

Waakaabit Initiative

Working within the circle to make good decisions for our children, families & community

Parents' Bill of Rights

Parents, you have these and other rights in relation to CFS:

- To identify a safe person to care for your children,
- To bring in your own supports when meeting with CFS,
- To receive services focused on early intervention & prevention of apprehension,
- To receive help & resources to support family preservation, as long as there are no immediate risks to the safety of your child(ren),
- To attend court proceedings regarding your children & to provide input to the Judge,
- To receive culturally appropriate services & resources,
- To provide input into your case plan and receive notification prior to significant actions

Each situation is different. Stay calm and remember everything that happens. Remember your rights.



Child and Family Services Checklist

Are you involved with Child and Family Services and have children in care? If so, you have RIGHTS and your Child and Family Services provider must adhere to *An Act Respecting First Nation, Inuit, Metis children, youth and families*.

Here is checklist of questions you can ask yourself to ensure that your family is receiving adequate services.

1. Are you receiving any intervention or prevention services from your agency that will ensure that your children remain with you or a family member? Yes No
2. Is your agency providing you with updates regarding your children? For example: medical appointments, education, home placements, change in case plan, programs/therapeutic treatments, court proceedings? Yes No
3. Is your worker maintaining and promoting your children's' relationships with family, community and the land that they are from? Yes No
4. Does your agency value, maintain, and promote culture and language?
5. Yes No
6. Are your children in a culturally appropriate placement? Yes No
7. If your children cannot live with you, can your children be placed with a family or community member that will provide a safe and nurturing environment? Yes No
8. Do you have a reunification plan? Yes No
9. Did you participate in creating and/or amending your case/reunification plan? Yes No

If you answered **YES** to all these questions then you are on your path of reunification or family preservation.

If you answered **NO** to any of these questions, contact your agency as soon as possible to have a discussion so that you can identify what needs to happen to ensure reunification or family preservation.



For help, please call our CFS System Navigator at 204-946-1869

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