

## **Overview of the province's/state's regulation of family and minors**

Saskatchewan shares law-making authority with the federal government for custody, access, and child support. Unmarried couples or parents not in a relationship must apply under Saskatchewan legislation for custody, access, and child support orders. Married couples can apply for this relief either under Saskatchewan's legislation or the federal *Divorce Act*, although ordinarily, when a couple applies for a divorce, they seek other relief such as custody under the *Divorce Act* as well. Applications to divide family property must be made under provincial legislation. Provincial law also governs the establishment of parentage, adoption, change of name, child protection, guardianship of the estate of the child, enforcement of custody/access and support orders, and consent to medical treatment. The provincial government provides family justice services such as a program for parents experiencing separation or divorce, family mediation, support enforcement, and custody/access assessments.

Criminal matters that involve family members are regulated by the federal *Criminal Code*.

See questionnaire of the federal government of Canada for an overview of Canada's regulation of family and minors.