



## CAREGIVERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE AN AGENCY DECISION

Caregivers/Foster parents who disagree with a child and family services agency's decision to remove a Child In Care from their home have access to the appeal procedure which is described in the *Child and Family Services Authorities Act* and *Authorities Regulations*.

Caregivers/Foster Parents who disagree with the removal of a foster child (children) from their foster home can initiate an appeals process as described in the *Child and Family Services Act* and *Regulations*:

- Appeal to the agency Executive Director in writing **within twelve days** of removing the child
- Executive Director offers Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) process in writing within nine days of receiving the appeal. An ADR is a meeting between the parent(s) and the agency to review the decision for the child's removal
- If dissatisfied with the ADR process, foster parents can appeal **within seven days** to the agency's Authority in writing. The Authority must respond within 14 days
- If dissatisfied with the Authority's response, foster parents can appeal **within fourteen days** to the Provincial Director of Child Welfare for a referral to the Adjudication Process
- Adjudication varies according to the complexity of each case and the time required to hear the appeal

Please [contact](#) the Metis Child and Family Services Authority for more detailed information regarding Caregiver/Foster Parent Appeals.