

Child and Youth Services Council for Quality Assurance

Input into the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices review of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*

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

CQA RESPONSE:

It is recommended that the reports be more detailed.

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

CQA RESPONSE:

The CQA would like also make comment on the opening preamble of the Act. Within this, the CQA identifies the following for consideration:

- Revising the preamble to remove “most vulnerable” when describing the children it aims to assist.
- Including a phrase that children have the right to grow up healthy in a family and community that can support their safety, well-being and developmental needs.
- Elaborate that it is any child receiving services from the government that is eligible to receive services from the Advocate.

The CQA would like to acknowledge that should the Standing Committee wish to hear more about the opinions included in this submission that the Council would be pleased to provide a presentation in person to the Committee.

The CQA would like to note that these observations and recommendations were made without the consideration of legal counsel.