

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW



--- Information for Youth in Care Handbook ---

DID YOU KNOW?.....

Children and youth will participate in **all decisions** that affect them, their views being given due weight in accordance with their age and maturity and that **EVERY** child and youth in out-of-home care is to be given a copy of the **Information for Youth in Care**. The booklet is intended for use with youth in care who are 12 years of age and older, and should also be used with younger children when it is appropriate.

PROCEDURES:

The Social Worker responsible for Out-of-Home care and planning will:

FOR CAREGIVERS:

- ensure that all caregivers (foster parents, room and board providers, etc.) have a copy and are familiar with the information in the handbook **within 30 days** of a placement in their home.
- document in the Foster Home file that the handbook information has been explained to (or reviewed with) the Foster Parents.
- review the handbook on an annual basis with caregivers (i.e. with foster parents, as part of the annual review)



FOR YOUNG PERSONS IN CARE:

- review the handbook with the young person within 30 days of the youth coming into care to ensure the youth understands the information contained within the handbook;
- assist the young person to complete the information on page 15 of the handbook
- assist the young person to make changes to the information on page 15 of the handbook as appropriate (i.e. change of Social Worker, Supervisor, etc);
- document in the young person's file that the handbook information has been explained to the youth in care.

POINT OF INTEREST:

To review the outline of Rights and Responsibilities of youth in care see: Chapter 1 Section 1.0.1.7 of the Children's Services Policies and Procedures Manual

For further information on the Information for Youth in Care Handbook see: Chapter 1, Section 1.7