

What is the final result of the ADP?

Three main things are determined through the ADP:

1. Culturally Appropriate Authority
Your family's culturally appropriate Authority(ies) will be identified through the ADP. This is based on the cultural background of you and members of your family.

There are guidelines for identifying the culturally appropriate Authority. Your worker can provide you with information regarding these guidelines.

2. Authority of Service

The Authority of Service is the Authority you choose to oversee the delivery of service to you and your family.

3. Service Provider

The Service Provider is the agency that the Authority of Service selects to deliver services to you and your family.

Can I change my Authority of Service?

You and your family have the right to request a change of Authority of Service. There is a formal process for these types of requests that your worker can explain to you.

Want more information? Have any concerns?

If you want more information before you make a decision or if you have any concerns afterwards, please speak with your worker.

Or, if you prefer, please call any of the Child and Family Services Authorities during regular office hours.

Metis Child and Family Services Authority
127—150 Henry Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0J7
(204) 949-0220

First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority
100—696 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0M6
(204) 783-9190
Toll Free: 1 800 665-5762

First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority
502—338 Broadway Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0T2
(204) 942-1842

General Child and Family Services Authority
301—180 King Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 3G8
(204) 984-9360
Toll Free: 1 866 803-2814

You can also find information on the AJI-CWI website at:
<http://www.aji-cwi.mb.ca>

The Authority Determination Process (ADP)

A Guide for Children and Families



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Aboriginal Justice Inquiry—Child Welfare Initiative

The focus of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry—Child Welfare Initiative (AJI-CWI) is to restructure child and family services in Manitoba and develop a new system that recognizes and respects cultural differences.

The new system acknowledges the rights of First Nations and Metis peoples to develop and control the delivery of their own child and family services.

"Four new Child and Family Services Authorities"

Part of this restructuring is the creation of four new Child and Family Services Authorities who will oversee the delivery of services through their agencies across Manitoba.

The new Authorities are:

- Metis Child and Family Services Authority
- First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority
- First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority
- General Child and Family Services Authority

What is the Authority Determination Process (ADP)?

If you require services, the Authority Determination Process (ADP) will be used to identify which of the Child and Family Services Authorities will oversee the delivery of services to you and your family.



"Children, families and communities belong together"

The ADP is based on these values:

- Service arrangements should be culturally appropriate, stable and timely
- Children, families and communities belong together
- Decisions will be in the best interests of children

How does the ADP work?

The ADP is done through an interview with you and a child and family services worker. They will ask questions about your family to help identify the culturally appropriate Child and Family Services Authority for each member of your family.

You are free to choose either your culturally appropriate Authority identified during the interview or any of the other Authorities in Manitoba. The choice is yours.

"This is an important decision"

This is an important decision. Your worker will help you and your family to understand your opinions and support you in making the best decision for you and your family.

Based on their age and maturity, children and youth also have an opportunity to participate in the selection but it is the parent or legal guardian who makes the final decision.

However, there are two exceptions to this in which a youth can make the final decision:

1. Youth in care who are in independent living arrangements established and supervised by a child and family services agency.
2. Youth who are parents or who are receiving expectant parent services from a child and family services agency.

In both of these examples, adult family members can offer advice but the choice of which Authority will oversee the delivery of services is up to the youth.

What about confidentiality?

As in the current child and family services system, information provided during the ADP interview is protected and confidential under The Child and Family Services Act of Manitoba.

