

INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY, FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS & INUIT ENGAGEMENT FACT SHEET

OUR GOAL

We make sure that the rights of children, youth, and young adults are respected and that their views are considered in decisions affecting their lives.

WHO WE HELP

We help children and youth up to their 19th birthday who are receiving services from MCFD or an ICFSA, or are involved in youth justice. This includes:

- young people in care or in an out of care arrangement such as on a youth agreement, living in a specialized resource, or with family other than their parents.
- Young people in custody
- Children and youth with disabilities
- Children accessing early childhood development or childcare services
- Children and youth needing mental health and addiction supports

We also help youth adults up to their 27th birthday who are on or eligible for:

- Community Living BC (CLBC) services
- Strengthening Abilities and Journeys of Empowerment (SAJE)
- Provincial post-secondary tuition waiver

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Inform young people about their rights and what to do if those rights are ignored
- Support young people to speak up and be part of decisions that affect their lives
- Provide advice and share information about services and programs
- Be part of discussions about a young person's care and services
- Ask to review decisions
- Ask for reconsideration

WHAT WE CAN'T DO

- Override decisions
- Represent children in court
- Provide child protection services
- Act on behalf of a young person in a Representation Agreement or application for Committeeship
- Address concerns that fall under the Family Law Act