

Child Safety and Well-being: Guiding Principles

The *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* must be interpreted and administered so that the safety and well-being of children are the paramount considerations, and the following principles are applied*:

	Protection from harm	The child's best interests, safety and well-being is paramount.
	The importance of family and community	The well-being of a child's families and communities is crucial to their own well-being.
	The importance of connections	Children benefit from <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Lasting relationships with family, friends, caregivers and other people who they have formed connections with.b. Preserving connections with their culture and cultural communities, and opportunities to form or strengthen those connections.c. Permanent, formalized ties with people who care about them.
	The importance of Indigenous involvement	Indigenous peoples should be involved in the planning and decisions impacting their families and children, and providing the services that follow.

*The above wording has been summarized. See An Act For Strong Families Building Stronger Communities for exact wording.

