

Some examples of community members that may attend CDM processes are:

- Extended family members, Indigenous representatives, advocates, support workers, lawyers, social workers...

What are some examples of CDM processes?

- Family Case Planning Conferences (FCPC)
 - short term planning
 - test driving ideas
- Youth Transition Conferences (YTC)
 - plan develops alongside youth
 - life-skill oriented
- Family Group Conferences (FGC)
 - long term planning
 - sharing information
- Mediation
 - mediator facilitates planning
 - explores resolution options

Who should contact a Navigator?

- Has MCFD made contact with your family? Is there reason to believe they will?
- Is a family member part of a racialized community?
- Are you seeking collaborative decision-making options for your clients?

If you answered yes or have any questions, please [contact a Navigator!](#)



We're here for children,
youth, and parents.

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The Collaborative Decision - Making Navigator Project

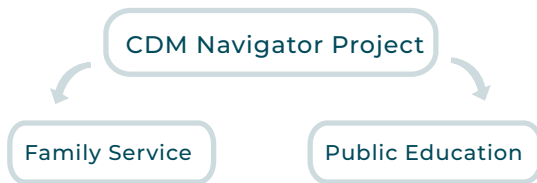
Supporting racialized families navigating
the child welfare system across BC



Who is a Navigator?



The (CDM) Collaborative Decision-Making Navigator helps **racialized families** navigate the child welfare system in B.C. Our role as an **impartial party** is to support and guide families through complex systems with multiple pathways and various challenges.



Family Service

- Helps connect families to local resources
i.e **lawyer, housing, counselling**
- Initiates meaningful participation in collaborative decision-making
i.e **FGC, FCPC, mediation**
- Works with family and professionals to ensure everyone's concerns are understood
i.e **MCFD, lawyers, mediators**
- Creates space for culturally specific needs
i.e **Indigenous representatives**

Our intention is to provide **short-term direct services** that help families participate in decision-making. Our hope is to ensure all the pieces of the puzzle are present for a **smooth process**.

We do not challenge the Social Worker's determination for protection, provide legal advice, or provide any financial supports.

We're here to help families have those difficult conversations.

Sierra Wells, Senior CDM Navigator

Public Education

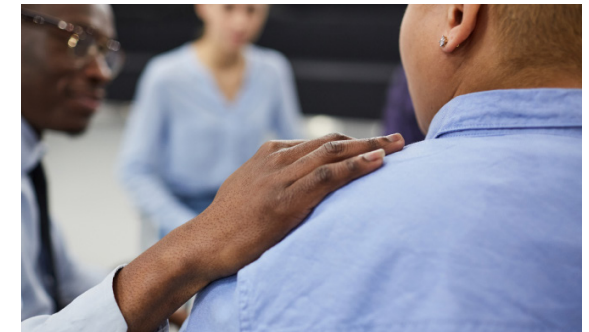
- Acts as a **resource** for service providers
- Offers **information sessions** and **workshops** to community service providers

Confidentiality

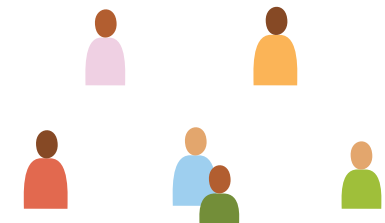
For families, everything discussed with a Navigator is confidential with the exception of our **Duty to Report**. This means if we learn someone is at risk of immediate harm, we take the necessary steps to ensure safety.

For service providers, there is **no additional paperwork** involved when working with a Navigator.

What is Collaborative Decision-Making (CDM)?



In Child Protection, the goal is to include **family and community members** in the planning process. This way, families **co-create** plans feeling supported and confident in the decisions being made.



Collaborative Decision-Making is:

- flexible
i.e **creative problem solving**
- family driven
i.e **families decide who attends processes**
- alternative to court.
i.e **decision-making without a judge**