



**National Child Day 2017
Creating Safe and Caring
Environments for Children
and Youth**

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What We Do



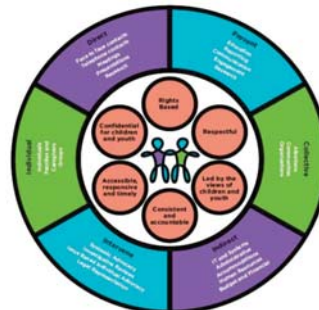
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate (OCYA)

The OCYA was established in 1989 and became an independent legislative office with the proclamation of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* on April 1, 2012

We represent the rights, interests, and viewpoints of young people receiving intervention services under the:

- *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act (CYFEA)*;
- *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act (PSECA)*;
- or who are involved with the youth justice system.

Advocacy Practice Framework



Principles:

- Promote and secure the rights and interests of young people
- Is led by the views of young people
- Is accessible, responsive, and timely
- Is respectful
- Is consistent and accountable
- Ensures confidentiality

How We Advocate for Young People

- Providing individual advocacy
- Appointing lawyers for young people
- Issuing reports
- Raising public awareness
- Linking young people with decision-makers



Referrals

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