

Message from the Advocate

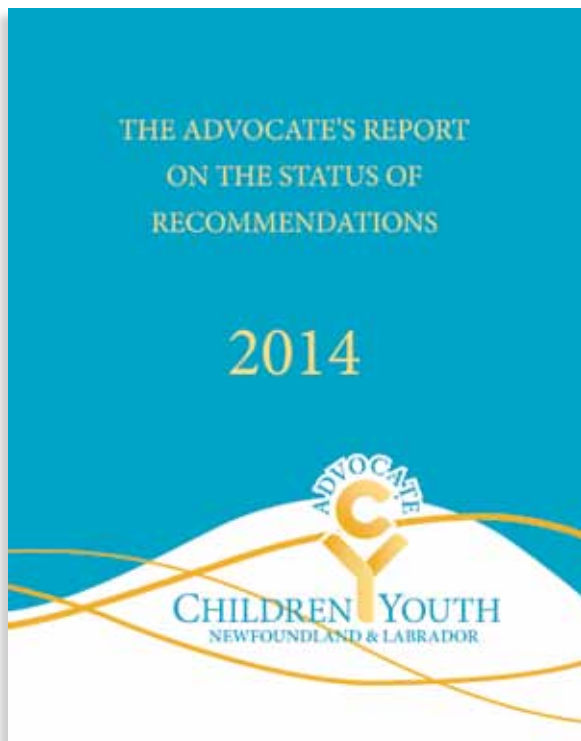
Hello and welcome to our ninth newsletter. I hope you have had a happy winter and enjoyed all the snow in a fun and safe way.

In our newsletter you will learn more about our reviews and investigations process and the ones we have completed over the past several years as well as the release of our very first "The Advocate's Report on the Status of Recommendations 2014". This is another important part of how we provide advocacy for the children and youth of our province.

Be sure and take the time and see just how many words you can unscramble to identify some of the many government services that are available for children and youth here in Newfoundland and Labrador.



Carol A. Chafe



What We Do

Reviews and Investigations:

Reviews and investigations are carried out pursuant to **Section 15(1) subsection (c)** of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*. The process for reviews and investigations may include review of documents, interviews of individuals as necessary, analysis of facts, and release of findings and recommendations to government and agencies and follow up respecting the recommendations.

An investigation or a review may involve a matter concerning a child, youth or group of children or youth receiving services from any department or agency of government. Since 2006, the Office has completed a total of seven (7) investigations and four (4) case reviews with a total of 173 recommendations:

The seven (7) Investigations include:

- *Turner Review and Investigation, 2006;*
- *Lost in Transition, 2009;*
- *An Investigation into Janeway Psychiatry Unit J4D Programs and Services, 2010;*
- *The Child Upstairs... Joey's Story, 2011;*
- *Turning a Blind Eye, 2012;*
- *Out of Focus, 2012;*
- *Sixteen, 2013.*

The four (4) case reviews include:

- *Justice Complaint - Emergency Intake, 2011;*
- *Youth in Adult Holding Facilities: Case 1, 2011;*
- *Youth Corrections - Decisions Regarding Open Custody Placements, 2011;*
- *Youth in Adult Holding Facilities: Case 2, 2013.*

In March 2014 the Advocate released *The Advocate's Report on the Status of Recommendations 2014*. This report provides a summary of the status of all recommendations flowing from completed reviews and investigations. To read this and all our reports please visit:

<http://www.childandyouthadvocate.nf.ca/pdfs/ACYRecommendationReport2014.pdf>

