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Child and Youth Advocate and the Yukon government sign advocacy protocol

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Child and Youth Advocate and the Yukon government have signed an advocacy protocol, which sets out the roles of the Advocate and the Department of Education and how the two organizations can best serve the interests of Yukon children and youth.

"The protocol recognizes that both organizations support meaningful and effective advocacy on behalf of children and youth who are receiving programs and services from the Department of Education," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said. "Clarifying the formal working relationship between our two organizations will ensure that young Yukoners who are receiving government services continue to get the information and support they need."

The protocol establishes clear procedures and timelines for information sharing and notification. It also speaks to promoting the role of the Advocate in the Department of Education's operational practices including making presentations to school administrators and others. The agreement is similar to one already in place between the Child and Youth Advocate and the Department of Health and Social Services.

"All children and youth in Yukon have rights and are entitled to receive the best government service in which they are engaged, free of discrimination and organizational delay," Child and Youth Advocate Andy Nieman said. "This protocol establishes a process that ensures best practice is realized and promotes a streamlined professional working relationship between Yukon Education and the Child Advocate office, which in turn benefits all Yukon youth."

The office of the Child and Youth Advocate was established in 2010 by an act of the Yukon Legislature. It serves Yukon's vulnerable children and youth by protecting their rights and interests and helping them receive and access the best government services available.

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