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The New Brunswick Child Rights Indicators Framework: a model for evidence based practice and child rights implementation

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Overview



- The State obligation to monitor child rights implementation
- Child Rights Data Monitoring & NB experiencing
- Integrated Service Delivery and measuring success in child rights implementation

on the

- Adopted on 20 November 1989
- Near universal ratification - 193 countries
- Covers about 2.2 billion children globally and 7 million in Canada
- 42 substantive rights guarantees in Participation, Provision and Protection
- Three Optional Protocols:
 - Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict (2002)
 - Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (2002)
 - Optional Protocol on a communications procedure (2014)



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Function and Purpose:

- Data monitoring and reporting on Child rights implementation is a foundational obligation of government, *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*, Art. 42, General Comment 4.

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Thematic Focus and prospective impact:

- Each Year the Framework is informed by the thematic content of the International Summer Course on the Rights of the Child.

Previous reports have focused on:

- Children deprived of liberty and the child's right to a separate system of criminal justice administration Art. 37 & 40
 - Articles 23 and 24 and the rights of children and youth to health and access to mental health services
 - Article 19 and the child's right to be protected from all forms of harm .
- The Framework is emerging as a Global best practice:
- informed by emerging practice in Belgium and Switzerland
 - informed by the GlobalChild reporting tool to the UNCRC
 - informed by our deliberations this week at the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) Congress

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Thematic Focus and prospective impact:

- Moving Forward the Child Rights Indicator Framework (CRIF) will move to include more structure and process indicators in keeping with human rights indicator monitoring practice.
- We will seek to align these with rights attributes and related indicators identified by Global Child as emerging global standards as this work unfolds.
- We will continue to add and adjust CRIF with new indicators relevant to New Brunswick stakeholders and continue to improve our disaggregation by vulnerable youth sector.
- We will develop a new partnership with the NB Institute for Data Training and Research to improve the online user interface to increase searchability and functionality in data manipulation for end-users.

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More than Just Words:



The Child Rights and Wellbeing Framework



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- Annual Snapshot from 2011-2016 produced jointly with the New Brunswick Health Council to provide a portrait of New Brunswick Children and youth in relation to their rights under the UNCRC
- Contains over 230 distinct indicators of child rights and wellbeing, drawn from over 50 data sources
- A third of the indicators are obtained through child self-report through the New Brunswick Wellness Survey, collected from a sample of over 50,000 school children in grades 4 and 5 and in grades 6-12 in separate three year cycles.
- The snapshot allows to situate the condition of New Brunswick children in relation to their Canadian peers
- It has proven extremely effective in mobilizing the New Brunswick government to action in areas such as mental health investments crime reduction and sexual predation upon children
- It very intentionally has sought to blend the conversations between human rights enforcement and social determinants of health, within our provincial domestic context.



The Child's Rights are the Future

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4 - HEALTH

How well are we supporting and providing health prevention and treatments to our children and youth?

PROVISION AND PROTECTION
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Articles 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 18,
19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 39

	Year	Age or Grade	Previous NB Data	Person with a disability	Immigrant	Aboriginal	Gender Male	Female	NB	Canada	Rank (NB to Canada)
1	2011	0 to 1 year old	5.8				2.6	4.4	3.5	4.8	
2	2012-13	At birth	5.9						6.2	6.2	8/10
3	2009-09	At birth							-44.7	-407.9	7/9
4	2015-16	Newborn and Infant	92.2						91.5		
5	2013	12 to 19 years old	94				96	96	97	86	1/10
6	2013	12 to 19 years old	62				66	71	68	62	3/10
7	2013	12 to 19 years old	77				100	99	99		
8	2009-10	6 to 14 years old							78	71	
9	2013	12 to 19 years old	38				39	49	44	48	6/10
10	2012	12 to 19 years old	15				13	13	13	11	1/10
11	2009-10	12 to 19 years old					84	81	83	85	6/10
12	2013	12 to 19 years old	31				36	33	34	27	9/10
13	2006	6 to 14 years old							9	11	
14	2015-16	0 to 19 years old	34				36.5	28.1	32.4	27.2	
15	2013	12 to 19 years old	0.7 ^a				0	0	0	0.3	1/10
16	2013	12 to 19 years old	14.4 ^b				13	9	11	10	7/10
17	2006	6 to 14 years old							22	14	
18	2015	15 to 19 years old	1,023.6				400.8	1,712.4	1,067.3		
19	2015-16	0 to 16 years old	50.1						51.4		
20	2015-16	0 to 16 years old	46.5				37.8	60.6	48.8	33.7	
21	2015-16	0 to 18 years old	12.4				13.5	6.5	10.1	4.7	
22	2015-16	0 to 19 years old	9.6				5.7	16.6	11.0	9.7	
23	2015-16	0 to 18 years old	8.1				5.7	12.5	9.0	6.6	
24	2015-16	0 to 18 years old	1.6				1.8	1.0	1.4	1.1	
25	2015-16	0 to 18 years old	1.6				1.0	3.0	2.0	0.8	
26	2015-16	0 to 16 years old	2.7				1.5	6.4	3.9	2.6	
27	2015-16	0 to 16 years old	1.4				0.1	2.9	1.5	1.6	

Bold = Updated indicator

7. Special Protection Measures

UNCRC Articles 22, 38, 39, 40, 37, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 30

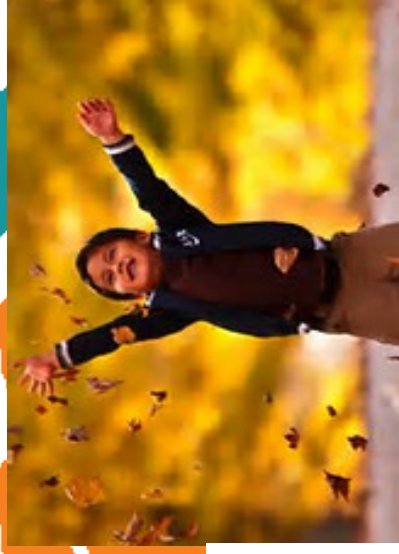
#	Indicator	Age, Grade Or Group	DIS	IMM	AB	MAL	FEM	N.B. Current (year)	NB Previous (year)	Canada Data (year)
1	Youth crime rate, charges laid - per 100,000 criminal code violations ¹⁷	Ages 12 to 17						2266 (2015)	2371 (2014)	2137 (2015)
2	Youth crime rate – no charges laid – per 100,000 youth	Ages 12 to 17								
3	Youth charged with impaired driving – per 100,000 youth ¹⁸	Ages 12 to 17						21.16 (2015)	20.91 (2014)	17.13 (2015)
4	Youth charged with drug offences – per 100,000 youth ¹⁸	Ages 12 to 17						114.26 (2015)	142.17 (2014)	165.13 (2015)
5	Property crimes committed by youth – per 100,000 youth ¹⁷	Ages 12 to 17						717.29 (2015)	721.13 (2014)	621.28 (2015)
6	Rate of youth being charged with violent crime – per 100,000 youth ¹⁷	Ages 12 to 17						647.47 (2015)	694.13 (2014)	629.26 (2015)
7	Youth violent crime severity index(measure of relative severity of violent crimes) ¹⁹	Ages 12 to 17						49.37 (2015)	47.63 (2014)	66.53 (2015)
8	# of multidisciplinary conferences for youth in correctional services ⁴	12 to 17 years old						91 (2016-2017)	178 (2015-2016)	
9	# of reintegration leaves for youth in secure custody ⁴	12 to 17 years old						4 (2016-2017)	22 (2015-2016)	
10	# of escorted leaves for youth in secure custody ⁴	12 to 17 years old						62 (2016-2017)	123 (2015-2016)	
11	Youth probation rate (per 10,000 young persons in province)	12 to 17 years old						68.6 (2012-2013)	77.1 (2012)	57.7 (2012-2013)
12	# of youth in Extra-Judicial Sanctions (Alternative Measures) program ⁴	Ages 12-17			22	258	106	364 (2016-2017)	304 (2015-2016)	
13	# of youth in pre-trial detention ⁴	Ages 12-17			15	109	32	141 (2016-2017)	197 (2015-2016)	
14	# of youth sentenced to open custody ⁴	Ages 12-17			2	8	3	11 (2016-2017)	22 (2015-2016)	
15	# of youth sentenced to secure custody ⁴	Ages 12-17			1	17	0	17 (2016-2017)	39 (2015-2016)	

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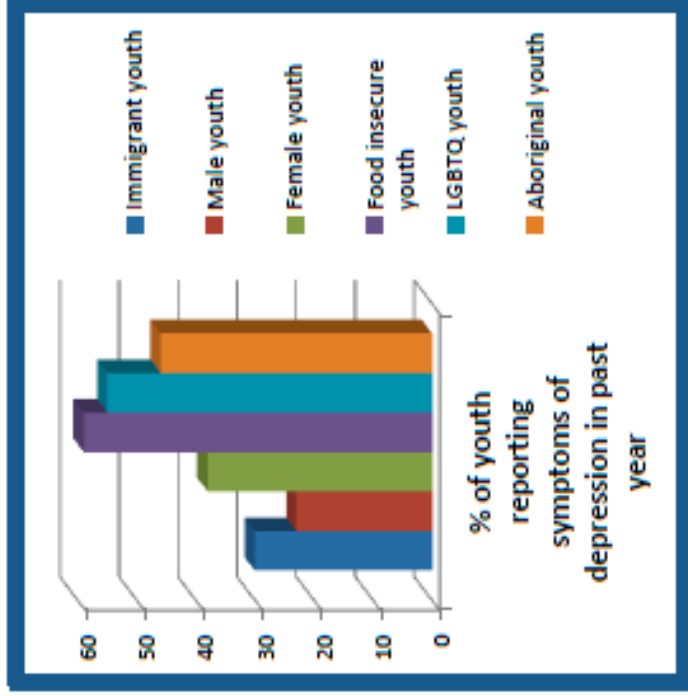
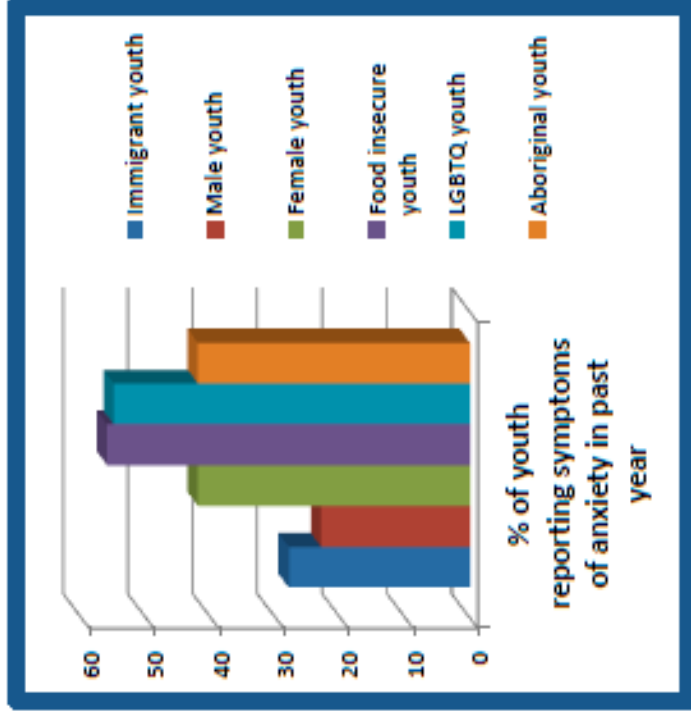


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New disaggregation in 2017 Framework points to increased vulnerabilities of children in poverty:



Delivery

- Integrated Service Delivery is an innovative all of government approach in New Brunswick to wrap services around complex needs youth and to provide early intervention services to children at risk of developing complex needs.
- ISD has been recognized by the BC legislature as a national and global best practice and has won innovation awards provincially and nationally
- It has contributed significantly to the elimination of wait times for mental health services in regions where it has been implemented
- It began with two demonstration sites in 2010 in response to the Advocate's Connecting the Dots Report and in 2018 will be rolled out to all schools in the Province.



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Child Rights e-book training modules have been developed for all ISD service providers

A New Interdisciplinary Research Chair in Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CRISMEJ) in Moncton has been established.

Dr. Jimmy Bourque will develop the monitoring and evaluation framework for ISD as one Child Rights based intervention within a continuum of Care supported by a provincial network of excellence for children and youth.

Measuring the success of public sector interventions in complex live systems is a complex task to which Child Rights Implementation science is particularly well suited.

In this endeavour proving cause and effect may not be as important as ensuring positive trending and improving gains in overarching outcomes.



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