



Caregiving within the Framework

Core Training

Course Description

This training will help you be aware of, and more familiar with, the legislation, principles and policies that apply to you as a caregiver. The framework to provide care for children and youth in care is found in the legislation, regulations, policies and practice supports of Children's Services.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Describe which laws (Acts and Regulations) apply to Child Intervention's actions.
- Become aware of the basic structure of Child Intervention in Alberta; who we serve and how we serve them.
- Demonstrate understanding of how the "Matters to be Considered" contained in the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* impact decisions made for a child or youth in care.
- Become familiar with the Principles of the "Child Intervention Practice Framework."
- Understand the basic process by which a child or youth comes into care.
- Describe what is required to become a licensed caregiver and what is necessary to maintain that license.
- Gain an overview of your responsibilities and rights as a kinship or foster caregiver.
- Illustrate some of the ways the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* applies differently to Kinship and Foster Caregivers.

Key Messages

- The *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act (CYFEA)* provides the foundation for the important role of foster parents and caregivers.
- The *Matters to Be Considered* within the *CYFEA* provides guiding principles in law to direct the decisions made in the best interests of the child.
- Regulations such as the *CYFEA* Regulations and Residential Facilities Licensing Regulations provide the practices and procedures for application of the *CYFEA*.
- Preservation of an Indigenous child's cultural identity and connections while in the care of the director is focus of the Act.
- Kinship and foster caregivers provide temporary care and are an integral part of the team working together towards reunification of the child with their former guardians.
- All approved Caregivers are required to follow the legislation, policies and regulations set out to provide the best possible care for children and youth.
- Expectations of caregivers are built upon the foundations of legislation, regulations and policies that are built into the agreement to provide care and must be followed.

Resources

The diagram below is used to assist caregivers to understand how legislation, regulations, policies and practice in Child Intervention flow together.

