

<b>In Need of Protection (Angel)</b>	<b>Recommendation One</b>	<b>Reported Status: (not reported)</b>
<b>Report Sent: December 13, 2018</b>	<b>Public Body: Manitoba Education and Training, Manitoba Families, Manitoba Justice, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living</b>	
<p><b>Recommendation One:</b>          The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that Manitoba Education and Training, Manitoba Families, Manitoba Justice, and Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living engage with experts in childhood trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in order to develop a trauma prevention and response plan of action to (a) educate service providers and the public on ACEs, and (b) create appropriate, accessible immediate and long-term evidence informed interventions to address the trauma crisis that is ongoing in Manitoba.</p>		

**Response from the Manitoba Government on June 27, 2019:**

Summary of activities completed since report was released

Further work and collaboration with stakeholders will inform government’s next steps related to raising public awareness on ACEs.

In 2018/19, Manitoba Justice provided the Winnipeg Police Service with \$63,900 to work with stakeholders to create a video series to increase awareness of “complex trauma” in children in Grades 7 to 12. The goal is to educate young people in an age-appropriate manner on what complex trauma is and how it can lead to alcohol and illicit drug use, addiction, gang involvement and human trafficking or exploitation. Project funding includes resources to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Significant work is happening throughout government and the broader public service in relation to training specific to trauma. For example, all four CFS authorities offer training on the effects of trauma to their agency staff and both the First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority and the Southern First Nations Network of Care include training regarding ACEs. Manitoba Families’ interdepartmental training unit offers *The Effects of Trauma* training to all department employees, and this speaks to ACEs. Manitoba Justice is currently implementing *Road to Mental Readiness* training. New Directions provides trauma-informed training for child and youth mental health workers.

Even though trauma-informed practice is being implemented throughout the public service, improvements can be made to include a more integrated training model. Departments will remain engaged in discussing options for better integration across government and government-funded agencies such as CFS authorities, regional health authorities and school divisions.

**Analysis of Manitoba Government’s Response by the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth:**

**Activities Completed:**

- In 2018/19, \$63,900 was provided to WPS to create a video series regarding complex trauma for presentation to children in grades 7-12. The goal is to educate youth about trauma and how it can lead to substance use, gang involvement, exploitation, etc. The project is to be evaluated.
  
- The response identifies that training occurs throughout government and public services related to trauma. The training provided by the CFS Authorities is cited as an example, as well as a Manitoba Families training titled “Effects of Trauma”.
  - Manitoba Justice is identified as implementing “Road to Mental Readiness” training.
  
- Acknowledgment that improvements can be made to include a more integrated training model across the public service and a commitment to remain engaged in discussion.

**Level of Compliance**

This response indicates a commitment to respond to the intent of the recommendation.

**Analysis of Response**

- As this response progresses, helpful information would include:
  - Detailed information regarding the WPS video series, such as when will the project be implemented, which schools will participate, and when will the evaluation occur?
  - Details about the training on ACEs or trauma available from Manitoba Education, Manitoba Families, Manitoba Justice, and Manitoba Health.
  - Further information on how a more integrated training model regarding trauma can/will be achieved for service providers.
  - Information on Part B of the recommendation regarding interventions to address Manitoba’s trauma crisis.
  
- To be addressed in the short term\*:
  - Status of implementation
  - Information indicating a timeline for implementation

\*On September 30, 2019, the Manitoba Advocate sent a letter to the members of the government’s MACY-RAP committee and working group requesting additional information regarding the government’s progress on recommendations made by the Advocate. The Advocate communicated to the government representatives short-term questions for information that could be provided quickly. Additionally, the Advocate sent long-term questions for the government to address in future progress reports. The questions are designed to seek clarification on activities, seek evidence or documentation to support the activities, or to determine how the government’s responses are meeting the intent of the recommendations made by the Advocate. All of this information will be used by the Advocate to determine the levels of compliance with



implementation, in accordance with s.11(1)(d), s.30(2)(d), and s.30(4), of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*.