



Saskatchewan's Children and Youth First Principles

Our office simplified the 54 articles included in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into 8 principles most applicable to Saskatchewan children and youth. In 2009 the government of Saskatchewan adopted the Saskatchewan's Children and Youth First Principles, which state:

All children and youth in Saskatchewan are entitled to:

- Those rights defined by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Participate and be heard before any decision affecting them is made.
- Have their 'best interests' given paramount consideration in any action or decision involving them.
- An equal standard of care, protection and services.
- The highest standard of health and education possible in order to reach their fullest potential.
- Safety and protection from all forms of physical, emotional and sexual harm, while in the care of parents, governments, legal guardians or any person.
- Be treated as the primary client, and at the centre, of all child-serving systems.
- Have consideration given to the importance of their unique life history and spiritual traditions and practices, in accordance with their stated views and preferences.



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