

# CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY ADVOCATE

**An all-party Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly has been authorized to select and recommend the appointment of a Child, Youth and Family Advocate for the province of British Columbia.**

**T**he Child, Youth and Family Advocate is an Officer of the Legislative Assembly, and is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly.

Under the provisions of the Child, Youth and Family Advocacy Act, the Advocate ensures that the rights and interests of children, youths and their families relating to designated services are protected, ensuring that their views are heard and considered with access to a fair complaint and review process. The Advocate is responsible for making recommendations concerning legislation and government policy; advising the government and communities about the availability and effectiveness of designated services to children, youths and their families; and for investigating and reviewing cases of mistreatment when necessary.

The successful applicant will possess a thorough knowledge of child and youth issues, and be familiar with the provision of designated services to children and families as well as with the provision of services at the community level. He or she will have experience in individual and systemic advocacy; be familiar with multicultural issues as well as issues pertaining to aboriginal people; and have excellent interpersonal, managerial, analytical, and negotiation skills.

The successful applicant will bring a variety of skills to the position, including expertise in advocacy, mediation, management and communications. A degree in law, or a Master's level degree in the social sciences, education or social work would be an asset.

The Advocate is appointed for a six-year term, with provision for a re-appointment. Salary is equal to that of the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Applications should be made to the address listed by 5:00 pm on before February 28, 2001. All applications received will be held in confidence.

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