

Our Vision

Young people in Alberta succeed in their lives and communities.

Our Mission

We stand up for young people.

What We Do

We represent the rights, interests and viewpoints of young people receiving services under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* or the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*, or who are involved with the youth justice system.

The provincial Child and Youth Advocate derives his authority from the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*.

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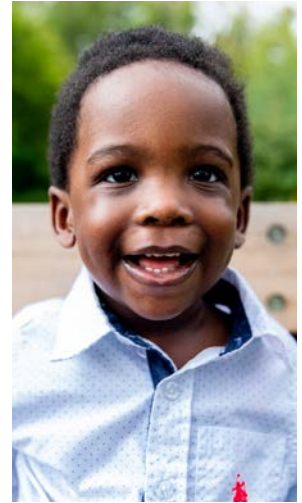
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ABOUT THE OCYA



The OCYA is an independent office of the Alberta Legislature



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ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Young people have the right to express their opinion and have their legal interests considered in matters affecting them. We provide legal representation for young people who are most affected by decisions being made under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* or the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.

ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

We promote and raise awareness about the rights of children and youth and build advocacy capacity in young people and their communities.

We provide presentations and participate in educational events.

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

We build strong relationships with Indigenous communities and strengthens our capacity to serve Indigenous young people.

INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY

We stand up for young people receiving a designated service so their viewpoints, rights and what is important to them is respected and considered by decision makers. If a child or youth is unable to express a viewpoint, we work to have their rights and interests respected and considered.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEWS

We conduct investigative reviews into the serious injury or death of a young person. The purpose of these reviews is to identify opportunities for improving services.

SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY

Our systemic advocacy efforts aim to influence change at a broad level. We collaborate with others to identify systemic issues and make recommendations to improve services for young people.



We are guided by the rights of young people.