



Child and Family Services Division
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Child Intervention Practice in Alberta



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- Child Intervention practice in Alberta has, by evolution, become collaborative
- A child intervention practice framework is a natural and expected continuation of a commitment to improving outcomes for children and families



Child Intervention Practice Framework

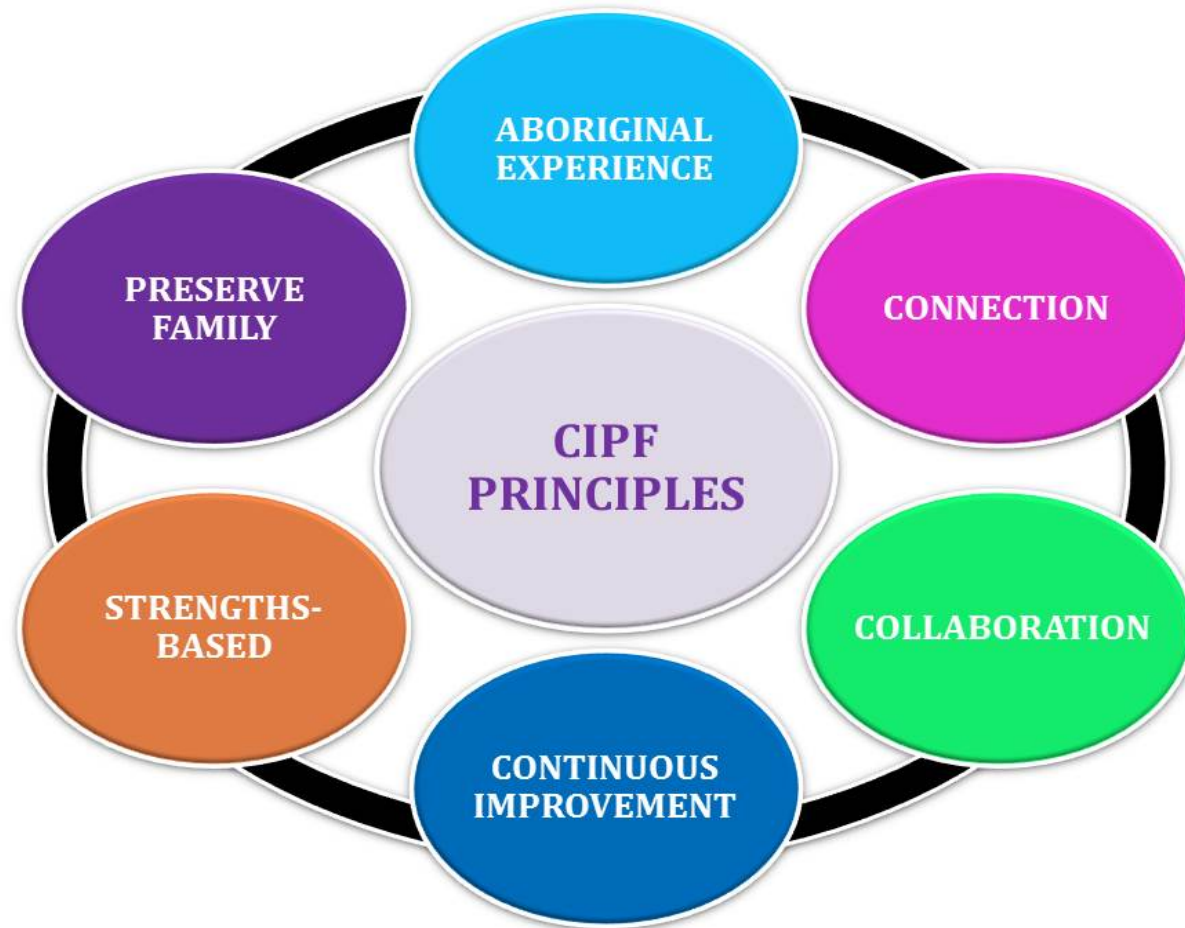
- A well-defined practice framework supports everyone involved in Child Intervention, provides confirmation that their work is important and valued, and guides their efforts to achieve the best possible outcomes for vulnerable children, youth, and families
- A practice framework outlines the core principles that underlies our approach to working with children, youth, families, and communities
- Alberta is in the implementation phase



Outcomes for Children and Youth

- Supporting vulnerable children to live successfully in the Community
- Children in temporary care will be reunited quickly with their family
- Children in permanent care will be placed in permanent homes as quickly as possible
- Youth will be transitioned to adulthood successfully
- Aboriginal children will live in culturally appropriate placements

Working Principles



From Principles to Practice

- The Child Intervention Practice Framework connects the legislation governing child intervention, the processes developed to organize the work, and the leading practice approaches that are designed to improve outcomes for Alberta's families.
- Combining these elements in a strengths-based, relational, and principle-based approach will lead to collaborative and seamless service delivery.

Changes in Practice

- Connections with our aboriginal partners are being strengthened
- Family meetings will be encouraged as families have the responsibility and right to participate in decisions and plans that affect them
- Unique individualized plans will be developed and supported
- Through the provision of early intervention and prevention services, children, youth and families are better able to address issues earlier on at a community level



Principle Based Practice and Outcome Focused Service Delivery

- Outcome Based Service Delivery
- Front End Strategies
- Signs of Safety Approach
- Family Group Conferencing
- Early Intervention