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Age: Over 18

Would you like your submission to remain confidential?: No

1. Are these age limits appropriate? Please discuss your answer and provide suggestions if possible.

Government services often wasting time and money coddling and excusing many child and youth seeking help for self indulgent damaging behaviours under the current advocate act. In many of the cases there should be a parent advocacy act! Of course speak for young children - but age limits should not be the issue in this review of the child and youth advocacy act - need and sensibility should be! Some of the individuals receiving help are young adults playing the system, able to squander moneys and get protection and aid using their vulnerability rights for the services offered by our government. Advocate protection from danger and violence yes. Lets make those the issues! Let us educate and parent our kids! Why are we letting 12 year olds dictate there whereabouts and letting 14 year old decide adult decisions. The focus of government legislation regarding children and youths should be about ensuring there rights interests and viewpoints in a safe and just society. There is no get out of jail free card in life! Don't waste money, energy, and time or we have wasted our youth.

2.Does the Act permit the Advocate to provide appropriate services to children and youth? Should the Advocate provide services to children and youth who are receiving Government services other than what is currently indicated within the Act? Please discuss your answer and provide suggestions if possible.

More should be done to have the act work with the justice system and police services to serve children and youth involved with the PSECA! Stop the predators! This act is about helping the vulnerable ones in the system the appropriate services after all! The subcontracting of services by the government on the behalf of child or youth is often inappropriate and wasteful eg; advocate gets child put into drug treatment centre and outsourced agency takes a trip to mount Rushmore on government dime! (Not enhancing the family and spending lots coddling) eg; Advocate gets lawyers assigned to child/youth multiple times for petty crimes (No learning about accountability or consequence and no justice).

3.Should the role of the Advocate stay the same? Is the Advocate able to do enough or should the Advocate be able to do more? Please discuss your answer and provide suggestions if possible.

The role of the advocate should ensure that the designated services providers given to a child are always protective (participating and promoting) keeping at risk children safe. And oppositional defiant child running away from placements or having inadequate supervision put child in huge danger. Advocates role should not be to make the child happy or liked, coddling and excusing has irreversible consequences. Advocate must stop missing and drug using children in care.

4. Does the Act provide the Advocate with sufficient powers to conduct the roles and functions set out in the Act? Are other powers necessary? Please discuss your answer and provide suggestions if possible.

Advocate for more supervise or locked facilities to protect child or neighborhood. Parents can fear the safety of their child while their child is in government care and society fears repercussions of wild child growing up without supervision and parenting. Advocate for more supervise or locked facilities to protect child or neighborhood. Parents can fear the safety of their child while their child is in government care and society fears repercussions of wild child growing up without supervision and parenting. Ensure protocol is always followed when apprehending children. One social worker should not make decision, 2 people should always meet parents, come to family home, meet extended family, and school principle, not taken directly into care from school. Some children are highly manipulative and convincing at huge expense to all.

5. Is the information provided by a child to an advocate sufficiently protected? Is the information provided for an investigation sufficiently protected? Please discuss your answer and provide suggestions if possible.

I hope so, that's why we have a privacy act! How would I know if information provided for an investigation is protected or not? Questions like this make me wonder.

6. Should the Advocate be able to investigate the same, more, less or different issues? Do you agree with how the Act enables the Advocate to conduct investigations? Please discuss your answer and provide suggestions if possible.

Advocate should investigate more if it is thought a child is being sexually assaulted or serious violence when neglect is taking place. Less investigation for bruising on bums/leg by parent who is disciplining/caring/loving. Help parents more with difficult children. Don't assume apprehension is the best option.

7. Do the reports contain enough information? Should they contain the same, more or different information? Please discuss your answer and provide suggestions if possible.

What is the point of writing a report if responsibility or conclusion of law cannot be contained in it. It seems like government is hiding behind the legalese so no one is held accountable! How can the system improve if findings are left out of report! Mistakes/ misconduct should be reported.

8. Other: please comment on any topic related to the Act not addressed by this discussion guide.

I write this as a mother who had an awful experience with the system of social services and wants what happened to my daughter never happen again to anyone! Almost [REDACTED] years ago my daughter was apprehended by a social worker from school because I had spanked her. Protocol by government-that being; meeting me, talking to school principal, coming to my home, meeting other family(doing an investigation!)was not done prior to there beginning a TGO. This was do to the time and weather that day [REDACTED]. I was told I was very lucky to receive an early appeal hearing in court 5 days later. My child was returned that day however a 3 months supervision order was put in place- and many types of tests were given to my husband and I to assess our ability to parent. After three months we were told we where more than capable loving parents. The damage was already done! This was the start of my daughter's lengthy history in the system because she was righteous. No tests were done at the time on my daughter even though I insisted she had special needs (Trouble with authority starting at [REDACTED]) Finally after many years of having called social services myself looking for help to raise this difficult child she was put into a secure facility and given a diagnosis of ODD. She had been kicked out of grade [REDACTED] at Christmas without any recommendations and I had no choice but to put her into care of government which she threatened me with anyway. She was then put into a program with 13 boys who more typically have ODD and then she began running away. She was a missing person more than 145 days at very young age. She was put up in hotel TGO situation and began doing drugs-(Meth) She was allowed to legally divorce me when she was [REDACTED]! She was put into the Chemo program and without having to go to school or work and was given her own apartment which became a drug house. No supervision or safety for the child the system got involved with saving in the first place-Giving me no rights! I was not allowed to parent!

I have many stories of how the system hurt my daughter. She is in such bad shape today [REDACTED] and I so resent the government and blame them for truly hurting her mentally, physical and emotionally. Why did they get involved? I do wish to share this story of an inadequate system. I wish to advocate on behalf of my child and any others who needed a firm loving parent who would give completely different kind of assistance than our government gives. No coddling excusing -teaching accountability honesty, independence and love.

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