

# OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



**PRESENTATION TO CROSS-OVER YOUTH INFO. SESSION**

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# WHO WE ARE

- ❖ We provide an independent voice for Ontario's children and youth who are either "in care" or on the margins of government care.
- ❖ Reporting directly to the Legislature, the Advocate's Office partners with children and youth, including those who are First Nations and those with special needs, to elevate their voices and prompt action on their issues.

# Purpose of the Advocates Office

- ❖ To encourage communication and understanding between children and families and those who provide them with services
- ❖ To educate children, youth and their caregivers regarding the rights of children and youth
- ❖ Conduct investigations and make recommendations to improve children's aid society services and services provided by residential licensees where a children's aid society is the placing agency (**NEW**)

# Who do we serve

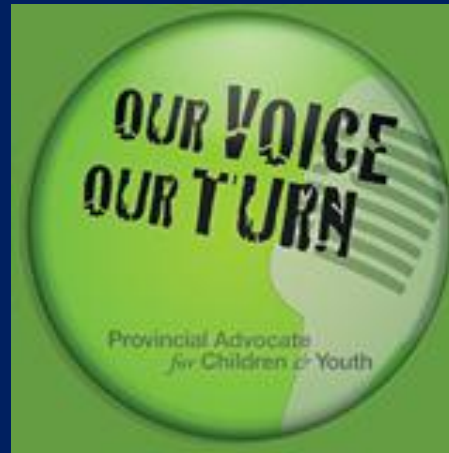


- ❖ Under the office mandate
  - ❖ Child Welfare
  - ❖ Youth Justice
  - ❖ Mental Health
  - ❖ “Special needs”
  - ❖ Holding cells
  - ❖ Provincial/Demonstration schools
  - ❖ First Nations Children and Youth

# OUR TEAMS

- Individual Rights
- Systemic Projects
- Community Development
- Youth Amplifiers
- Investigations (New)

# KEY WORK RELATED TO THE CROSS-OVER YOUTH PROJECT



**Searching for  
Home:  
Reimagining  
Residential Care**

QUESTIONS?

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