

# COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

## Maltreatment – Recommendation 2

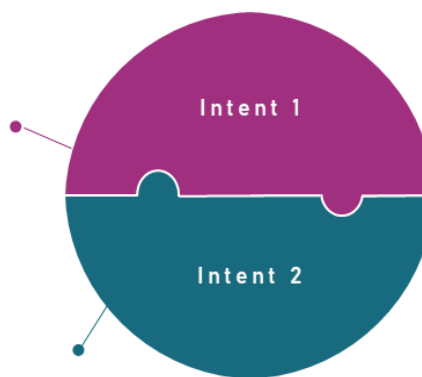
**Recommendation Summary:** Fund parenting programs and resources in Manitoba communities.

**Primary Public Body:** Government of Manitoba

**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.**

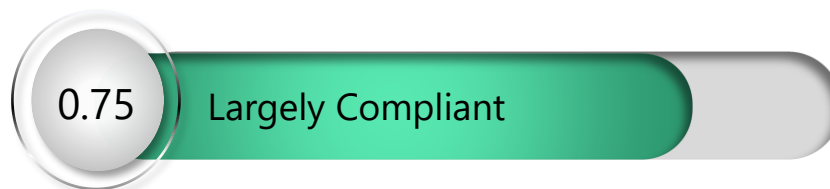
GOM's 2021 response discussed a collaborative project between Manitoba and the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) to launch 4 resources for First Nation and Metis parents. These 4 parenting booklets were available online as of 2017, and cover the following topic areas: Growing Up Healthy, Family Connections, Parents as First Teachers, and Fatherhood is Forever. A second resource for children aged 6-12 was developed and released in 2021.

**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.**



In both 2021 and 2022, examples of parenting programs available in Manitoba were provided by GOM. Across Manitoba, the work of parent support programs involves leadership by Parent Child Coalitions. These coalitions are provincially funded, and have the responsibility of identifying local parent support needs, and coordinating local responses. There are 6 in Winnipeg and 8 in rural locations. Work on the development of additional targeted and universally accessible programming continues.

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## 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	
<b>Special Report Name:</b>	<b>Still Waiting: Investigating Child Maltreatment after the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry</b>
<b>Date Released</b>	3/11/2021
<b>Full Recommendation:</b> (including details)	<p><b>Recommendation Two:</b> Consistent with Call to Action 5 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><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess available parenting resources in Manitoba for children under the age of five.</li> <li>• Identify geographic gaps in resources and/or areas where existing resources can be improved.</li> <li>• Develop and/or enhance resource supports for caregivers.</li> <li>• Integrate parenting resources within existing community infrastructure (schools, community resource centres, etc.), where possible.</li> <li>• Create and implement a strategy that ensures the ongoing dissemination of information regarding available parenting resources to caregivers of young children across Manitoba.</li> </ul>
<b>Intent(s) of Recommendation:</b>	<p>The intents of the recommendation are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>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.</b></li> <li><b>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.</b></li> </ol>
<b>Issue:</b>	Parent Treatment/Resources
<b>Primary Department:</b>	Government of Manitoba
<b>Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:</b>	June 30, 2022

<b>2. Compliance Determination</b>	
<b>Largely Compliant 0.75</b>	The requirements have been met almost entirely and only negligible requirements remain to be implemented.
<b>Self-Assessment</b>	Largely Compliant
<b>3. Rationale for Determination</b>	
<i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 six months before the reporting deadline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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).</li> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ The NCCIH partnership with Manitoba continued with the development and launch of a parenting resource that focused on children ages 6 to 12 years. In 2021 this resource was in final stages of editing and addressing feedback.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The response provided in 2022 explains that 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.</li> <li>• 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p>	

- 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](http://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](http://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:** It is evident from the information provided in 2021 and 2022, that Manitoba is focused on ensuring there are accessible parenting resources and programs available to all Manitobans. Newer accessible initiatives include the parenting booklets launched in 2017, and re-released in 2021 with a newer booklet for older children. While services remain more prevalent in Winnipeg, the work of Parent Child Coalitions ensures there is coordination and knowledge of the services available in rural communities. Other promising initiatives for supports for parents include the bilateral partnership with the federal government on child care. Manitoba's agreement lays out a number of targets, including increasing accessibility and affordability for child care spaces. Work on the development of additional targeted and universally accessible programming continues. Based on the information provided to date, this recommendation is considered largely compliant.