

# Caregiver Training **Child Intervention in Alberta: What Caregivers Need to Know**

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## Participant Material

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## Course Content



## Course Resources

This material features beautiful art created by children and youth in care. We thank them for their creativity and generosity.

# Guiding Principles

## **Protection from harm**

The child's best interests, safety and well-being is paramount.

## **The Importance of family and community**

The well-being of a child's families and communities is crucial to their own well-being.

## **The importance of connections**

Children benefit from

- a) Lasting relationships with family, friends, caregivers and other people who they have formed a connection with.
- b) Preserving connections with their culture and cultural communities, and opportunities to form or strengthen those connections.
- c) Permanent, formalized ties with people who care about them.

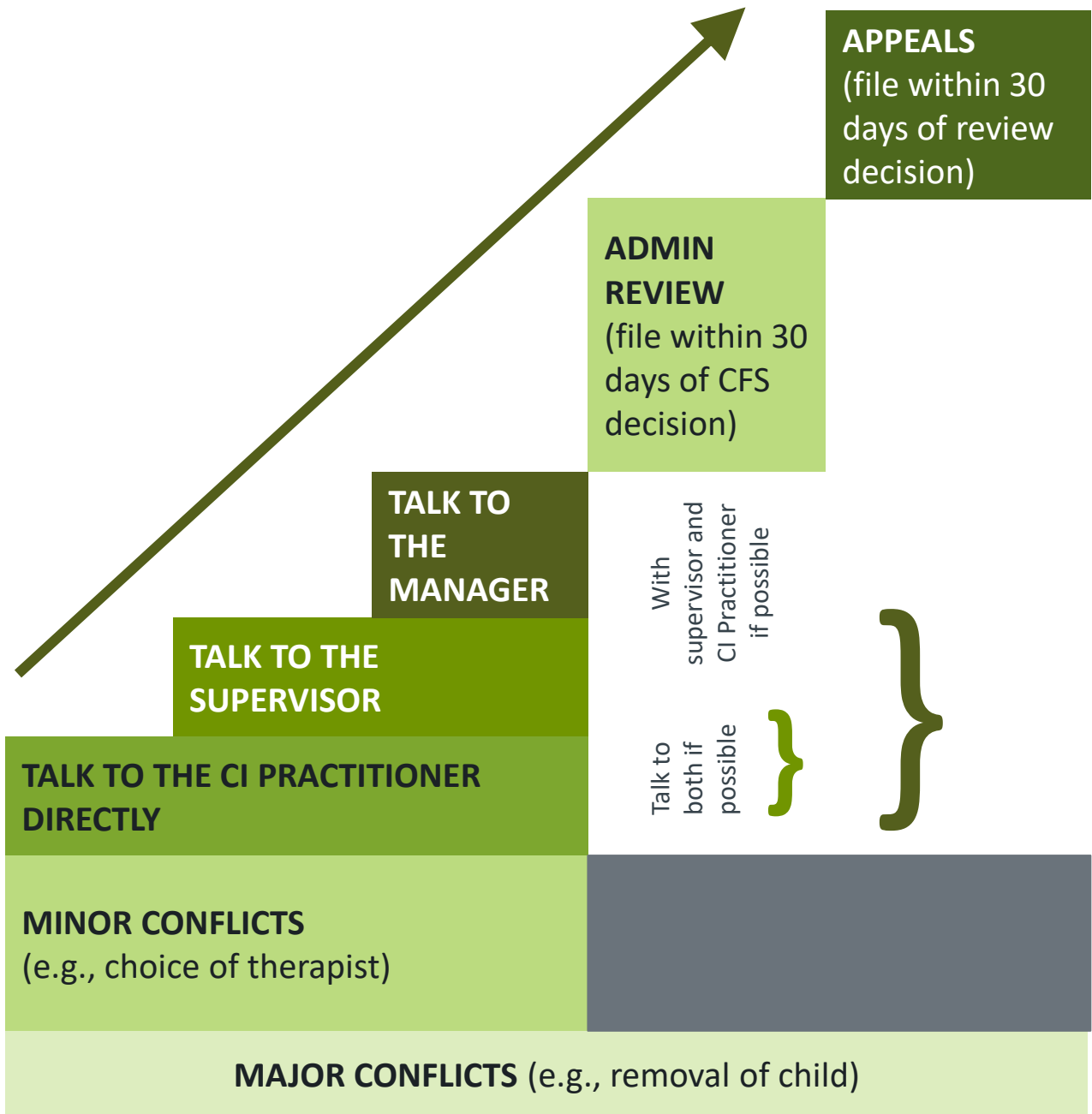
## **The importance of Indigenous involvement**

Indigenous peoples should be involved in the planning and decisions impacting their families and children and providing the services that follow.



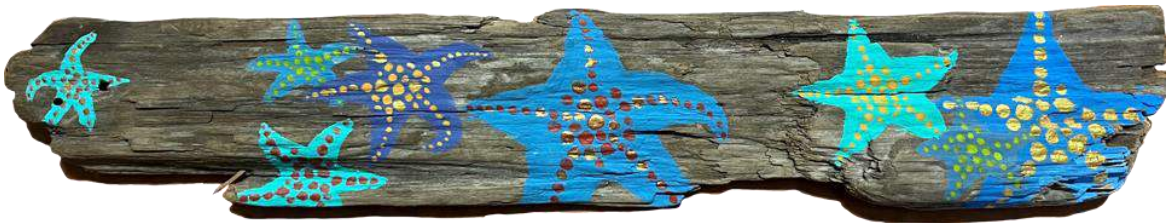
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# Dispute Resolution



# Legislation, Regulations, and Policies

Name and Link	Description
<a href="#">Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act (CYFEA)</a>	Provides authority for Child and Youth Services to provide services in support of children who are abused, neglected or otherwise in need of intervention.
<a href="#">Enhancement Policy Manual</a>	Contains policies and procedures that direct staff when delivering services under the <i>Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act</i> . The policies provide direction and procedures for most common situations.
<a href="#">Residential Facilities Licensing Regulation</a>	Provides directions on conditions for licensing a foster home or child and youth facilities and provides information regarding maximum number of foster children that may reside in a licensed foster home, emergency procedures, and records.



# Caregiver Handbooks

Name and Link	Description
<a href="#">Kinship Care Handbook: A Toolkit for Kinship Caregivers</a>	Provides information on practical everyday issues related to kinship care. The handbook covers information on kinship care support, explain policy, and provide facts and material on other program areas.
<a href="#">The Foster Care Handbook: A Guide for Caregivers</a>	Provides an overview of foster care, highlighting the responsibilities of the foster family, advice on foster care support, policy, and other program areas. It is an extensive information resource on practical everyday issues.



# Support for Caregivers

Name	Link	Description
Alberta Foster and Kinship Association (AFKA)	<a href="https://afkaonline.ca/">https://afkaonline.ca/</a>	Equipping foster and kinship caregivers with knowledge, tools, and a support system.  <b><u>Contact:</u></b> Telephone: (780) 429-9923 Toll Free (within Alberta): 800-667-2372 Email: <a href="mailto:info@afkaonline.ca">info@afkaonline.ca</a>
Caregiver Support Program	<a href="https://afkaonline.ca/program/s/caregiver-support-program/">https://afkaonline.ca/program/s/caregiver-support-program/</a>	The Caregiver Support Program provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Building</li><li>• Systemic Navigation Assistance</li><li>• Guidance During Complex Times</li></ul> <b><u>Contact:</u></b> The Caregiver Support Program through AFKA.

