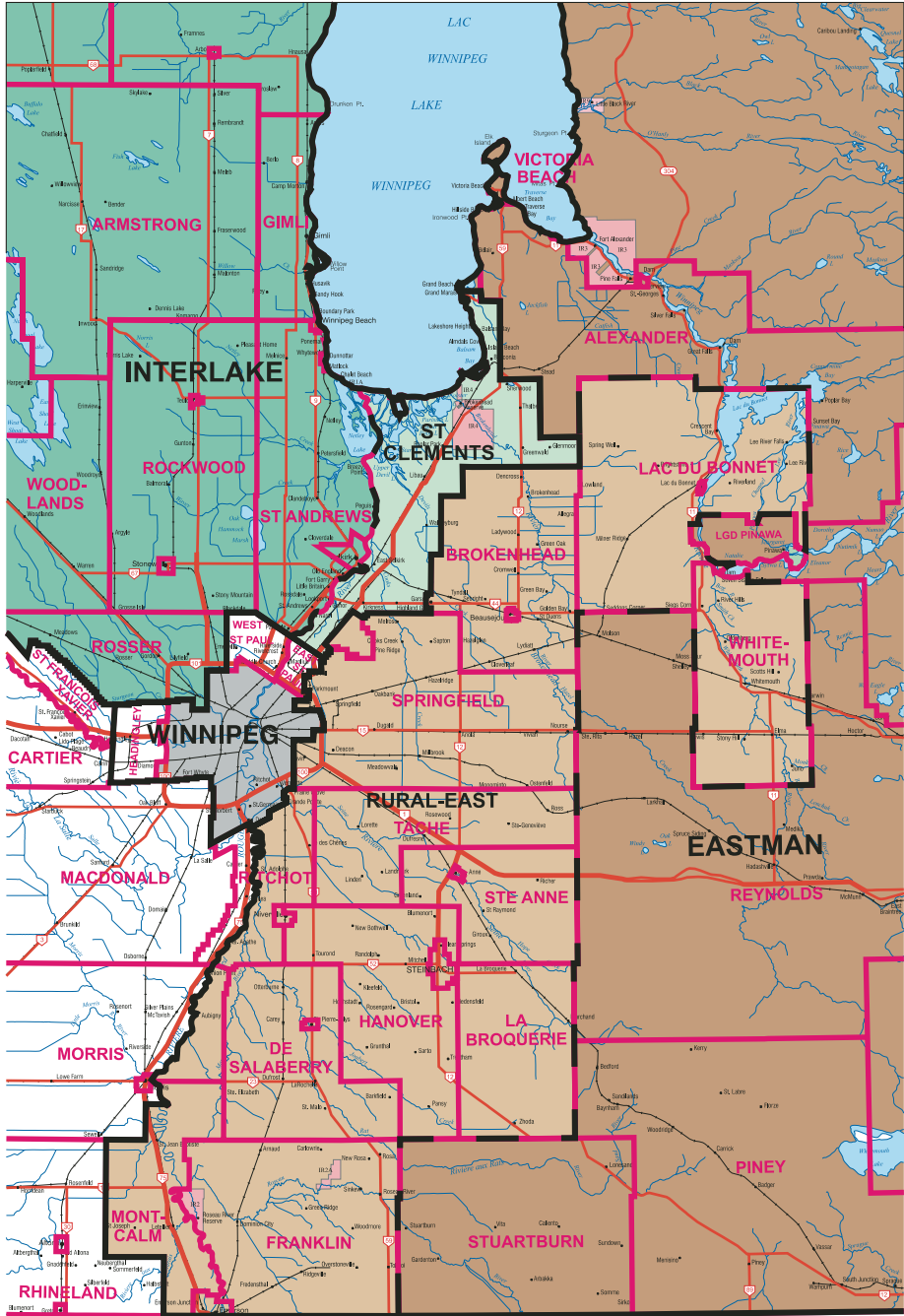




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THE AJI-CWI:

A New Approach to Child and Family Services in Manitoba

The child and family services system works to protect children at risk of abuse or neglect. It supports and strengthens the well-being of families, especially those experiencing difficulties in caring for their children.

Child and family services in Manitoba are currently undergoing a major restructuring through an initiative called the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry - Child Welfare Initiative (AJI-CWI).

The AJI-CWI is a joint initiative of four parties:

- ◆ Manitoba Metis Federation
- ◆ Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- ◆ Manitoba Keewatinowi Ininew Okimowin
- ◆ Province of Manitoba

The parties have worked together to develop a new system that:

- ◆ recognizes and respects the cultural diversity of Manitoba
- ◆ returns to First Nations and Metis peoples the right to develop and control the delivery of their own child and family services

In the new system, the delivery of child and family services is a shared responsibility between the Province of Manitoba and Aboriginal peoples. The most fundamental change is the delegation of responsibility for the delivery of child and family services from the Province to four new child and family services Authorities, three of which are Aboriginal Authorities.

The four new Authorities are:

- ◆ Metis Child and Family Services Authority
- ◆ First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority
- ◆ First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority
- ◆ General Child and Family Services Authority

This change is legislated through *The Child and Family Services Authorities Act* of the Province of Manitoba, proclaimed November 24, 2003.

Upon completion of the restructuring (being implemented on a region-by-region basis), all four Authorities and their agencies will provide services throughout the province. Aboriginal children and families will have access to culturally appropriate child and family services through Aboriginal agencies, no matter where they live in Manitoba.

Vision Statement

A child and family services system that recognizes and supports the rights of children to develop within safe and healthy families and communities, and recognizes that First Nations and Metis peoples have unique authority, rights and responsibilities to honour and care for their children.

Mission Statement

To have a jointly coordinated child and family services system that recognizes the distinct rights and authorities of First Nations and Metis peoples and the general population to control and deliver their own child and family services province-wide; that is community-based; and reflects and incorporates the cultures of First Nations, Metis and the general population respectively.



New Arrangements for Foster Care Providers

Foster families are an essential resource in the restructured child and family services system. There are, however, new arrangements for foster care being introduced as part of the restructuring of the system.

General Licensing Arrangements

Licensing of foster homes will continue to be the responsibility of agencies, subject to province-wide regulations and standards. A major change being introduced is that agencies will now be able to license foster homes anywhere they choose throughout the province. As licensing arrangements will no longer need to be based on geography, foster families will be able to choose the agency from which they would like to request a licence. However, each foster home can hold a licence from only one agency and a family can have only one foster home application active at any given time.

A registry will be developed to track applications and licences. All foster family licence renewals are to be done by the current licensing agency, unless otherwise agreed to by the agencies and foster home involved

Management and Support

The agency that licenses a foster home will be responsible for supporting and managing that home. The exceptions to this are foster homes that are currently managed by non-mandated child and family service agencies. Arrangements for these particular foster homes are not changing at this time but will be reviewed later in the AJI-CWI process.

Sharing Arrangements

Sharing arrangements will be developed by each Authority to allow other agencies access to foster care spaces in homes licensed by their agencies. As such, foster families licensed by one agency will not be prevented from providing care for another agency. Subject to these protocols, however, the licensing agency (in consultation with the foster home) will be responsible for approving all placement decisions.

Implementation

The new foster care arrangements are being introduced in the province on a region-by-region basis. This began in the Interlake in November 2003 with introduction in other regions scheduled throughout 2004 and 2005. Detailed information and supports are being made available to foster families in each region as implementation takes place.

Implementation and Places of Safety

At the time of case transfers, some children will be in the care of a Place of Safety home. If the family providing the Place of Safety decides to become a foster family, they will need to decide which agency they wish to apply to for licensing.

Foster Care Rates

Special rates currently being paid to foster families will be maintained for six months from the date of the case transfer of any particular child. During this time, there will be no decrease to the special rates paid to the existing foster home. Any increase will be based on sound case planning. If a placement change is made during this time, this provision does not apply.

The introduction of these changes begins in Winnipeg and two of the surrounding regions in March 2005. A coordinated approach is being used to support existing foster families in making licensing decisions throughout implementation.

Starting March 14, 2005, foster families will have up to three months to decide which agency to apply to for licensing when their current licence expires. Once this three month period is over, a process will be in place to facilitate licensing by either the existing or an alternate agency. The existing licensing agency will be responsible for renewals for foster families whose current licence expires before the end of this three month period. A change in licensing agencies would be processed the next time their licence expires, unless otherwise agreed to by the agencies and the foster family involved.



Child and Family Services Authorities and Agencies Serving Winnipeg and Surrounding Regions

Eighteen agencies from the four Authorities will be the primary service providers in these regions:

Metis Authority

- ◆ Metis Child, Family and Community Services

Southern First Nations Authority

- ◆ Anishinaabe Child and Family Services
- ◆ Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services
- ◆ Intertribal Child and Family Services
- ◆ Peguis Child and Family Services
- ◆ Sagkeeng Child and Family Services
- ◆ Southeast Child and Family Services
- ◆ West Region Child and Family Services
- ◆ New Agency (out-of-province clients)

Northern First Nations Authority

- ◆ Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba
- ◆ Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency
- ◆ Island Lake First Nation Family Services
- ◆ Kinosao Sipi Minisowin Agency
- ◆ Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Family and Community Wellness Centre

General Authority

- ◆ Jewish Child and Family Service
- ◆ Rural and Northern Services - Eastman
- ◆ Rural and Northern Services - Interlake
- ◆ Winnipeg Child and Family Services

Please note that child and family services may be provided by other agencies in the province, but the eighteen agencies profiled in this booklet have primary responsibility in Winnipeg and two of the surrounding regions.

A map depicting Winnipeg and two of the surrounding regions is provided on the inside front cover of this booklet.



Metis Child and Family Services Authority



The Metis Child and Family Services (MCFS) Authority wish to extend greetings to individuals in Manitoba's Winnipeg, Interlake and Eastman regions. As many are aware, last year was extremely busy for the board and staff of the MCFS Authority as we prepared for the opening of the first Metis-specific child and family services agency in the history of Manitoba, which took place on June 3, 2004.

The establishment of Metis Child, Family and Community Services (MCFCS) has been a longstanding dream within the Metis community. It was with great excitement and enthusiasm that we received the formal mandate from the Province of Manitoba to deliver child and family services province-wide on September 13, 2003, and the subsequent proclamation of *The Child and Family Services Authorities Act* on November 24, 2003.

While these events, combined with our agency launch in June of last year, were major milestones for the Metis Authority and agency, we continue to focus our attention and efforts on detailed planning and development to ensure that we are adequately prepared to begin delivering mandated services to families.

MCFCS has a single-agency structure with a head office located in Winnipeg. Although the majority of administrative tasks will be managed centrally through the head office, services will be developed and provided on a regional basis.

We are currently planning and developing services on a region-by-region basis. MCFCS will directly deliver services throughout the Winnipeg, Interlake and Eastman regions.

We are excited about the months ahead and we look forward to working with individuals, families, and organizations as we implement our mandate and work to roll out services throughout the province.

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Metis Child, Family and Community Services

Metis Child, Family and Community Services (MCFCS) is the first child and family services agency established in the history of Manitoba to support and strengthen Metis, Non-Status and Inuit children, families and communities throughout the province.

We operate under the following mission statement:

Metis families and communities have the right and responsibility to care for children. Our mission is to ensure children and families are served with dignity, respect, and understanding throughout the delivery of Metis community-based family services and support programs, so that we may serve to strengthen the Metis child, family and community.

We believe in a holistic approach in working with children and families. We recognize that children require a permanent, stable, safe and nurturing environment where they receive adequate nutrition, shelter and clothing. As well, a child's unique strengths and needs must be assessed and attended to in order to maximize the child's emotional, social, academic, spiritual and cultural growth.

Overriding all these needs is the firm belief that maintaining family and community connections and decision-making power within the community is essential to healthy child development. Children must be provided with the skills necessary to access resources and maintain and build relationships to make a healthy transition into adulthood. Our efforts are intended to serve the best interests of children, families and communities. MCFCS strives to support and strengthen Metis, Non-Status and Inuit families. Our focus is to promote the health and well-being of our Metis children and families by building on the capacity of our Metis communities through the provision of culturally sensitive and appropriate programs and services.

We will accomplish this by ensuring our programs are responsive and accountable to the communities we serve. We will offer an alternative method of intervention and prevention that is holistic and family centred. We believe that involvement of family and community is essential when working

with children who are at risk of entering the child welfare system.

MCFCS plans to provide the following types of "Alternative Care" arrangements:

- ◆ Extended Family Placements by way of a licensing process
- ◆ Licensed Foster Homes (no relationship with a particular child) within a specific community to maintain the child's connections with the birth family
- ◆ Treatment or Specialized Foster Care arrangements for children with special needs

MCFCS has developed a number of programs and services designed specifically for care providers, including:

- ◆ Cultural Orientation Training to encourage cultural sensitivity with our children
- ◆ Training to address specific behavioral difficulties (ie. FAS, ADD, ADHD, Oppositional Defiance, Caring for medical needs children, etc.)
- ◆ Connecting and bridging relationships with birth family members, MCFCS will provide ongoing support and supervision to all placement resources.

We look forward to the future where we will all work together to build stronger families and communities.

We can make the sun rise tomorrow for children and families of the Metis Nation.

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First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority

In 2000, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs signed an historic agreement with the Province of Manitoba that would begin the process of restoring responsibility to First Nations for child and family services to their own people living off-reserve.

In Manitoba, First Nations have been providing child and family services to their own people living on-reserve for over twenty years. With the proclamation of *The Child and Family Services Authorities Act*, First Nations are now able to begin providing these same services to their First Nations citizen wherever they live in Manitoba.

The First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority is an incorporated body that has been assuming the duties and responsibilities that *The Act* assigns to it. This has included developing the management, financial, operational, information technology, human resources, and program capabilities, while at the same time continuing to participate in the transitioning of the child and family services system in Manitoba.

First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority presently has a staff of thirteen and a Board of Directors that govern their work. We work with seven First Nations child and family services agencies, which in turn provide a full range of culturally appropriate child and family services to 36 First Nations.

These agencies are:

- ◆ Anishinaabe Child and Family Services
- ◆ Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services
- ◆ Intertribal Child and Family Services
- ◆ Peguis Child and Family Services
- ◆ Sagkeeng Child and Family Services
- ◆ Southeast Child and Family Services
- ◆ West Region Child and Family Services

As of July 1, 2004, all southern First Nations child and family services agencies had their mandates extended to enable them to provide services to their off-reserve residents. All the southern First Nations agencies will provide services in Winnipeg; Anishinaabe Child and Family Services, Intertribal Child and Family Services and Peguis Child and Family Services in the Interlake region; and Sagkeeng Child and Family Services, and Southeast Child and Family Services in the Eastman region.

The First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority will also be mandating a new agency to provide services in the city of Winnipeg. This agency will be responsible for:

- ◆ the children and families from out of province (Ontario);
- ◆ any cases where families have chosen the First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority but are not connected to a southern First Nations; and
- ◆ any other residual cases.

The development work is underway and the agency is expected to be in full operation by the summer of 2005. A location or name has not yet been determined although it is expected to be announced in the near future. A full range of child and family services will be offered from this office.

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Anishinaabe Child and Family Services

Anishinaabe Child and Family Services provides child and family services to members of the following First Nations:

- ◆ Lake Manitoba First Nation
- ◆ Little Saskatchewan First Nation
- ◆ Lake St. Martin First Nation
- ◆ Dauphin River First Nation
- ◆ Pinaymootang First Nation

Our agency operates under the following mission statement:

The Agency will deliver mandated child and family services and programs in a manner which will maintain and strengthen the individual, the family unit and the First Nations community within the context of Aboriginal values and customs.

Our philosophy is based on the belief that the child is a precious gift from the Creator, who has entrusted the family of the child with the sacred duty to love, protect and nurture him/her in the ways of the First Nations people.

We offer training and ongoing support to all of our foster homes. We also have a Winnipeg outreach office that monitors children in care who are placed in foster homes in Winnipeg and surrounding areas. Outreach staff advocate and make referrals based on the needs of the child and his/her family.

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Dakota Ojibway Child & Family Services Inc

Dakota Ojibway Child & Family Services provides child and family services to the members of eight First Nation communities in southern Manitoba:

- ◆ Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation
- ◆ Roseau River First Nation
- ◆ Canupawakpa Dakota Nation
- ◆ Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
- ◆ Dakota Plains Wahpeton Nation
- ◆ Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
- ◆ Long Plain First Nation
- ◆ Swan Lake First Nation

Our agency motto is “Taking Care Of Our Own”

We operate under the following mission statement:

“Dakota Ojibway Child & Family Services Inc. will ensure the safety and well-being of children by empowering families through community self-determination.”

Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services makes every effort to ensure that the provision of child and family services is compatible to the needs of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council communities. The agency promotes the seven teachings of our culture – Honesty, Wisdom, Respect, Trust, Sharing, Humour and Humility.

Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services has identified the following objectives:

- ◆ To ensure the safety and well-being of children
- ◆ To strengthen and unify families who are members of Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council bands
- ◆ To place Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council children, who are coming into the care of Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services back within their own communities or with other Native families, as directed by the child’s band

- ◆ To assist children, who were placed outside their bands and with non-native families prior to the establishment of Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services, to reconnect and/or return to their families and/or bands
- ◆ To develop services for the prevention of circumstances requiring the protective placement of Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council children
- ◆ To develop community responsibility, through the establishment of Local Child and Family Services committees, Child Protection Committees and a Council of Elders



Dakota Ojibway Child & Family Services has a responsibility to ensure that all children placed in foster care are provided with a safe and loving environment, which meets the child’s emotional, mental, physical, educational, social and cultural needs. Although the agency is committed to placing children with extended family and/or within the community or cultural group, we recognize that some children may require placement in other resources that can meet their particular needs. Foster families are treated as an integral part of the agency team and participate in planning for the children in their care. We provide training for agency foster families and support additional training requests where necessary to meet the needs of the child.



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Intertribal Child and Family Services

Intertribal Child and Family Services provides child and family services to the members of three First Nations communities:

- ◆ Fisher River Cree Nation
- ◆ Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation
- ◆ Dakota Tipi First Nation

Our motto is:

*Serving the Cree, Ojibway and
Dakota First Nations.*

We operate under the following mission statement:

To develop support systems that protect children, empower families and strengthen our communities.

Common values of our agency include:

- ◆ Acceptance
- ◆ Balanced lifestyle
- ◆ Bonds/Belonging
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Community roots
- ◆ Family differences
- ◆ Friendship
- ◆ Have fun / laughter
- ◆ Love/Respect/Trust
- ◆ Support/Teaching
- ◆ Value our elders
- ◆ Value our history
- ◆ Working together

We believe that fostering involves becoming part of a team of people planning for the best interests of the child. We understand that fostering means learning to cope with the daily stresses and trials of children who need to feel loved and special.

To support foster families, we encourage communication between foster parents and our staff, and endeavor to respond quickly and with compassion to any questions and concerns that foster parents have. As well, we provide regular activities and training for foster parents and children to promote physical and emotional well-being.

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Peguis Child and Family Services

Peguis Child and Family Services provides services under *The Child and Family Services Act* of Manitoba to Peguis Band members on and off reserve. These services include: Service to families, child protection, children in care, foster homes and adoption. Other services are also offered which include, but are not limited to: family violence, anger management, parenting skills, advocacy and Inter-provincial liason when Peguis band members need or request such services.

Peguis Child and Family Services operated under the following mission statement:

To produce services that protect children, and enhance the quality of life for Peguis First Nation families and community.

Peguis Child and Family Services recruits and provides training and support through workshops and home visits to foster families. The Foster Home application process involves an application, home visits, child abuse and criminal records checks, a home study and final approval by the Executive Director.

The qualities important in fostering are that families have room in their lives for children and the ability to provide a stable home life, guidance, love and security. Wherever possible, the goal of the agency is to reunite the foster child with his or her natural family.

Our organization is committed to a positive working relationship with the General, Metis and Northern Authorities in the restructuring of the child and family services system.

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Sagkeeng Child and Family Services

Sagkeeng Child and Family Services provides child and family services to members of the Sagkeeng First Nation and also has a sub-office in Winnipeg.

Sagkeeng Child and Family Services operates under the following mission statement:

- ◆ *To ensure that children are safe and protected and given opportunities to reach their full potential*
- ◆ *To provide child and family services that promotes family wellness*
- ◆ *To encourage community participation and responsibility by providing an integrative teamwork approach through collaborative delivery of services.*

Our philosophy is based on the belief that children are gifts from the Creator, and we are guided by the seven teachings.

Sagkeeng Child and Family Services has a staff of twenty, most of whom are community members, trained and educated to meet the needs of our children and families. We have a Board of Directors, which is comprised of five appointed Band Members, a majority of whom reside in the Sagkeeng First Nation.

Our foster program is committed to providing the quality services the foster child and parent require but similarly are aware that the ultimate goal of the agency is to reunite the foster child with their biological parent(s).

The foster care program actively works to support foster parents in order to meet the needs of children placed in their homes. We also offer training for foster families and have recently offered workshops in the areas of:

- ◆ Effects of Abuse and Neglect
- ◆ Non-Violent Crisis Intervention
- ◆ First Aid and CPR
- ◆ Suicide Intervention
- ◆ Indicators of Child Abuse and Reporting Protocols.

The foster program maintains a pool of support workers and transportation/escort drivers who are available for the children in care.



We are actively recruiting new foster homes. The foster care program created a recruiting package, which provides information on what is involved in becoming a foster parent. The packages have been distributed to some of the local businesses, organizations, and schools.

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Southeast Child and Family Services

Southeast Child and Family Services provides child and family services to members of the following First Nations:

- ◆ Berens River
- ◆ Bloodvein
- ◆ Brokenhead
- ◆ Buffalo Point
- ◆ Hollow Water
- ◆ Little Black River
- ◆ Little Grand Rapids
- ◆ Pauingassi
- ◆ Poplar River

The aim of Southeast Child and Family Services is to facilitate the empowerment of individuals and families. Our agency looks to enhance the functioning of its community based resources that would promote the preservation of the family unit and its cultural identity.

Southeast Child and Family Services does this work with our communities guided by the following mission statement:

The mission of Southeast Child and Family Services is to strengthen First Nations family life and to secure and promote the well-being and happiness of children in Southeast communities.

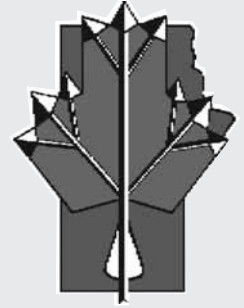
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West Region Child and Family Services, Inc.

West Region Child and Family Services Inc., (WRCFS), is a mandated First Nation child caring agency which provides child and family services to members of the following First Nations:

- ◆ Ebb & Flow
- ◆ Keeseekoowenin
- ◆ Pine Creek
- ◆ Skownan
- ◆ Waywayseecappo
- ◆ Gamblers
- ◆ O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi
- ◆ Rolling River
- ◆ Tootinaowazibeeng

Our agency operates under the Mission Statement: "The Protection of Children".

Our Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the programs and services of WRCFS is to sustain, support and enhance family and community life, thereby maintaining children in their own home, or when necessary, seeking substitute parenting within the family and/or home community if at all possible.

WRCFS carries out *The Child and Family Services Act*, incorporating the traditional beliefs and customs of the native community. A full range of service is provided including statutory services, voluntary services and prevention programs. Each First Nation Community has a field office with a community-based team which includes statutory and prevention resource workers.

Alternate Care Unit: The alternate care unit is a program designed to provide alternative resources for children who are unable to remain in their own homes of origin and who require a safe and nurturing environment. These resources can be for: emergency placements, short and/or long term placements, Place of Safety designations, semi-independent or independent living arrangements, therapeutic foster homes, group homes, specialized medical homes and adoption.

The primary responsibility of the unit, working closely with community based teams, is to identify and license foster homes within the communities, with extended family for the placement of children. Although recruitment and development of agency resources within the nine First Nation communities



is the Alternate Care Unit's principle goal, placement resources off-reserve are also considered. Maintaining foster home support and providing regular training opportunities for our foster parents continues to be one of our main objectives within the unit.

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First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child & Family Services Authority

The First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority (Northern CFS Authority) is the governing body that oversees the coordination of child and family services province-wide for the northern First Nations Child and Family Services agencies. The Northern CFS Authority plays an integral role in facilitating the expansion of on-reserve CFS responsibilities and extension of services off-reserve.

The Northern CFS Authority will have five agencies providing services in the city of Winnipeg. The five agencies will utilize a consolidated approach; that is, they will be sharing office space for the delivery of programs and services. The shared agency site is 290 Jarvis.

The agencies are:

Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba
Executive Director, David Monias

Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency
Executive Director, Diane Deschambeault

Island Lake First Nations Family Services
Executive Director, Alfred Wood

Kinosao Sipi Minisowin Agency
Executive Director, Clarence Paupanekis

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Family & Community Wellness Centre
Executive Director, Felix Walker

The Northern CFS Authority will strive to create a positive accountable model that will nurture and support our alternative care resources in a manner that reflects the First Nations aspirations, philosophy, goals and values.

The opportunity has been created to effect change to child welfare practices and standards through the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry - Child Welfare Initiative (AJI-CWI). The agencies of the North, through the Authority, now have the ability to provide a more culturally significant way of delivering services through a First Nations worldview.

Within our First Nations, there are various methods of alternative, kinship and customary care that are being utilized by our agencies. With the premise that children are “a gift from the Creator and are our future” the family, extended families and community are the first who can offer assistance when families need temporary help. The assistance of caregivers who open their hearts and home to our children is valued and appreciated.

With the Northern CFS Authority working closely with the agencies, we will now be able to effect culturally appropriate changes to the existing provincial system that will strengthen and support our caregivers.

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Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba

Vision Statement

Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba is committed to working towards the vision of healthy communities that promote and nurture the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual growth, development and well-being of First Nations children and families.

Mission Statement

Awasis Agency will take a holistic and integrated approach to Promotion, Prevention and Protection services that reflect the needs of the First Nations children and families and incorporate appropriate values, language, culture and traditions.

Awasis Agency's philosophy on child and family service is as follows:

- ◆ Children are the most precious resource, our future and will determine First Nations future.
- ◆ All children are entitled to a safe healthy environment that nurtures and protects each child's mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.
- ◆ It is the joint responsibility of the First Nation's community leaders, elders, families and professionals alike to address the breakdown of the traditional family unit.
- ◆ To commit resources towards creative and innovative efforts to prevent future erosion of First Nation traditional family way of life and well-being.
- ◆ First nations have the full power, status and capacity with respect to governing, protection and development of First Nations people, lands and economies and government.
- ◆ Manitoba First Nations have jurisdiction over child and family services to anyone on First Nations' territory and to all First Nation citizens/members regardless of their residence in Manitoba.

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Cree Nation Child & Family Caring Agency

Cree Nation Child & Family Caring Agency (CNCFCA) provides direct services to First Nations members from the following communities:

- ◆ Grand Rapids First Nation
- ◆ Sapotaweyak Cree Nation
- ◆ Mosakahiken Cree Nation
- ◆ Chemawawin Cree Nation
- ◆ Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation
- ◆ Opaskwayak Cree Nation
- ◆ Mathias Colomb Cree Nation
- ◆ Marcel Colomb First Nation

We operate under the following mission statement: *Cree Nation Child & Family Caring Agency provides community based child and family services and programs to members of the Swampy Cree Tribal Council First Nations. By incorporating both protection services and prevention programs, the agency will place paramount importance on family unity in our communities.*

Our agency's Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from each of the Swampy Cree Tribal Council (SCTC) communities through delegated authority from the Chiefs of the Swampy Cree Tribal Council. Board representation includes Local Child and Family Services Committee Members, Community Members, Councillors and a CFS Portfolio Chief.

Programs and Services:

Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency provides the following services:

- ◆ Child and Family Services (*case management, family court proceedings, apprehensions, placements of children, prevention programming/awareness*)
- ◆ Child Protection Investigations (*all child abuse allegations/disclosures, collateral partnership with RCMP detachments*)
- ◆ Foster Care Services (*Resource Placement and Development*) (*recruitment of foster homes, licensing, orientation and training to foster parents, and a partnership with MYS – Northern Alternative Parent Home Program and their clinical case managers*)
- ◆ Adoption/Repatriation Services (*De facto, Parent's Own, Select Adoptions, limited repatriation services*)
- ◆ Winnipeg Sub-Office Child and Family Services (*Agency workers maintain a caseload of SCTC children placed in long-term Winnipeg resources, in collaboration with local level workers*)

- ◆ Counselling & Referral Services
- ◆ Minor/Expectant Parent Services (*assessments/support and referral services*)
- ◆ Service Delivery Agreements with Northern Region Child and Family Services
- ◆ Local Child and Family Services Committees



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Island Lake First Nations Family Services

Historical Background

January 1989, at the special MKO Chiefs Conference on child welfare, the Chiefs of Island Lake presented a resolution to the assembly the "Bringing Home Jurisdiction on Child Welfare" initiative. This step provided a foundation in the development and establishment of a child caring agency in Island Lake. This also provided a notice that the people of Island Lake, not only want to bring back child welfare to it's rightful place, but to develop systems that accommodate the prevailing needs of their children and families.

On April 21, 1997, Child Welfare Agreements were signed between Canada, Manitoba and the First Nations of Garden Hill, Wasagamack, St. Theresa Point and Red Sucker Lake, thereby establishing the Island Lake First Nations Family Services.

Communities Served

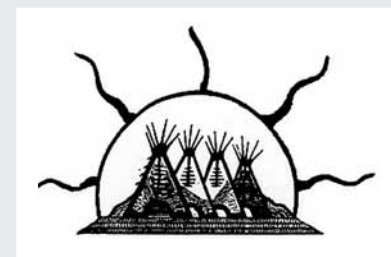
- ◆ Garden Hill First Nation
- ◆ St. Theresa Point First Nation
- ◆ Wasagamack First Nation
- ◆ Red Sucker Lake First Nation

Mission

"With the guidance and protection of Mantou, Island Lake First Nations will work together towards maintaining a holistic family through the traditions, culture and the teachings of the elders, support from the leadership thus ensuring the well-being of our future generations of healthy families in our communities."

Family Services Advisors

Each community office recruits community members to act as Family Services Advisors. Their function is to provide advice, recommendations and support to agency workers when required.



Services

- ◆ Foster care
- ◆ Child protection
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Intervenor
- ◆ Permanency planning
- ◆ Repatriation
- ◆ Homemaker/Parent aide
- ◆ Family services

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Kinosao Sipi Minisowin Agency

Kinosao Sipi Minisowin Agency (KSMA) provides direct services to First Nation members from Norway House Cree Nation on and off-reserve.

Our Vision

"Norway House Cree Nation to be a safe, nurturing and caring community where healthy and responsible families live; where children will be raised with honor, respect, love and guidance so as to acquire the skills to become good and productive citizens and for families to gain, promote and preserve culturally appropriate values and beliefs."

Our Mission

"Kinosao Sipi Minisowin Agency will assist in the development and delivery of programs and services directed to promoting the best interest of Norway House Cree Nation members and preserving family unity."

Our agency's Board of Directors were selected by the staff of KSMA and approved by the Norway House Cree Nation Chief and Council. Board representation includes a Local Child Care Committee member, community members, educators and a CFS Portfolio Councillor.

The KSMA is working in partnership with the Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba to provide services for families who have children with life-long complex medical needs (CwLLCMN Project) and with families to resolve conflicts to help prevent and reduce children coming into care (Meenoostahtahn Minisowin Pilot Project) to promote the best interest of children within the context of families, communities and culture.

Our agency's newly developed Kinosao Sipi Children's Special Services Project is designed to meet the service needs of physically or developmentally disabled children who are living in the community and to provide the supports to the family and community in order to ensure the needs of the child are met.

KSMA provides the following services:

- ◆ Child and Family Services
- ◆ Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Family Preservation/Reunification
- ◆ Child Protection Investigations
- ◆ Foster Care Services
- ◆ Adoption/Permanency Planning
- ◆ Minor/Expectant Parent Services
- ◆ Counseling and Therapist Services
- ◆ In-Home Support
- ◆ After Hours Emergency On-call
- ◆ Education Services
- ◆ First Aid/CPR Training
- ◆ Community Initiatives
- ◆ Children with Lifelong Complex Medical Needs Project
- ◆ Meenoostahtan Minisowin Project
- ◆ Traditional Activities Program
- ◆ Children's Special Services Project
- ◆ Traditional Parenting Practices
- ◆ Service Delivery Agreements with Northern Region Child and Family Services
- ◆ Local Child Care Committee



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Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Family and Community Wellness Centre

In March of 2000, the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN) Family and Community Wellness Centre was established following an intensive community consultation process. The consultation process resulted in the development of a fully integrated health related and child and family service system, acknowledging the strength of First Nation families and recognizing how much can be accomplished by working together.

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN) Child and Family Services is one element of our integrated service delivery model and remains committed to using strength based approaches to support and build respectful relationships with our children and families.

The NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre has adopted a mandate which reflects this commitment and is as follows:

- ◆ To promote the development of new ideas and innovative measure to bring about meaningful change for the children and families of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation within a holistic approach to human services, policy development and service delivery which incorporates the tradition, culture, language, customs and teachings of the community's elders;
- ◆ To deliver mandated child and family services within a community capacity building and health promotion orientation;
- ◆ To oversee the implementation of health related services; and
- ◆ To promote community wellness and individual well-being.

The NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre delivers programming designed to promote and support holistic wellness in the following areas:

- ◆ Child and Family Services
- ◆ Counselling Services
- ◆ Public Health-Pre/Postnatal
- ◆ Prenatal Support Services
- ◆ Home and Community Care
- ◆ Public Health-Clinical

- ◆ Foster Care
- ◆ CPNP
- ◆ Elders
- ◆ Enrichment



In addition, the Centre provides specialized programming to children and families designed to support positive relationships within a traditional context such as traditional camps, the Rediscovery of Families project.

All programs and services are developed and implemented in accordance with the Centres core values which are:

- ◆ Social Justice: We will treat all residents of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation equally.
- ◆ Self Reliance: We will promote personal and family responsibility first.
- ◆ Intrinsic Worth of People: We will think of everyone as having abilities, talents and skills that are essential to the overall health of the community.
- ◆ Sustainability: We will provide services in a way that does not threaten our ability to meet basic human needs in the long term.
- ◆ Cooperation: We will work together to achieve community wellness.
- ◆ Community Wellness Focus: We will commit to a holistic health promotion orientation to program design and implementation.

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General Child and Family Services Authority

The General Child and Family Services Authority (General Authority) has been created as a part of the restructuring of the child welfare system to oversee the delivery of child and family services to non-Aboriginal people throughout Manitoba.

The responsibility for the delivery of services for non-Aboriginal persons and all others who choose the General Authority will rest with one of the following General Authority agencies:

- ◆ Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba
- ◆ Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba
- ◆ Jewish Child and Family Service
- ◆ Churchill Child and Family Services (a program of the Churchill Regional Health Authority)
- ◆ Winnipeg Child and Family Services
- ◆ Rural and Northern Services - Interlake
- ◆ Rural and Northern Services - Eastman
- ◆ Rural and Northern Services - Parkland
- ◆ Rural and Northern Services - Northern

All of these agencies have been in operation for many years and will continue to deliver child welfare services in their particular geographical regions. They continue to be responsible for receiving referrals from their communities, investigating child abuse allegations, and providing all services under *The Child and Family Services Act* and *The Adoption Act*, including licensing foster homes.

The role of the General Authority, as articulated in *The Child and Family Services Authorities Act*, is as follows:

- ◆ To ensure that child and family services are delivered through a network of agencies to all children and families falling under the jurisdiction of the General Authority who require these services

- ◆ To advocate for the delivery of high quality services throughout the General Authority agencies
- ◆ To fund the agencies under its jurisdiction for regional and community based programs and services
- ◆ To ensure compliance with legislation, regulations and standards

The General Authority is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Minister of Family Services and Housing for the Province of Manitoba. The Board is a governance board which takes the lead role with the General Authority in promoting and supporting innovative programs within the agencies. The AJI-CWI has created a unique opportunity for all Authorities and service providers to critically examine all of the assumptions behind the traditional delivery of child welfare in this province.

The General Authority welcomes this opportunity. With the leadership of the General Authority and the continued work of the agencies, the future of services to children and families will be reformed and enhanced. The well-being of all children living in the province continues to be the prime directive for all child welfare practitioners. Innovative and creative alternatives to the more traditional delivery of services is what is driving the whole system under this initiative... we need to preserve what is good for children and change what doesn't work anymore.

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Jewish Child and Family Service

Jewish Child and Family Service is mandated under the General Authority. It is a non-profit organization established to help families, couples and individuals with concerns about personal relationships, family conflict, parenting or material circumstances.

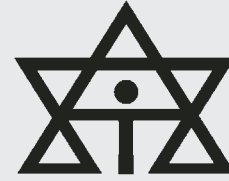
The mission of Jewish Child and Family Service is as follows:

To provide services which will strengthen, support and enhance the family and individual lives of its clients, who are, in the main, though not exclusively, the Jewish people of Winnipeg and its environs; to, at all times, keep foremost in its service delivery the philosophy of Jewish values and traditions, recognizing the pluralistic Jewish community but sensitive to the needs of the most traditional in our society, for the express purpose of strengthening Jewish identity, Jewish commitment and the quality of Jewish life.

In addition, the agency will respect and be responsive to the unique culturally defined needs of various non-Jewish consumer populations.

All Manitobans regardless of age, sex, race, religion, colour, national or ethnic origin are eligible for service. Services and program areas include:

- ◆ Counselling (individuals, families and groups),
- ◆ Mental Health,
- ◆ Resettlement/Integration,
- ◆ Older Adult Services,
- ◆ Volunteer Services,
- ◆ Child Welfare,
- ◆ Adoption/Post Adoption,
- ◆ Foster Care,
- ◆ Chaplaincy,
- ◆ Family Life Education,
- ◆ Financial Aid, and
- ◆ Information and Referral.



JEWISH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE

Celebrating over 50 years in a tradition of caring

Jewish Child and Family recruits, develops and supports both Jewish and non-Jewish foster homes, with the priority being a suitable match between the child's needs and the skills and strengths of the foster home. In all homes, an attempt is made to maintain and foster the cultural/religious background of the children. Foster parents are viewed as an integral part of the 'team' and of the planning for children.

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Rural and Northern Services - Eastman

The Child and Family Services program functions out of the Rural and Northern Services - Eastman region of the Manitoba Department of Family Services and Housing. Our vision is to provide the citizens of Eastman with services that support and promote an improved quality of life.

Our Mission Statement is as follows:

Together we will work to strengthen individual and family capacity and enhance the ability of communities to support their members.

We believe that foster parents are the hub of the care team, an essential and invaluable resource to children whose lives have been disrupted as a result of abuse and/or neglect. We are committed to the orientation, on-going support and training of foster parents so that they may better care for our children.

We are committed to positive working relationships with our First Nations and Metis partners, as well as other service providers and the community-at-large.

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Manitoba



Rural and Northern Services - Interlake

Rural and Northern Services - Interlake serves the entire Interlake region. Our vision is safety, self-sufficiency and dignity for all citizens of the Interlake region.

Our Mission Statement that guides our service delivery is as follows:

Dedicated to providing protection and support services to children and their families through the promotion and development of partnerships in the community.

Like other foster care providers, we recruit and develop foster homes for children in need of protection. We follow a detailed process of orientation, completing an application, background and reference checks, and an in-depth se home visits).

We make every effort to reunite a foster child with his or her family, or find a permanent home for the child if reunification is not possible. Extended family and friends are approached to try to maintain the child in his/her own community and, if at all possible, cultural background.

Our Foster Care program is committed to working cooperatively with our Aboriginal and Metis partners in the restructured child and family services system.

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Winnipeg Child and Family Services



Manitoba

Vision Statement

Safe and healthy children in nurturing and responsible families in responsive and supportive communities

Mission Statement

Winnipeg Child and Family Services Branch is mandated under the General Authority to provide services in accordance with the provincial Child and Family Services Act and the Adoption Act. In response to community direction and within an environment of integrated social and community health services, the Branch provides and advocates for culturally competent and holistic services that support and strengthen families and communities to ensure the protection, care, and well-being of children and the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Guiding Principles

- ◆ Children have a right to be healthy and safe within a continuous family and community environment that promotes their well-being.
- ◆ Family, as defined by each racial, ethnic, and cultural grouping, has the primary responsibility for the well being of children. Communities, social institutions and service organizations also share in the responsibility for the well-being of children.
- ◆ Families, children, and communities have a right to culturally competent services.
- ◆ Families, children, and communities have the right to participate as partners in the services provided to them.
- ◆ Families and children are entitled to equivalent specialized resources regardless of where they reside.
- ◆ Programs and services will be provided in partnership with other service providers.
- ◆ Services and partnerships will demonstrate compassion, courage, respect, and integrity.

- ◆ Services will be family and community centered, accessible, responsive, flexible, seamless, based on best practice, and informed by outcomes that are measurable.
- ◆ The Branch is accountable to those who access our services, the public, and the Government of Manitoba.
- ◆ The Branch will advocate for programs and services, policies and practices consistent with its Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles.

Service Include

- ◆ Family and Child Protection Services, including in-home support and family preservation/reunification services
- ◆ Perinatal Services
- ◆ Services on behalf of Children in Care
- ◆ Adoption Services
- ◆ Child Placement Resource Development and Support

Winnipeg Child and Family Services recognizes and appreciates the significant role of foster families in the provision of child and family services. To that end, we have developed and intend to maintain a comprehensive child placement program including recruitment, support, and development of foster families.

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DO YOU

Want more information?

Have any concerns?

If you want more information before you make a decision regarding the new foster care arrangements, please speak to your worker. If you prefer, you can also call any of the Child and Family Services Authorities during regular office hours:

Metis Child and Family Services Authority
(204) 949-0220

First Nations of Southern Manitoba
Child and Family Services Authority
(204) 783-9190
Toll Free: 1-800-665-5762

First Nations of Northern Manitoba
Child and Family Services Authority
(204) 942-1842

General Child and Family Services Authority
(204) 984-9360
Toll Free 1-866-803-2814

OR:

Visit the web site:
www.aji-cwi.mb.ca

Call the Central Information Line:
In Winnipeg: **(204) 945-1183**
Toll Free: **1-866-300-7503**

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ajicwi@gov.mb.ca