

# COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

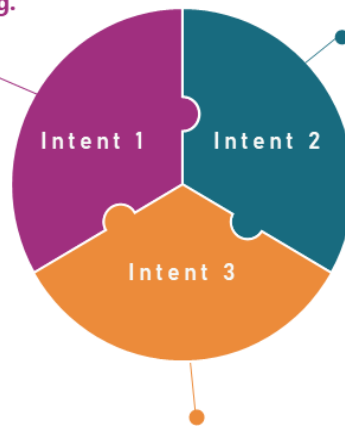
## Disabilities – Recommendation 2

**Recommendation Summary:** Develop a protocol that coordinates services between child welfare and Children's disABILITY Services.

**Primary Public Body:** Manitoba Families

### 1. Develop a protocol between Children's disABILITY Services and Child and Family Services for mutually agreed processes and joint funding.

A joint presentation is being developed for field staff in CdS and CFS. This presentation will be used to develop a protocol.



### 2. Protocol addresses access, funding, and licensing of out-of-home and alternative care arrangements for children with disabilities and families with high support needs.

The Out-of-Home Overnight Respite pilot project was announced in August 2021, and the Bridge Program Pilot project was announced in March 2022.

### 3. Protocol revises Children's disABILITY Services policy that restricts the provision of Children's disABILITY Services for children transitioned into care with Child and Family Services to 90 days following the placement of the child.

Families reported that the department is reviewing current policies and exploring options.

## COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

0.25

Limitedly 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.

<b>1. Recommendation Information</b>	
<b>Special Report Name:</b>	<b>Bridging the Gaps: Achieving Substantive Equality for Children with Disabilities in Manitoba</b>
<b>Date Released:</b>	3/25/2021
<b>Full Recommendation:</b> (including details)	<b>Recommendation Two:</b> The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that a protocol be developed between Children's disABILITY Services and Child and Family Services that clearly outlines mutually agreed upon processes for serving and jointly funding services for high needs children with disabilities and caregivers that receive services from both programs.
<b>Intent(s) of Recommendation:</b>	The intents of the recommendation are to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Develop a protocol between Children's disABILITY Services and Child and Family Services for mutually agreed processes and joint funding.</b></li> <li><b>2. Protocol addresses access, funding, and licensing of out-of-home and alternative care arrangements for children with disabilities and families with high support needs.</b></li> <li><b>3. Protocol revises Children's disABILITY Services policy that restricts the provision of Children's disABILITY Services for children transitioned into care with Child and Family Services to 90 days following the placement of the child.</b></li> </ol>
<b>Issue:</b>	Disabilities
<b>Public Body</b>	Manitoba Families
<b>Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:</b>	June 30, 2022
<b>2. Compliance Determination</b>	
<b>Limitedly Compliant 0.25</b>	Actions taken only implement a small part of the recommendation, requirements are only fulfilled to a limited degree by actions taken, resulting in significant deficiency in implementation.
<b>Self-Assessment</b>	Partially Compliant
<b>Previous Compliance Determination</b>	N/A
<b>3. Rationale for Determination</b> <i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	

**Intent 1: Develop a protocol between Children’s disABILITY Services and Child and Family Services for mutually agreed processes and joint funding**

**2022**

- Manitoba Families reported that a joint presentation has been developed for field staff in both departments. This presentation clarifies eligibility criteria, supports to children and families, and how the departments will work together.
- The presentation also includes information about the newly established agency-delivered Out-of-Home Overnight Respite pilot project.
- Elements of this presentation and perspectives of the field will be used to develop a protocol which stipulates the roles and responsibilities of each department and a pathway for working together.

**Intent 2: Protocol addresses access, funding, and licensing of out-of-home and alternative care arrangements for children with disabilities and families with high support needs.**

**2022**

- Manitoba Families reported that in August 2021, the Out-of-Home Overnight Respite pilot project was announced. Under this program, one three-bed facility has been opened in Winnipeg and another three-bed facility will be opened in Brandon.
- Manitoba Families also reported that in March 2022, Manitoba announced the Bridge Program Pilot Project. This program will support families who are no longer able to provide full time care due to the complexity of their child’s exceptional care requirements. This is a two-year pilot program.

**Intent 3: Protocol revises Children’s disABILITY Services policy that restricts the provision of Children’s disABILITY Services for children transitioned into care with Child and Family Services to 90 days following the placement of the child.**

**2022**

- Manitoba Families reported that the department is reviewing current policies and exploring options, using a family-centred and client-focused lens.

**Analysis Summary:** The joint presentation between CdS and CFS staff, and the intention to develop this presentation and its feedback into a protocol, signifies a step toward meeting this recommendation. Full appraisal will be done once this presentation has been adapted into a protocol. The pilot programs also demonstrate attempts at addressing access and funding of out-of-home and alternative care arrangements. The projects reported are, however, pilot programs. Until a full execution of these programs and the development of a more permanent program to meet the out-of-home and alternative care needs, this recommendation will remain open. The restriction on the provision of Children’s disABILITY Services for children transitioned into care with Child and Family Services to 90 days is also yet to be reviewed or revised. As such, this recommendation has been deemed limitedly compliant.