

*Fearless  
R2W*

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MB CHILD WELFARE  
EDUCATION &  
ADVOCACY

# *Who We Are*

FEARLESS R2W IS A GROUP OF GRASSROOTS HELPERS &  
PARENTS

WE MEET REGULARLY TO LEARN ABOUT CHILD WELFARE  
& RELATED SYSTEMS

WE ACT AS INFORMAL SUPPORTS TO FAMILIES TO HELP  
THEM ANSWER QUESTIONS/NAVIGATE SYSTEMS



# *What's in a name?*

**FEARLESS** = OUR DREAM IS FOR FAMILIES TO BE UNAFRAID OF CFS

**R2W** = OUR POSTAL CODE WHERE WE STARTED  
1 IN 6 KIDS ARE IN THE CARE OF CFS

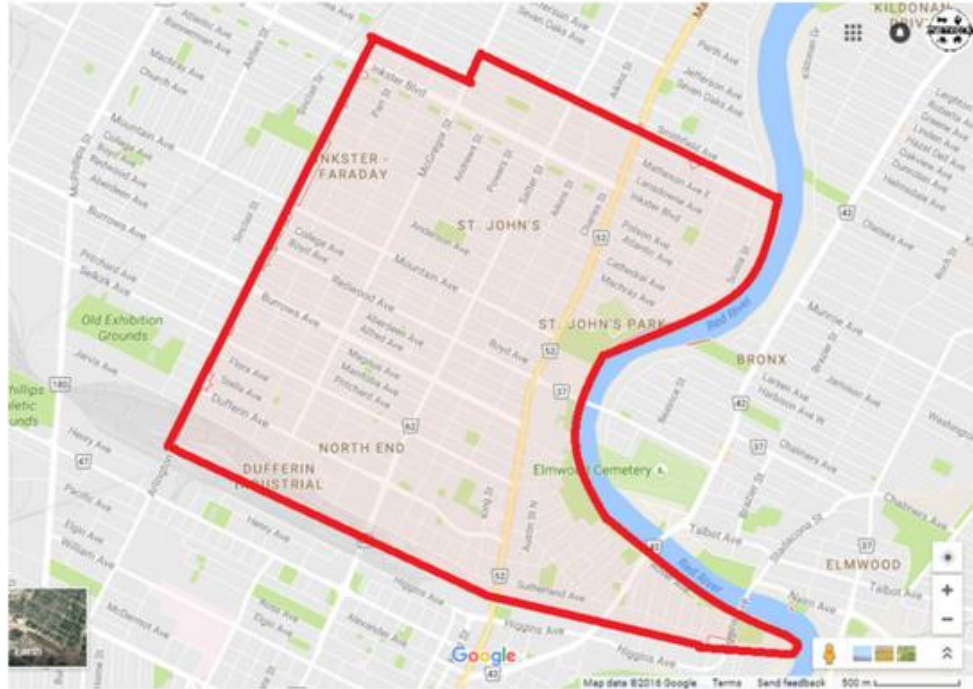
**EDUCATION** = WE WANT TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE WITH FAMILIES  
AND COMMUNITY

**ADVOCACY** = WE WANT TO AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF PARENTS &  
FAMILIES AS THEY DEAL WITH CFS



# The R2W

## ARLINGTON/MCADAM/RED RIVER/CPR TRACKS



# *Fearless Values*

- WE ARE A CIRCLE OF SUPPORT AND VALUE ONE ANOTHER AS ONE FAMILY
- WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN HEART, MIND, BODY, SPIRIT
- WE AGREE TO DISAGREE WITH KINDNESS
- WE BELIEVE LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE
- WE BELIEVE IT IS ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THE CHILDREN ALL OF THE TIME



# *Fearless Values*

- WE ENCOURAGE EACH PERSON TO FIND AND SHARE THEIR GIFTS WITH US
- WE WELCOME DIFFERENT APPROACHES, OPINIONS AND STYLES
- WE WILL NOT GOSSIP OR UNDERMINE ONE ANOTHER BUT SPEAK WELL OF EACH OTHER & COMMUNICATE ANY CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE INVOLVED
- WE WILL LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER



# *Education*

- WEEKLY LEARNING & SHARING CIRCLES
- GUEST PRESENTERS
- ONLINE RESOURCES
- CFS JEOPARDY
- HOOPS GAME
- **COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS\***



# *Weekly Circles*

WE MEET WEEKLY AT SHARING AND LEARNING CIRCLES. THE TOPICS AND GUESTS VARY BASED ON THE COMMUNITY NEED.

WE WELCOME ALL PARENTS IN THE R2W AND BEYOND AS WELL AS COMMUNITY HELPERS TO BUILD SYSTEM LITERACY AND SHARE RESOURCES.





# *Weekly Circles*

WE ALSO EAT TOGETHER

OUR MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL & NO  
PHOTOS OF FAMILIES WILL BE TAKEN OR  
SHARED WITHOUT CONSENT



# *Guest Presenters*

WE INVITE VARIOUS GUESTS TO COME TO  
OUR  
LEARNING CIRCLES TO BUILD OUR  
SYSTEM LITERACY & ADVOCACY  
KNOWLEDGE

EXAMPLES INCLUDE...



# Community Recommendations

Sober  
Socialization



Community Child  
Care/Respite



Attend Programs  
To Get Kids Back



Communications



System  
Literacy



- 1.) INCREASE ACCESS TO SAFE SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES
- 2.) TEMPORARY DROP OFF POINT FOR PARENTS
- 3.) ATTEND NECESSARY PROGRAMS TO GET KIDS BACK
- 4.) IMPROVE YOUR OWN COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- 5.) BUILD YOUR OWN SYSTEM LITERACY



# Community Recommendations

**Be Good Tenants**



**Learn from Other Places**



**Find the Helpers**



**Share Success Stories**



**Parent Networking Supports**



6.) LEARN TO BE GOOD TENANT

7.) RESEARCH OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND THEIR BEST PRACTICES

8.) CONNECT WITH ALL CHILD WELFARE GROUPS IN THE AREA

9.) SHARE SUCCESS STORIES

10.) DEVELOP PARENT NETWORKING SUPPORTS



# Advocacy

- 1-ON-1 MEETINGS TO SUPPORT PARENTS (THE BUDDY SYSTEM)
- TEAM MEETINGS WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT
- COMING SOON: PARENT ADVOCACY TRAINING
- COMING SOON: PARENT RIGHT'S CARDS
- GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS\*



# *1-on-1 meetings (the buddy system)*

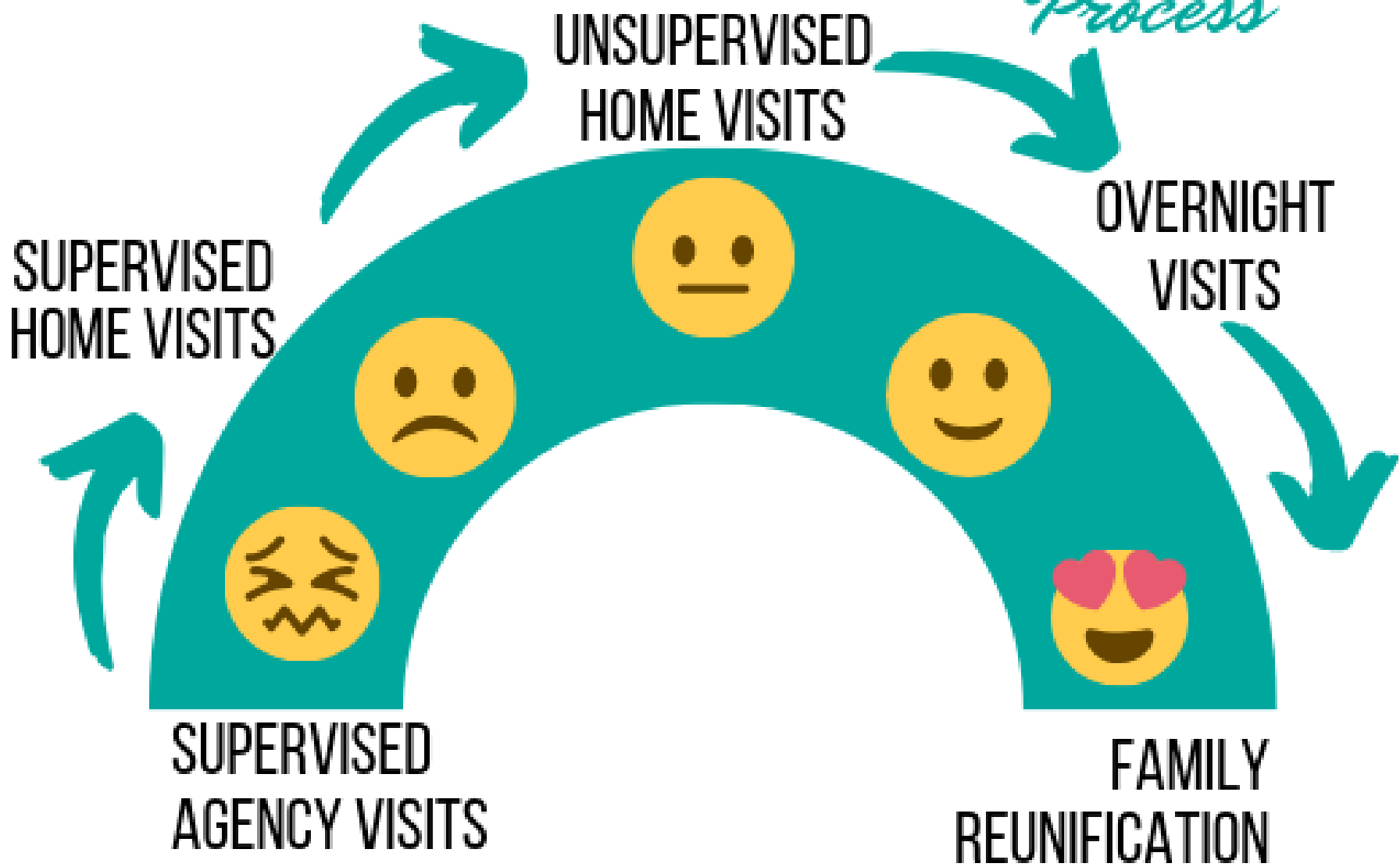
WE CONNECT WITH PARENTS WHO NEED  
QUESTIONS ANSWERED OR AN INFORMAL  
SUPPORTER TO ATTEND MEETINGS WITH  
SOCIAL WORKERS



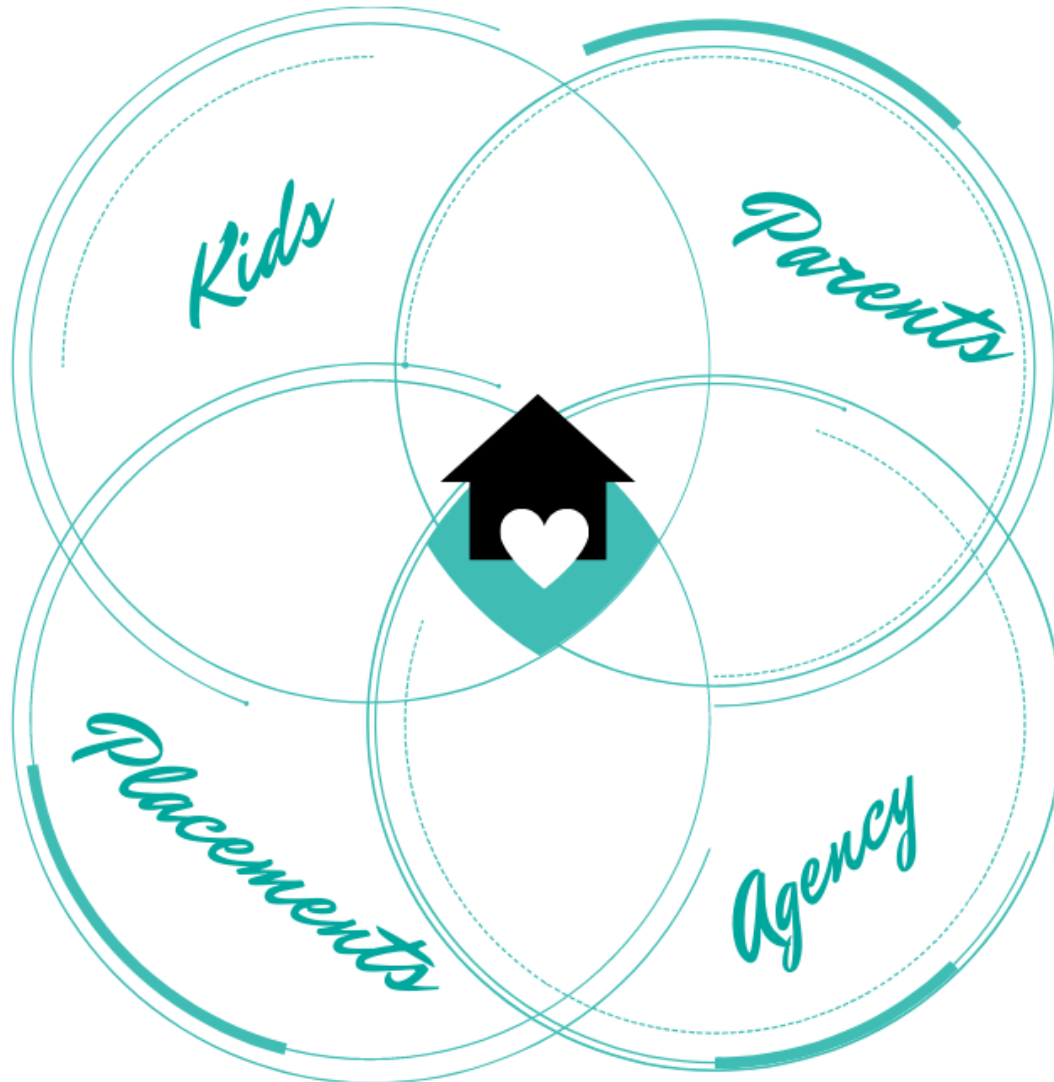
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# VISITATION TO REUNIFICATION

*Process*



# INCREASING VISITATION





# *Meetings*

WE INVITE HELPERS WITH FEARLESS  
R2W TO ATTEND MEETINGS OUT IN  
THE **COMMUNITY OR CFS OR**  
**GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**



# *Coming Soon*

- PARENT ADVOCACY TRAINING
- PARENT'S RIGHTS CARDS



# Government Recommendations

Local Addiction  
Supports



Safe Spaces for  
Families



Cultural  
Opportunities



Housing  
Supports



Transition to  
Independence

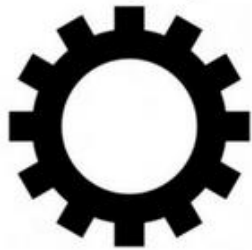


- 1.) INCREASE ACCESS TO LOCAL ADDICTION PROGRAMMING
- 2.) SUPPORT SAFE SPACES FOR FAMILIES
- 3.) MORE CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
- 4.) INCREASED ACCESS TO MANITOBA HOUSING
- 5.) SUPPORTIVE TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE



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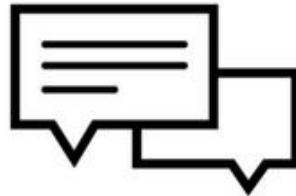
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Local Employment



Training



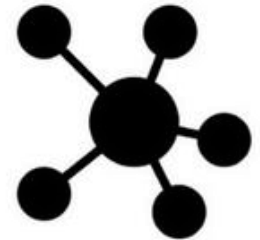
Communications



Re-assess Risk  
Assessments



Parent Networking  
Supports



6.) CREATE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

7.) TRAINING

8.) INCREASED COMMUNICATION

9.) RE-ASSESS THE RISK ASSESSMENTS

10.) INCREASE PARENT NETWORKING SUPPORTS:



We're expanding

# MANITOBA AND YUKON

# *How to find us*

WEDNESDAYS @ TURTLE ISLAND @ 6:00PM



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*Questions?*

