



MONITORING

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Ensuring children and youth in British Columbia have access to the services and programs they need to support their health, safety, education and well-being is a significant focus for the Representative for Children and Youth. The Monitoring team evaluates government funded programs and services and performs related research in an effort to improve services and the lives of vulnerable children and youth.

What do we monitor?

- Programs and services for children and their families provided or funded by government including:
 - a) services or programs under the *Adoption Act*, the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*, the *Community Living Authority Act* and the *Youth Justice Act*;
 - b) early childhood development and child care services;
 - c) mental health services for children;
 - d) addiction services for children;
 - e) services for youth and young adults during their transition to adulthood;
 - f) additional services or programs prescribed by regulation under the *Representative for Children and Youth Act*.

How do we do it?

- Evaluate existing services to ensure they are responsive, effective and accountable;
- Make recommendations to, and work with, government service providers and partners to strengthen services vulnerable children and youth;
- Perform research to identify health and well-being outcomes of vulnerable children and youth and better understand how these can be improved;
- Monitor how child and youth serving agencies are adopting recommendations from service evaluations.

How do we report?

- The Representative for Children and Youth will:
 - a) report publicly on monitoring and evaluation activities, including issuing reports on the implementation of the recommendations;
 - b) make recommendations to, and work with, government service providers and partners to strengthen services for vulnerable children and youth.
- This will include:
 - a) periodic “Monitoring Briefs” that focus on particular pieces of the system of services to vulnerable children and youth, highlighting the Representative’s expectations to address specific issues of concern;
 - b) more comprehensive research reports, such as a recent joint report with the Provincial Health Officer on the education outcomes of children and youth in care.

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