

Kinship Support Service Model

Current service delivery includes, support provided by delegated (various authority levels) kinship caseworkers, contracted agency kinship workers and collaborative service delivery kinship workers (in various combinations).

Establish One Kinship Support and Assessment Service Model

CI Kinship Caseworker
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegated authority supports improved decision-making, accountability and responsibility (assess safety and well-being).• Required to meet all policy and practice standards, complete additional mandatory and supplementary training• Meet Kinship Practitioner Competency Profile<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ builds on the foundational CI Practitioner competencies• Consistent practice throughout the province in meeting the needs and providing supports to kinship caregivers.• Decreases confusion and delays in service when child is placed in another region.• Kinship caseworker can be assigned immediately to assess areas of need and initiate supports.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Including planning for safety, needs for the placement of siblings, caregiver worries, cultural and community connections, etc.• Timely response for approvals for services, payments to caregivers and referrals to cultural and community programs.• Consistent standards in compensation and Kinship Care Support Plan.• Decrease the number of workers who are in contact with the family and decrease role confusion from the caregiver and professionals perspectives.
Key Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A mindful transition from agency kinship care will require regions to work with agencies to support change management.• There may be times an alternate home study will need to be completed by contracted agencies due to staffing capacity. This is to ensure home studies are completed within a timely manner for caregivers.