



# Caregiving within the Framework

## Virtually Facilitated In-Service Training

### Course Description

This training will help you be aware of, and more familiar with, the legislation, principles and policies that apply to you as a caregiver. The framework to provide care for children and youth in care is found in the legislation, regulations, policies and practice supports of Children and Family Services.

### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Describe which laws (Acts and Regulations) apply to Child Intervention's actions.
- Become aware of the basic structure of Child Intervention in Alberta; who we serve and how we serve them.
- Demonstrate understanding of how the "Matters to be Considered" contained in the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* impact decisions made for a child or youth in care.
- Become familiar with the Principles of the "Child Intervention Practice Framework."
- Understand the basic process by which a child or youth comes into care.
- Describe what is required to become a licensed caregiver and what is necessary to maintain that license.
- Gain an overview of your responsibilities and rights as a kinship or foster caregiver.
- Illustrate some of the ways the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* applies differently to Kinship and Foster Caregivers.

### Key Messages

- The *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act (CYFEA)* provides the foundation for the important role of foster parents and caregivers.
- The *Matters to Be Considered* within the *CYFEA* provides guiding principles in law to direct the decisions made in the best interests of the child.
- Regulations such as the *CYFEA* Regulations and Residential Facilities Licensing Regulations provide the practices and procedures for application of the *CYFEA*.
- Preservation of an Indigenous child's cultural identity and connections while in the care of the director is focus of the Act.
- Kinship and foster caregivers provide temporary care and are an integral part of the team working together towards reunification of the child with their former guardians.
- All approved Caregivers are required to follow the legislation, policies and regulations set out to provide the best possible care for children and youth.
- Expectations of caregivers are built upon the foundations of legislation, regulations and policies that are built into the agreement to provide care and must be followed.

### Guided Discussion Questions

1. How do you ask for a child or youths' ideas and opinions?
2. What do you do to support a child's lifelong relationships?

## Resources

The diagram below is used to assist caregivers to understand how legislation, regulations, policies and practice in Child Intervention flow together.

