

Name of Organization	Safe Kids & Youth (SKY) Coordinated Response
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DESCRIPTION:

The Safe Kids & Youth (SKY) Coordinated Response aims to ensure that children and youth in the West Kootenay Boundary region of British Columbia who come forward about their experiences of abuse, violence or neglect receive the best possible response from the range of services they connect with. SKY is a rural adaption of a CYAC model, which includes all the same best practice elements yet configured in such a way to better serve 80,000 people scattered across 30,000 square kilometres. Rather than being co-located in one centre, there are five multi-disciplinary SKY teams around the region with three more currently in development. Each SKY team has: StepWise trained interviewers (police and MCFD); a child-friendly interview room with A/V recording equipment and monitoring room to support joint interviewing; a Victim Service worker who provides local SKY coordination to support the child, family and team throughout the entire process; access to nearby pediatric forensic medical examination; and training in trauma-informed and culturally responsive practice.

MDT partner organizations: Ministry of Child & Family Development (MCFD), RCMP, Nelson Police Department, Interior Health, North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society, Nelson CARES Society, Castlegar & District Community Services Society, Salmo Community Services, Boundary Individual and Family Services Society, Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services Society, and Trail FAIR Society.