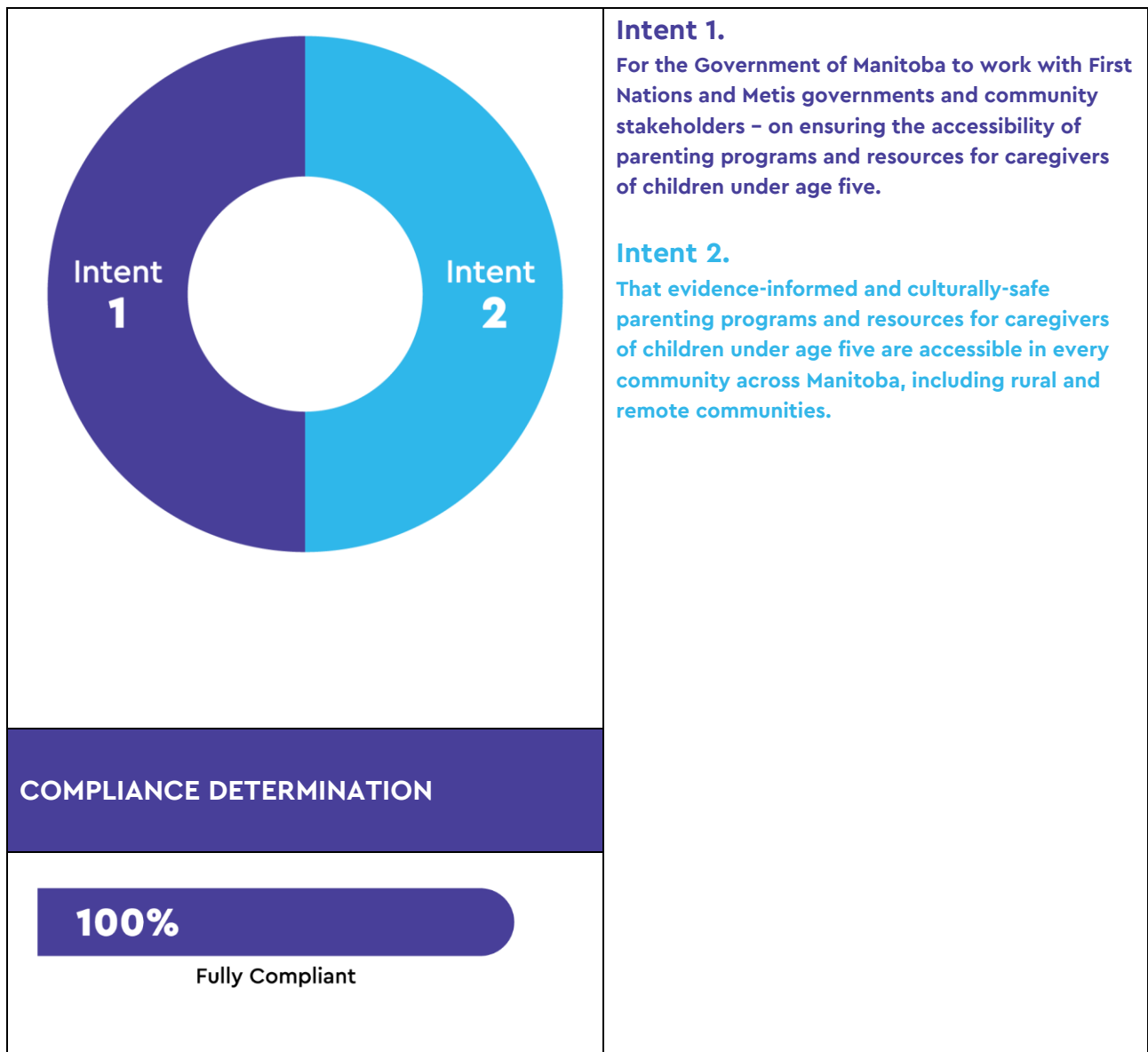


COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Maltreatment – Recommendation 2

Recommendation Summary: Fund parenting programs and resources in Manitoba communities.

Primary Public Body: Government of Manitoba



Intent 1.

For the Government of Manitoba to work with First Nations and Metis governments and community stakeholders – on ensuring the accessibility of parenting programs and resources for caregivers of children under age five.

Intent 2.

That evidence-informed and culturally-safe parenting programs and resources for caregivers of children under age five are accessible in every community across Manitoba, including rural and remote communities.

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

100%

Fully Compliant

Recommendation Compliance Summary



This form details the assessment of compliance with recommendations made under Section 27 and Section 31 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*. MACY assesses recommendations for compliance once a year but receives updates from the public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Report Name:	Still Waiting: Investigating Child Maltreatment after the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry
Date Released:	3/11/2021
Full Recommendation: (including details)	<p>Recommendation Two:</p> <p>Consistent with <i>Call to Action 5</i> of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Government of Manitoba work with First Nations and Metis governments and community stakeholders to ensure access to evidence-informed and culturally-safe parenting programs and resources for caregivers of children under the age of five in every community across Manitoba, with attention to rural and remote communities.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess available parenting resources in Manitoba for children under the age of five. • Identify geographic gaps in resources and/or areas where existing resources can be improved. • Develop and/or enhance resource supports for caregivers. • Integrate parenting resources within existing community infrastructure (schools, community resource centres, etc.), where possible. • Create and implement a strategy that ensures the ongoing dissemination of information regarding available parenting resources to caregivers of young children across Manitoba.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<p>For the Government of Manitoba to work with First Nations and Metis governments and community stakeholders – on ensuring the accessibility of parenting programs and resources for caregivers of children under age five.</p> <p>1. That evidence-informed and culturally-safe parenting programs and resources for caregivers of children under age five are accessible in every community across Manitoba, including rural and remote communities.</p>
Issue:	Parent Treatment/Resources
Public Body	Government of Manitoba
Dates of Previous Official Updates from	May 31, 2023 June 30, 2022

Public Body:	Government of Manitoba
2. Compliance Determination	
Fully Compliant 1.0	Actions taken fully implement the recommendation
Self-Assessment	Fully Compliant
Previous Compliance Determination	Largely Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
<p>Intent 1: For the Government of Manitoba to work with First Nations and Metis governments and community stakeholders – on ensuring the accessibility of parenting programs and resources for caregivers of children under age five.</p> <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of Manitoba has reported additional information to supplement its submissions from 2021 and 2022, including: the provision of annual core funding from Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations to the Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres for the Child Parent programming delivered by individual friendship centres across Manitoba. Funding is also provided through this department to the MKO Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy for their Baby Basket Program. • Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL) recently announced the Ready to Move (RTM) Child Care Initiative with First Nation Communities as targeted partners for the purpose of providing 1,600 new child care spaces. The RTM child care project is a partnership between the governments of Canada, Manitoba, municipal governments, and First Nations communities to develop new child-care facilities in less than a year in areas with demonstrated need for spaces. • As detailed in other recommendation responses, MEECL has additionally brought Indigenous-led supports into the school system through the expansion of the Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Schools initiative. This initiative will impact children aged four and five attending schools, as well as their families. <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A response was first provided to this recommendation in 2021, but it was not included in the 2021 compliance process due to the report release occurring less than 6 months before the reporting deadline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 2021 response included: The Department of Families is focused on providing community-driven and community-based parent-child early childhood development and parenting education programs as identified in diverse communities throughout Manitoba. The model specifics are still being developed in consultation with community. There is a staff position in the Child and Youth Services Division, however, which is dedicated to supporting and moving this work forward, including the connections to 	

other Families' funded programming that has direct links (e.g., Healthy baby and ELCC).

- In addition, the 2021 response discussed a collaborative project between Manitoba and the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH), to launch four resources for First Nation and Metis parents. These four parenting booklets are available online as of 2017, and cover the topic areas of: Growing Up Healthy, Family Connections, Parents as First Teachers, and Fatherhood is Forever. Hard copies of the booklets can also be ordered.
- The NCCIH partnership with Manitoba continued with the development and launch of a parenting resource that focused on children ages 6-12 years. In 2021 this resource was in final stages of editing and addressing feedback.
- The response provided in 2022 explains the parenting resources first launched in 2017 were re-launched in 2021, and the final booklet for ages 6-12 was launched in November 2021.
- Across Manitoba, the work of parent support programs has leadership from Parent Child Coalitions. The coalitions are provincially funded and have the responsibility of identifying local parent support needs, and coordinating local responses.
 - There are currently 14 Parent Child Coalitions: six in Winnipeg and eight outside of Winnipeg (each provincial region is represented by at least one coalition). Each coalition either directly runs programming or provides funding/coordination to related programming.
- There is evidence within this response of collaboration regarding parenting resources. The discussion of parenting resources and programming seems well coordinated, with resources being discussed and developed for both targeted and universal accessibility in Manitoba.

Intent 2: That evidence-informed and culturally-safe parenting programs and resources for caregivers of children under age five are accessible in every community across Manitoba, including rural and remote communities.

2023

- The programming and funding announcements identified under intent 1 are also applicable to this intent of the recommendation, as they concern regional availability of parenting programs and resources for Manitoba families.
- Further examples of funding expansion are found with the matching funds provided to the For Every Family Initiative through United Way of Winnipeg, and the \$25 million provided through the Building Sustainable Communities program to upgrade facilities and resources in communities across Manitoba.
- Numerous changes through the child care partnership with the federal government are noted, including making the cost of child care more accessible (\$10/day), expanding child-care spaces, and improving salaries and staff retention.

Discussions are underway for the expansion of sites of the Abecedarian model of early childhood learning with northern and rural considerations.

2022

- In Both 2021 and 2022, examples of parenting programs available in Manitoba were provided. The list from both years includes:
 - public health nurses Families First: a voluntary home-visiting program focused on healthy parenting and child development
 - Granny's House: a pilot project to provide 24/7 temporary, culturally-safe respite care to families who are experiencing challenges
 - Villa Rosa: residential peri- and post-natal services
 - Indigenous Women's Healing Centre: residential programs for women and children with a history of victimization, including family violence and addictions
 - InSight Mentor Program: connecting women with mentors in an evidence-based program to prevent FASD, deal with underlying addictions issues, and improve overall health and wellness
 - Healthy Baby Community Support Program: providing expectant and new parents with practical information on maternal and child health issues
 - Healthy Baby Manitoba Prenatal Benefit: financial support to help lower-income women ensure they can afford the higher nutritional costs associated with pregnancy
 - Family Resource Centres: located throughout the province, with a wide range of supports and services to families
 - Parenting Student Support Program: works with students who have children or are pregnant and want to stay in or return to school
 - The Mothering Project: culturally safe wrap around supports to expectant and new mothers who are struggling with addiction
 - Indigenous-led, Restoring the Sacred Bond Program: providing wrap around doula supports for expectant mothers (this is a Social Impact Bond with the Southern First Nation Network of Care)
 - Two new Indigenous-led Community Helper Programs: in home supports to families to prevent child apprehensions and family breakdown
 - Community Addictions Response Team (CART): a new pilot program with Metis Child, Family and Community Services and Michif CFS, which provide intensive supports to families struggling with addictions and mental health to prevent family breakdown
 - Early learning and child care programming across the province

- 22 Parent Child Coalitions across the province (including 11 outside of Winnipeg): quality programming for families with children under the age of 5 years
- The Adolescent Parent Interagency Network (APIN): comprised of agencies, individuals, and professionals in Manitoba who collaborate to assist teens who are pregnant and teens who have children, whether or not they are primary caregivers
- The For Every Family Initiative: a partnership between the United Way Winnipeg and Manitoba that aims to enhance preventative and community-based programming in 24 family resource centres across Winnipeg
- Other community-based supports to parents include: Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, Family Dynamics, and New Directions.
- Funding to 211 service to assist families accessing appropriate supports across Manitoba
- Website: manitobaparentzone.ca
- Paid access for all those in Manitoba to the *Science of Early Childhood Development Living Textbook*
- Pilot of My-baby parenting support program (my-baby.ca) for high risk expectant and new parents developed by RRC Polytech, and being distributed through the CFS authorities via Joint Training Team for authority and agency staff (initial feedback is being sought from service providers and then roll out will start with parents)
- Expansion of access to affordable child care through bilateral partnership with federal government

Analysis Summary: Evidence has been provided of action towards both intents of this recommendation, demonstrating the Government of Manitoba's commitment to enhancing the availability of programming, supports, and resources for Manitoba families with children under the age of five. Funding is noted to be distributed to regionally variable communities specifically for the provision of parenting programs, and with this is demonstration of partnership with First Nation communities for the provision of services. The numerous announcements that have arisen from the partnership with the federal government regarding child-care demonstrate the commitment to distributing resources for child-care across Manitoba communities and to making it more affordable and accessible. The information provided towards meeting the intents of this recommendation over 2021, 2022, and 2023 demonstrates the prioritization of the development of parenting resources for Manitobans. As such, this recommendation is considered Fully Compliant.