

AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Child and Family Services Agency: This is an agency that has the legislative authority under *The Child and Family Services Act* to:

- a) Perform child protection functions and assume responsibility for children in care, including all case management decisions. When performing this role, an agency is referred to as the *placing agency*. The *child-in-care worker* carries out these duties on behalf of the placing agency.
- b) License foster homes, as outlined in *The Foster Home Licensing Regulation*. This authority cannot be delegated. However, activities related to the development and management of foster home resources may be carried out by a community care provider. When performing this role, an agency is referred to as the *licensing agency*. The foster care worker carries out these duties on behalf of the licensing agency. In addition, the foster care worker provides support to the foster home and ensures that caregivers have the capability to meet the needs of the children in their care.

Community Care Provider: This is a community organization that provides foster care services to child and family services agencies. There are two aspects of this service provision:

- a) The development and management of foster care resources. These resources are licensed by child and family services agencies. The responsibilities of community care providers are those of a managing agency.
- b) The supervision of the placement of children within its foster homes in accordance with the case management and child protection decisions made by the children's placing child and family services agencies. In fulfilling this role, the community care provider supports its caregivers and ensures they have the capability to meet the needs of the children in their care. This includes identifying and addressing any issues and sharing information about the well-being of the children in its foster homes to their placing agencies.



CHANGES UNDER THE B&L TRANSITION TO AGENCY MANAGED FOSTER HOME

- All foster homes in Manitoba are licensed by a CFS agency
- Presently B&L managed foster homes are already licensed by a CFS agency
- The current or new licensing agency will assume all responsibilities of the foster home managing agency (B&L)
- A foster care worker from the licensing agency will be assigned to manage and provide support to the foster home
- CFS agency foster care worker will replace the B&L case manager
- Foster parents will communicate and have contact with the CFS workers for the children in care placed in the home

