

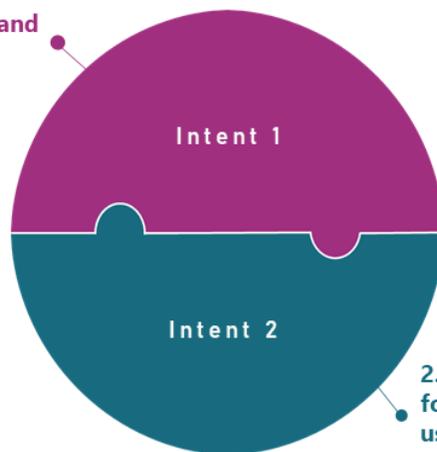
COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Angel's Story – Recommendation 5

Recommendation Summary: Review and reform addiction treatment programs, create a safe and secure facility for sexually exploited youth (SEY).
Primary Public Body: Manitoba Mental Health and Community Wellness

1. Review and reform provincial treatment programs for children and youth.

Internal evaluation of the Compass Program has been conducted and planning is underway by the NBP national team for a model which will include mental health, substance use and addictions core services for youth and young adults.



2. Create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are using substances and who are sexually exploited.

Manitoba Mental Health and Community Wellness reported that Neechewam Inc., a facility with four beds, has been fully operational since August 31, 2021. No other information was provided on the creation of safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba.

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

0.50

Partially Compliant

Recommendation Compliance Summary

In accordance with subsection 11(1) clause (d) of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act (ACYA)*, the Advocate retains the responsibility "to monitor the implementation of recommendations included in reports made under section 27 (investigation) or special reports made under section 31."

This form details the assessment of implementation of compliance made under the referenced subsection of the ACYA. MACY assesses implementation of compliance with recommendations once a year but receives updates from public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Special Report Name:	In Need of Protection: Angel's Story
Date Released:	12/13/2018
Full Recommendation: (including details)	<p>Recommendation Five: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Department of Health, Seniors and Active Living and Department of Families, in collaboration with the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, (1) review and reform the province's treatment programs for children and youth and (2) create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are sexually exploited and harmfully involved in substance misuse.</p> <p>DETAILS: This should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve community organizations. • Address the limitations, barriers, and occupancy rate concerns of existing resources (e.g., Compass, YASU). • Include a harm reduction policy specific to children and youth. • Recognize that "secure facilities" do not need to be institutions, but can be secured via adequate staffing, geographic locations, and can further be holistic and culturally-based home-like settings. • Involve youth, experiential, and Indigenous stakeholders. • Address accessibility challenges related to addiction and mental health treatment services. • Be informed by a scan of jurisdictions who successfully incorporate short- and long-term safe and secure settings in their continuum of care models for youth who are sexually exploited. • Be included in the Provincial Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<p>The intents of the recommendation are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and reform provincial treatment programs for children and youth. 2. Create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are using substances and who are sexually exploited.
Issue:	Mental Health and Addictions
Public Body	Manitoba Health and Seniors Care
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	June 30, 2022
	July 13, 2021
	June 30, 2020
	December 31, 2019

	June 30, 2019
2. Compliance Determination	
Partially Compliant 0.50	Actions taken only implement part of the recommendation. Important requirements have been met, deficiencies remain yet the recommendation has been acted upon.
Self-Assessment:	Fully Compliant
Prior Assessment:	Partially Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
<p>Intent 1: Review and reform provincial treatment programs for children and youth.</p> <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An internal evaluation of the Compass program has been conducted. • Planning is underway by the Needs Based Planning (NBP) national research team for a model which will include mental health, substance use, and addictions core services for youth and young adults aged 15 and older. • MHCW reported that it has initiated a project to develop and define core services for children and youth, as well as a qualitative gap analysis to determine where gaps in core services may exist for children and youth. It is expected to be complete fall 2022. <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning is underway to develop a National Needs Based Planning framework. <p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFM has done their own internal review of their youth programs and, although it did not share any documentation of this, it reported occupancy levels have improved since this review took place. In addition, AFM made the decision to embed its youth counsellors into community-based organizations to better serve youth where they are at. <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) has conducted an internal review to address occupancy challenges. <p>Intent 2: Create safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are using substances and who are sexually exploited.</p> <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Mental Health reported that Eagle Embracing You, by Neecheewam Inc., has become fully operational since August 31, 2021. • This facility is located in Winnipeg and has four beds. • There is no evidence of the creation of safe and secure facilities for youth in Manitoba who are using substances and who are sexually exploited. • On the use of ‘safe and secure facilities’, Manitoba Mental Health indicates that this may be contrary to Indigenous practice, but did not provide further information or an alternative for how Indigenous practices will inform the provision of care facilities. <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manitoba government has invested \$800,000 in 2019/20, and \$1.5 million in 2020/21 to enable Project Neecheewam Inc. to expand its Winnipeg facility, and improve access to Indigenous-led healing, care, and treatment services to sexually exploited youth. This provincial funding will allow Neecheewam to undergo renovations to pilot a new, longer-term four-bed addition to its treatment facility. Staff have been hired, and are currently being 	

trained. Neecheewam Inc. is expected to open in June 2021.

2020

- The Community Emergency Department Violence Program provides support and services to sexually exploited youth who have experienced violence-related injuries by a multi-disciplinary team that uses a harm reduction, trauma-informed approach to care.
- Newcomer Trauma-Focused Services are provided to newcomer youth who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental illnesses that often make them more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. They can access long-term mental health services in the community with linkages to the formal health care system.

2019

- Neecheewam Inc. is developing a new residential treatment facility. Upon development, a four-bed unit will be offered to youth who are using substances and who are being sexually exploited, to provide specialized mental health and addictions treatment.

Analysis Summary: Progress has been made on Intent 1 with the decentralization of addictions services, the NBP Framework, and the project defining and developing core service for youth, albeit the focus on young adults aged 15 and over. The creation of safe and secure facilities, however, remains outstanding. As such, this recommendation remains partially compliant.