

CHALLENGING MCFD's CULTURE of RISK and SURVEILLANCE



The Outcome

THE FAMILY POLICING SYSTEM is Tearing Families Apart and PROFOUNDLY HARMING KIDS & PARENTS

CURRENT APPROACH to RISK

FAMILIES OFTEN **Fear** (FOR GOOD REASON) that they will be PUNISHED or IGNORED if they offer Alternative Understandings about their Strengths + Struggles

IN the FAMILY POLICING SYSTEM, workers assess "risk" using their clinical judgement & tools like:



- Checklists + Questionnaires
- mmm?
- bbb?
- llll?

DOES NOT address how RACISM, COLONIZATION, ABLEISM CLASSISM, + MISOGYNY are built into the CULTURE and Practices of the GOVERNMENT

J.U.D.G.E.M.E.N.T.S about RISK are often based on HARMFUL DISCRIMINATORY ASSUMPTIONS

S.T.I.G.M.A may lead a CHILD WELFARE worker to assume a CHILD is in Danger because a parent uses SUBSTANCES

FAMILIES may NOT EVEN know they're being Assessed

They may feel pressured to go along with it.

FEAR

The RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS Lacks TRANSPARENCY

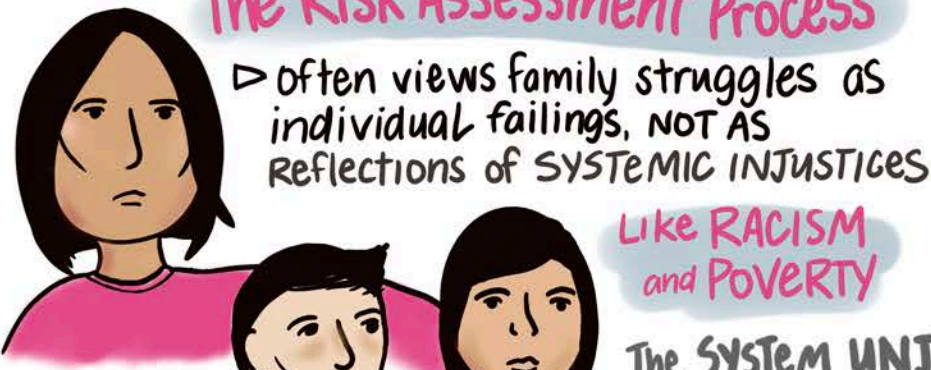
THE SOLUTION

HOLD GOVERNMENT accountable to address the structural Problems that PUT Families AT RISK!

WORK with INDIGENOUS NATIONS, COMMUNITIES + impacted Families to DEVELOP & AFFIRM New Ways of understanding and PROMOTING SAFETY

CREATE Processes and SYSTEMS that Support Families to STAY Together + HONOUR each Family's Strengths + Needs

The Risk Assessment Process



often views family struggles as individual failings, NOT AS Reflections of SYSTEMIC INJUSTICES

Like RACISM and POVERTY

The SYSTEM UNJUSTLY BLAMES Families + regards them as DEFICIENT



TAKE ACTION

- ▶ Have Your Organization SIGN our OPEN LETTER to the PREMIER + select standing Committee on children, Youth + Families
- ▶ SEND a Letter to your MLA