

Child Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) in New Brunswick – a new experience

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Timeline

Summer 2012	Discussions with the Office of the NB Child and Youth Advocate (CYA)
Fall 2012	Creation of CRIA Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 departments represented• Co-chaired by ECO and CYA• UNICEF and Université de Moncton as partners
Fall 2012	Development of : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CRIA Tool• Training Component• Evaluation strategy
Winter 2013 (Feb 18 to 22)	Delivery of training to over 100 senior GNB employees (DM's to Policy Analysts) by UNICEF/CYA/ECO
Winter 2013 (Feb 23)	CRIA Tool and assessment process to be used for all files going to P&P

How it fits within our process

Part of GNB Strategy Map:

- Enhanced quality of life – Information Readiness

In support of Evidence Based Decision Making:

- Better informs decision makers

Integrated with Memorandums to Executive Council:

- One of many policy filters
 - Last year – UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities
 - This year – UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
 - Next year – UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- Part of MEC when completed

Two (2) part process:

- Initial assessment - Any impacts on children?
- If yes: Full CRIA with focus on children's rights based on UN Convention

Elements of Implementation

Key components:

- NB CRIA Tool developed as self-directed form
- Training to introduce UN Convention, CRIA and NB CRIA Tool
- Expertise within departmental policy areas to support
- Departments expected to start using CRIA Tool as of February 23, 2013
- Partnerships

Next steps:

- On-going training to be developed (on-line approach)
- Continual review of the CRIA Tool and process as we gain experience
- Evaluation on a bi-annual basis



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