

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

**IF YOUR CHILD IS
APPREHENDED**
(with or without Police)

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STATEMENT FOR CHILD WELFARE AGENCY

My Rights:

- I have a right to know why my child is being apprehended, and an opportunity to respond after having spoken to a lawyer.
- I have a right to know a child care worker's name.
- I have a right to know a police officer's name and badge number (if applicable).
- I have a right to request for my child to be placed with a member of his/her extended family or a member of his/her Band/community or with another Native family.
- The society has a statutory duty to try to provide services to assist my family before my child is removed from my home.
- I have a right to legal advice before signing any agreement.
- I have a right to legal counsel (Legal aid may be available).
- I have a right to an alternative dispute resolution process.
- I have a right to regular communication with the child care worker. My telephone calls should be returned within 24 hours.
- I have a right to be provided a copy of any documents.
- I have a right to make a complaint through the internal complaints process.
- I can report a child care worker who abuses me, swears at me or violates my rights.

Thank you for respecting my rights.



Has my Band been notified or consulted? Has my kin network (family & extended family) been asked to be caregiver for my child?

You are entitled to make a complaint about the services or conduct of a Child Welfare worker to the Child and Family Services Review Board at: **1-888-728-8823**

Or in writing to:

**Child and Family Services Review Board
1075 Bay Street, 7th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5S 2B1
Fax: (416) 327-0558**

To speak to a lawyer, call Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services at 1-800-465-5581