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PART B:

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1. AGE LIMITS
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Age limits for a child committing hainus crimes such as pedophile, rape or murder should be tried as an adult
All children should have access to a child youth advocate representatives in court, medical situations,

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2. DESIGNATED SERVICES
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Children should have a voice in the services provided and must be heard
Children should have access to more services

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3. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS
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Advocates should be able to do more dependent on each child individual needs
Should be more than one advocate and a team effort

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4. POWERS
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Advocates don't seem to have enough power to do what is best for that child
For example
Witnessed a First Nation runaway girl who was raped and left at the side of the road
Police brought her in for medical treatment and formed her the plc unit 41 nursing staff were abusive to her and let
her walk out and they were not disciplined as no one cares about First Nations children
However if this were a white child.....
Police and advocates were frustrated with AHS staff
As I am witnessing this repeatedly!!!!

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5. INFORMATION PROTECTION
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All children's information should be protected regardless
Even in the cases of lost guardianship
For example Alberta blue cross consistently gives information to the parent who lost guardianship but is ordered to
keep that child on benefits to keep costs down Endangering that child
Blue cross said unless a judge ordered them to stop releasing information.....
All children should be protected

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6. INVESTIGATIONS
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Advocates should be able to investigate more
Seriously I have to elaborate..... Children dying in custody is not enough

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7. REPORTING
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More information

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8. OTHER
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Children should remain with parents and if necessary be supervised or with a safe house group like setting to teach
parents how to manage or for therapy
Keeping children with family should be the priority

PART C: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REVIEW?

- Newspaper
- AMMSA website
- CFWE Radio
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