



Child and Family Services Jurisdiction



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What is Child and Family Services?

Child and Family Services

- Aims to support children to be safe, cared for, and supported at home and in community
- Includes prevention, family support, and protection when safety concerns exist
- Aims to keep children connected to family, culture, and community whenever possible
- Seabird's Child and Family Services are currently MCFD for on-reserve and FVACFSS for off-reserve

What is Child and Family Services Jurisdiction?



Treaty, Self-Government Agreements, Jurisdiction



Treaty

- Modern or historical
- Agreement outlining land use, resources, etc.
- Historically may not have granted governance rights



Self-Government Agreement

- Negotiated agreements granting authority over governance
- Includes laws, policies, and services
- E.g. education, resources, justice



Jurisdiction

- Governance authority over a specific area

Child and Family Services Jurisdiction

“Whereas Parliament affirms the right to self-determination of Indigenous peoples, including the inherent right of self-government, which includes jurisdiction in relation to child and family services”

An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis
children, youth and families

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Child and Family Services Jurisdiction



Affirms the inherent right to self-government and jurisdiction over child and family services



Establishes national guidelines for how child and family services should be provided to Indigenous children.



Supports the implementation of UNDRIP

Child and Family Services Jurisdiction

- Moves decision-making to the Nation rather than solely the Ministry or Government
- Provides the opportunity for care and services to be grounded in the community's culture, traditions, and teachings

What could Jurisdiction mean for Seabird?

- Seabird-led decision making
- Child and family services grounded in Seabird values, customs, culture, traditions, and teachings
- Halq'eméylem and culture woven throughout



Child and Family Services Law

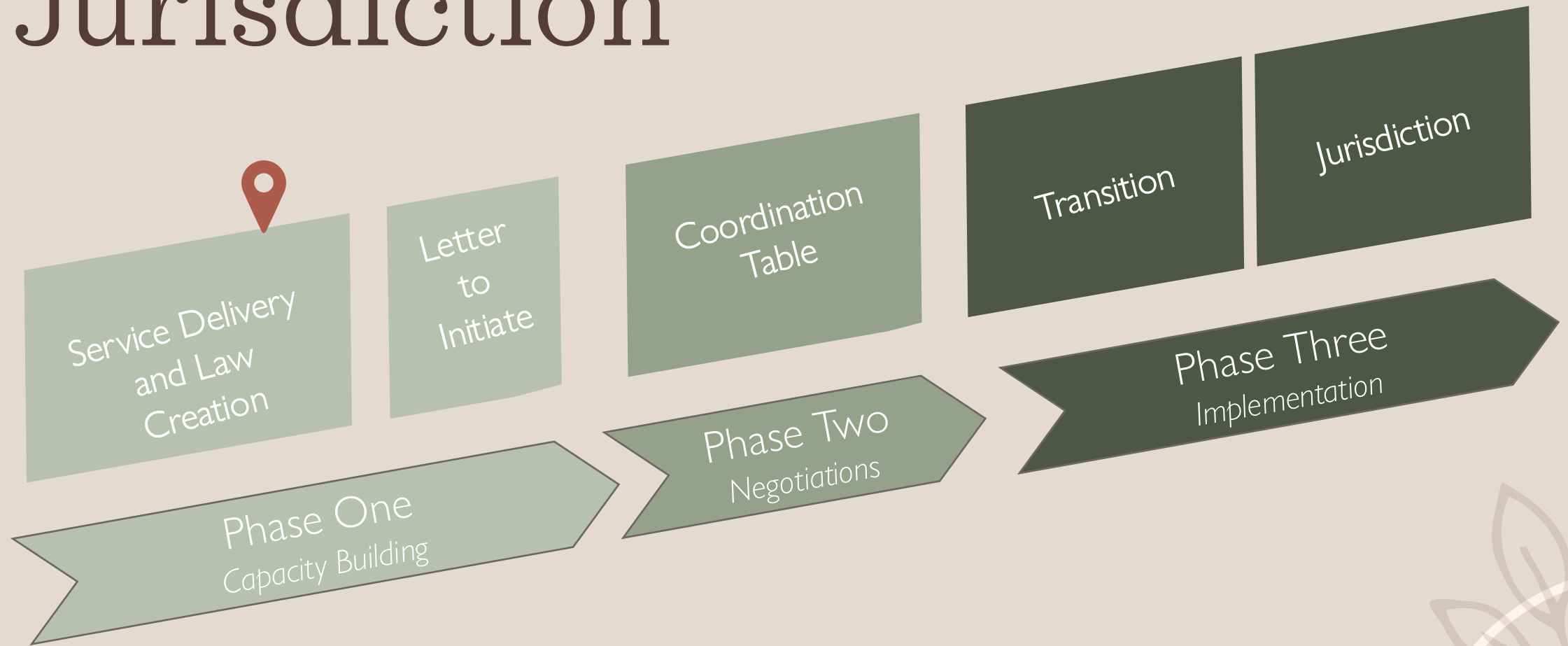
What is a Child and Family Services Law?

- Describes how children are supported and kept safe
- Outlines when and how help is provided to children and families in need
- Clarifies the roles of families, community, Administration, and Chief and Council



Steps Towards Jurisdiction

Steps to Jurisdiction



Your Voice Matters

- What would you like to learn more about?
- How would you like to receive updates and information?
- What is important to be included in the CFS Law?



thank you!



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