

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

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Child and Youth Advocate Releases Status Report on Recommendations

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate has released the 2017-18 Status Report on Recommendations. This Status Report is issued annually and reports on the progress of all recommendations made by the Child and Youth Advocate to date.

This report is very encouraging. As of March 31, 2018 the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate has made a total of 201 recommendations to various government departments and agencies. Of those 201 recommendations, 95% have been implemented, 4% have been partially implemented, and only 1% has not yet been implemented. The Child and Youth Advocate will continue to follow up with all relevant departments and agencies on any new or outstanding recommendations until they are all appropriately addressed.

In previous reports, the OCYA monitored and reported on progress of the Child Death Review Committee (CDRC) recommendations. As the CDRC is separate from the OCYA, reports to the Department of Justice and Public Safety, and is legislated under the *Fatalities Investigations Act*, the OCYA will no longer monitor CDRC recommendations.

Jackie Lake Kavanagh, Child and Youth Advocate expresses her sincere appreciation for the commitment and effort to implement recommendations arising from investigations and reviews of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate. The Advocate has noted that “our collective responsibilities to the wellbeing of children and youth are significant and it is vital for children, youth as well as their families and the public to see that each recommendation for change and improvement is followed and the status published.”

This report can be viewed on the OCYA website: www.childandyouthadvocate.nl.ca

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