

Executive Employment Opportunity

Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly

Child and Youth Advocate

The Child and Youth Advocate is an independent, non-partisan Officer of the House of Assembly reporting to the House of Assembly through the Speaker.

Mandated through the [Child and Youth Advocate Act](#), the Advocate ensures that children and youth have access to services and that their rights and interests are protected and advanced. The Advocate addresses complaints related to the provision of services and may conduct independent reviews and investigations into complex and sensitive matters when necessary. Additionally, the Advocate provides advice and information to government and communities regarding services for children and youth.

The Advocate leads a team of investigative and advocacy professionals, providing strategic leadership and operational oversight. The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate also develops and delivers public education and awareness programs. Communicating issues and investigative findings to the public is a key responsibility of the Advocate.

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 House of Assembly Management Commission and applicable legislation. All duties are conducted in alignment with the Code of Conduct for employees and statutory officers of the House of Assembly.

The Advocate will be a results-oriented individual with a high level of integrity. They will possess knowledge of relevant legislation, frameworks, policies, and services that support children and youth. Experience in advocacy, mediation and innovative approaches to problem solving - both at individual and systemic levels – is essential. An understanding of child and adolescent development, particularly for those at risk, and familiarity with sworn interview methodologies and practices are required.

The position requires effective communication and negotiation skills, sound judgement in complex decision-making, and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders. Resource management skills, including fiscal and human resources, along with analytical, critical thinking and problem-solving skills are also necessary.

Qualifications for this role are typically gained through progressively responsible senior leadership experience supplemented by a university degree in a relevant field. Experience in project management would be an asset.

Legislation referenced can be accessed at www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation.

Search #: 2025-25

Closing Date: open until filled.

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

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