



Legal Aid

Call your local Legal Aid court worker at:

Beaufort-Delta.....	977-2260
Dehcho.....	695-2106
Fort Smith.....	872-6568
Hay River and South Slave.....	874-2475
Sahtu.....	598-2762
Tlicho.....	392-6386
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Main office.....	873-7450

For more information:

Child and Family Services exist to protect and support children in the NWT and to encourage strong, healthy families.

This information is available as an audio recording in the NWT Official Languages at www.hss.gov.nt.ca or by phoning 1-855-846-9601.

Vous pouvez obtenir les présents renseignements sous format audio dans les langues officielles des TNO sur le site www.hss.gov.nt.ca/fr ou en composant le 1-855-846-9601

Your Child Protection Worker
(attach business card here or fill in)

Name: _____

Office Number: _____

On-Call Number: _____

Plan of Care Agreements





What is a Plan of Care Agreement?

- A Plan of Care Agreement is a signed agreement between you and the Child Protection Worker (social worker) to solve any risks or dangers to your child.
- A Plan of Care Agreement (POCA) may be used if there is a child protection issue but it is believed that it can be resolved without Court.
- In a Plan of Care Agreement, a group of people called a Plan of Care Committee work together to try to help resolve any risks or dangers to your child.
- The Plan of Care Committee works with you and your family to put together the Plan of Care Agreement.

What if I don't want a Plan of Care Committee?

- If any time you don't want to participate in a Plan of Care Committee, you can ask to go to Court. A Child Protection Worker can help you fill out the forms needed for this.

Who will be on the Plan of Care Committee?

- You
- Any other parents or people with lawful custody of your child
- Your child (if they are 12 years or older)

- A Child Protection Worker
- A member of your community Child and Family Services Committee, if there is one
- You may also ask for others including your lawyer, to attend committee meetings to support you
- Any other person agreed to by the Plan of Care Committee members

How much time does the Plan of Care Committee have to create an Agreement?

- The Plan of Care Committee has 23 days to develop a plan from the time an issue is identified or your child is apprehended.
- If it is not signed within this time, the Child Protection Worker must bring the matter to Court.

What is in a Plan of Care Agreement

- The agreement can be for any set amount of time from a month up to a year. After a year they can be amended or renewed as needed.
- Plan of Care Agreements may include direction about where and with whom a child may live, services to make the home safer, counselling, access to the child, and the child's education, recreation and social activities.

IF YOU WANT HELP AT ANY TIME
DURING THE PROCESS CALL LEGAL AID.