

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarification regarding the criteria for funding microboards.

2. POLICY

The Ministry of Children and Family Development will consider providing funding for the establishment and/or maintenance of microboards, when requested by an eligible child's family, based on the plan submitted by the microboard.

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A microboard is a small group of people who join together as a non-profit society (in accordance with the *Society Act*) to address the child's support needs. Funding for microboards is typically provided by contract.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1 "Eligible children" means those children who are eligible for Family Support Services, based on the criteria outlined in the Eligibility for Family Support Services Policy.

5. PROCEDURES

Contracts with the microboard are essentially the same as with any other non-profit society in that the microboard enters into a contractual relationship with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. The contract outlines the services to be provided by the microboard.