

CYAC/CAC Guidelines: Case Review

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Presentation Agenda

- The purpose, process and structure of Case Reviews
- Considerations and challenges when implementing a Case Review process
- Case Review Illustrations

What is a Case Review?

From the *National Guidelines for Canadian Child Advocacy Centres/Child & Youth Advocacy Centres* (2021):

“A case review is a trauma-informed, collaborative, formal process to discuss elements of the case, including the investigation, addressing any safety/risk issues for a child and family, making a plan for ongoing support, and preparing for any criminal justice process as necessary.”

What are the Objectives of a Case Review?

What?

- Provide updated case information
- Coordinate services and interventions
- Foster collaboration and mutual accountability
- Make informed decisions

How?

- Sharing of knowledge, experience and expertise of all MDT members
- Consideration of multiple perspectives
- Mutual support is provided
- Review of CYAC procedures, protocols and best practices

Approaches for Meeting this Guideline

CYAC develops a written Case Review process and protocol for the MDT

CYAC designates a staff member to coordinate and facilitate the Case Reviews

Case Reviews occur for all cases *or* for select cases only, depending on volume of cases at the centre

What are important considerations when initiating a Case Review process?

- **Development**
- **Commitment**
- **Scheduling**
- **Understanding and Knowledge of process and benefits**



Considerations of Who Attends the Case Review?

- Considerations of Participants
- Information Sharing Legislation
- Partnership Agreements
- Internal and External Considerations



Challenges to Consider

- **Scheduling**
- **Naming**
- **Structure**
- **Ensuring collaboration**

Case Review Examples

1. Helpful for the MDT and the child/family

2. Helpful for the organizations/systems

Resources

- **Canada's Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Website**
<https://cac-cae.ca/best-practice-guidelines-for-canada/>
- **National Childrens Alliance website**
 - ***Putting Standards into Practice: A Guide to Implementing the 2023 National Standards of Accreditation for Children's Advocacy 2023 Edition***
<https://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/ncas-standards-for-accredited-members/>

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