

WHAT CAN COMMUNITY DO?

As a community member, if you believe that a child is being abused or neglected, you have a legal responsibility under *The Child and Family Services Act* and *Criminal Code of Canada* to report.

Once you report, the report will be investigated by trained, professional staff who will determine the best way to help the child be safe.

Sometimes, this may require the child be removed from parental care and placed in a safe home that has been fully screened for safety.

Sometimes, the child may be left in the care of the parents with intensive supports to keep the family together.

If you have a concern for child safety call 306-445-3500 or call the police 306-446-1720. Someone will answer the phone at all hours of the day or night.

Children are sacred and need help when they are in danger. You can help by calling us.

What can you do as a Parent?

As a parent who has concerns or questions about the care you are providing your child, services are available such as:

- Personal counselling
- Parent aide supports
- Self-help groups
- Parenting sessions
- Appropriate discipline classes
- Elder support

Asking for help is not a sign that you have failed as a parent.

It is a sign that you recognize difficulty and that you care enough about your child to do something about it.

**If you need help :
Call Kanaweyimik and ask to speak to the Intake Worker.**

Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services Inc.

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PROTECTION SERVICES



Objectives

- Support families to safely care for their children in their own homes rather than removing children from their parent's care.
- Provide safe care for children when they have to be removed from parental care while we work with their parents to address issues preventing them from caring for their children.

What Are Causes of Child Neglect or Abuse?

- Stress
- Illness
- Drug and/or alcohol abuse
- Isolation—lack of support
- Inadequate housing
- Inappropriate discipline
- Lack of parenting experience
- Tension/frustration caused by child's behaviour or special needs or disabilities
- Domestic violence
- Parents' own childhood experiences with neglect and/or abuse
- Grief

Child Neglect and Abuse

Physical Abuse

- Any form of physical violence, cruel punishment or injury.

Sexual Abuse

- Any form of sexual exploitation or sexual activity with a child.

Physical Neglect

- Failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, health care, guidance or supervision.

Emotional Neglect or Abuse

- Excessive and repeated demands which cannot be met by child and/or repeated humiliation of a child.

Exposure to Domestic Violence

- Parents fighting in the presence of children. Fighting can be arguing, hitting each other, yelling at each other, threatening physical harm.

Common Indicators of Child Neglect or Abuse

A child has injuries that cannot be explained or has repeated injuries of the same type.

The child appears undernourished or in need of essential medical or dental treatment.

Child is given inappropriate food, drink, medicine or drugs.

Child's living conditions pose a threat to health.

Child is roaming around unsupervised for long periods of time.

Child is continuously asking for food.

Child has unusual knowledge or interest in sexual acts and terminology.

Child appears withdrawn and sad.

Child's clothing is not clean and wears same clothes for long periods of time.

Child is continually tired and lacking sleep.

Parents regularly use alcohol or drugs in a way that interferes with their ability to care for their child.

HEALTHY FAMILY VALUES

