

Employment Opportunity

Child and Youth Advocate Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly



The Child and Youth Advocate is an independent non-partisan Officer of the House of Assembly responsible for the strategic leadership and operational oversight of the Child and Youth Advocate Office.

Mandated through the **Child and Youth Advocate Act**, the Advocate ensures that children and youth have access to services and their rights and interests are protected and advanced. The Advocate brings complaints relating to the provision of services to the attention of the appropriate authority and may conduct independent reviews and investigations of complex and sensitive matters as required. The Advocate is responsible for providing advice and information to government and communities about services.

Reporting to the House of Assembly through the Speaker, the Advocate provides leadership and oversight to a team of investigative and advocacy professionals. The Office is responsible for developing and delivering programs to educate the public. The Advocate is responsible for communicating issues

and investigative findings to the media.

The Advocate manages the Office under the administrative direction of the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Management Commission and applicable legislation.

The Advocate will be a results oriented individual with a high degree of integrity. They will have knowledge of relevant frameworks, legislation, policies and services designed to meet the needs of children and youth. They will have experience in advocacy, mediation, and innovative approaches to problem solving at both an individual and systemic level. The Advocate will understand the needs of children and youth at risk, and child and adolescent development, and must be familiar with methodologies and practices associated with conducting sworn interviews.

This position requires effective communication and negotiating skills, as well as, the ability to utilize sound judgment when rendering complex and

sensitive decisions, and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with stakeholders.

The required qualifications would normally be obtained through senior leadership and project management experience supplemented by a university degree, preferably at the Masters level, in social work, health sciences or education and field experience working with children, youth and their families.

Established credibility in career achievements and professional community will be essential in maintaining public trust and in protecting the integrity of the Office.

The Advocate exercises their responsibilities and conducts duties in accordance with the Code of Conduct for employees and statutory officers of the House of Assembly.

Relevant legislation can be found at www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/.

Please note, only candidates invited for interview will be contacted.

Search#: IAC-2021-010

Location: St. John's, NL

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Please submit your resume referencing the Search #, to the Independent Appointments Commission in one of the following ways:

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