

# Office of the Child and Youth Advocate



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# Office of the Child and Youth Advocate (OCYA)

- The Office was established in 1989
- We are an **independent office** of the Legislature of Alberta under the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* (2012)
- We have the mandate and authority to advise the government on best practices and gaps in the system

# Role of the Advocate

We represent the rights, interests and viewpoints of young people receiving designated services under the:

- *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act (CYFEA)*
- *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act (PSECA)*
- or who are involved with the *youth justice system*

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## OUR VISION

Young people in Alberta succeed in their lives and communities.

## OUR MISSION

We stand up for young people.

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## OUR VALUES

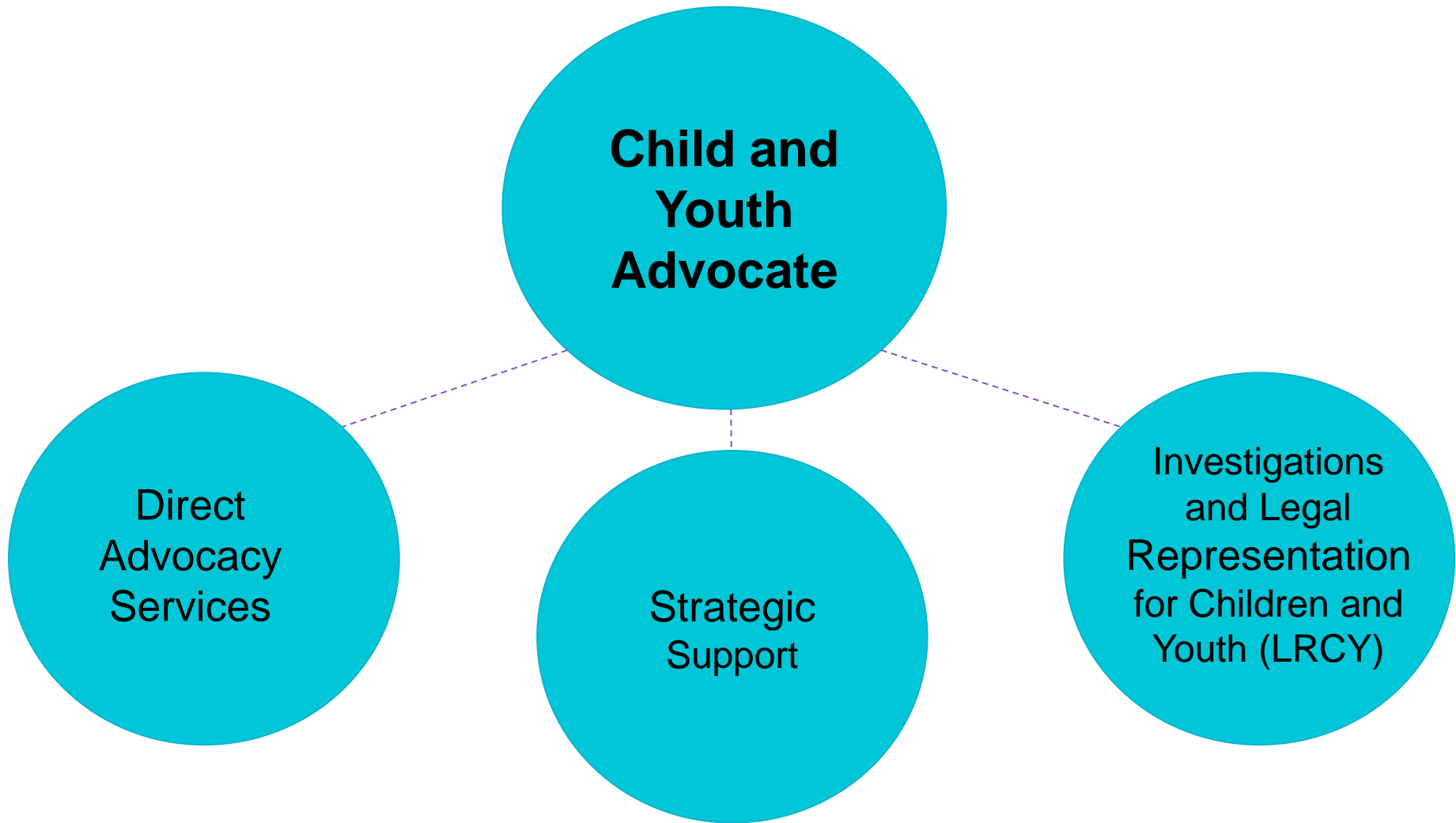
**Rights-focused** – We are guided by the rights of young people.

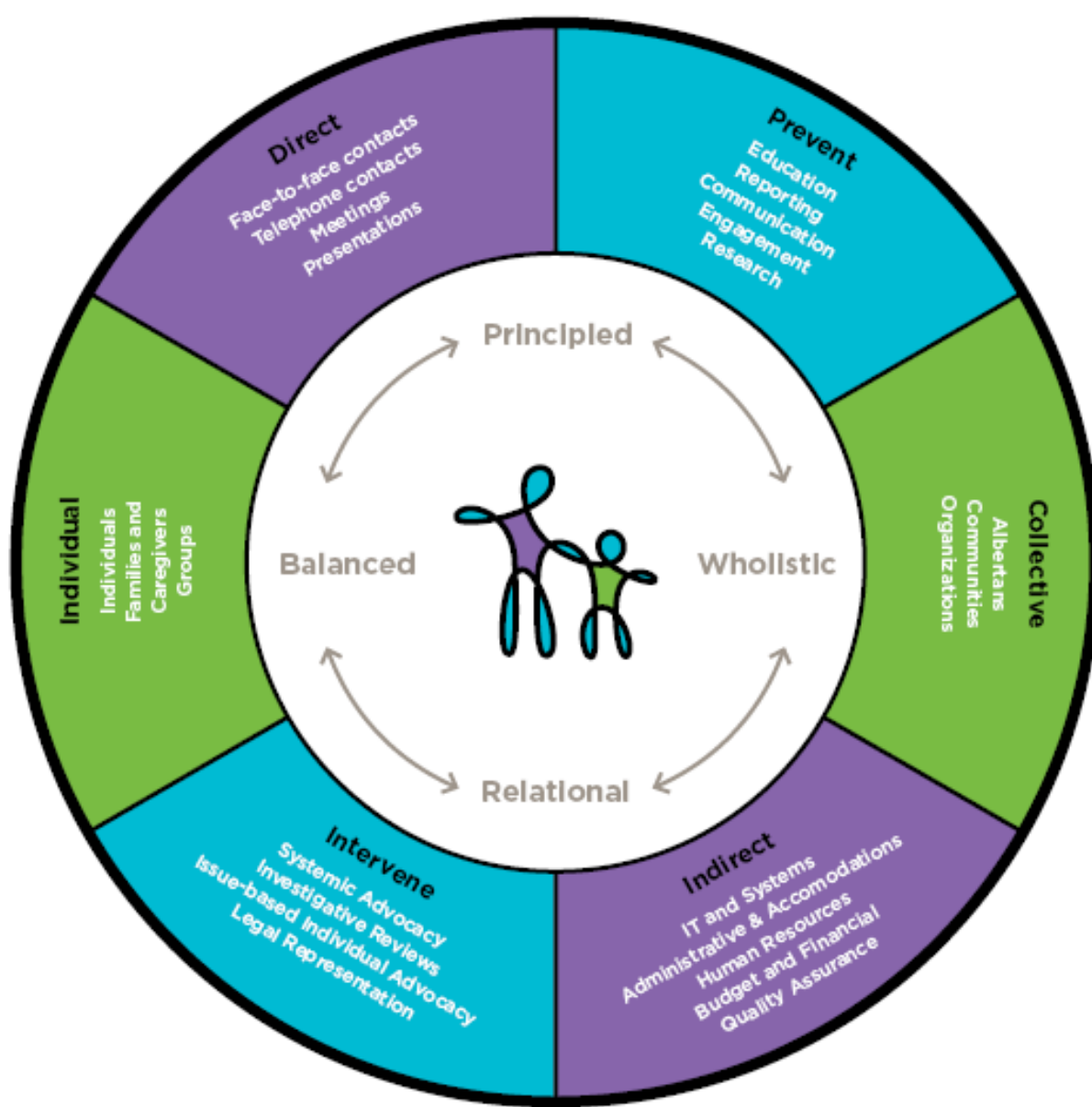
**Accountability** – We are responsible for our own actions and the actions of the OCYA.

**Respect** – We value feelings, wishes, rights and traditions of others.

**Integrity** – We do what we say we do.

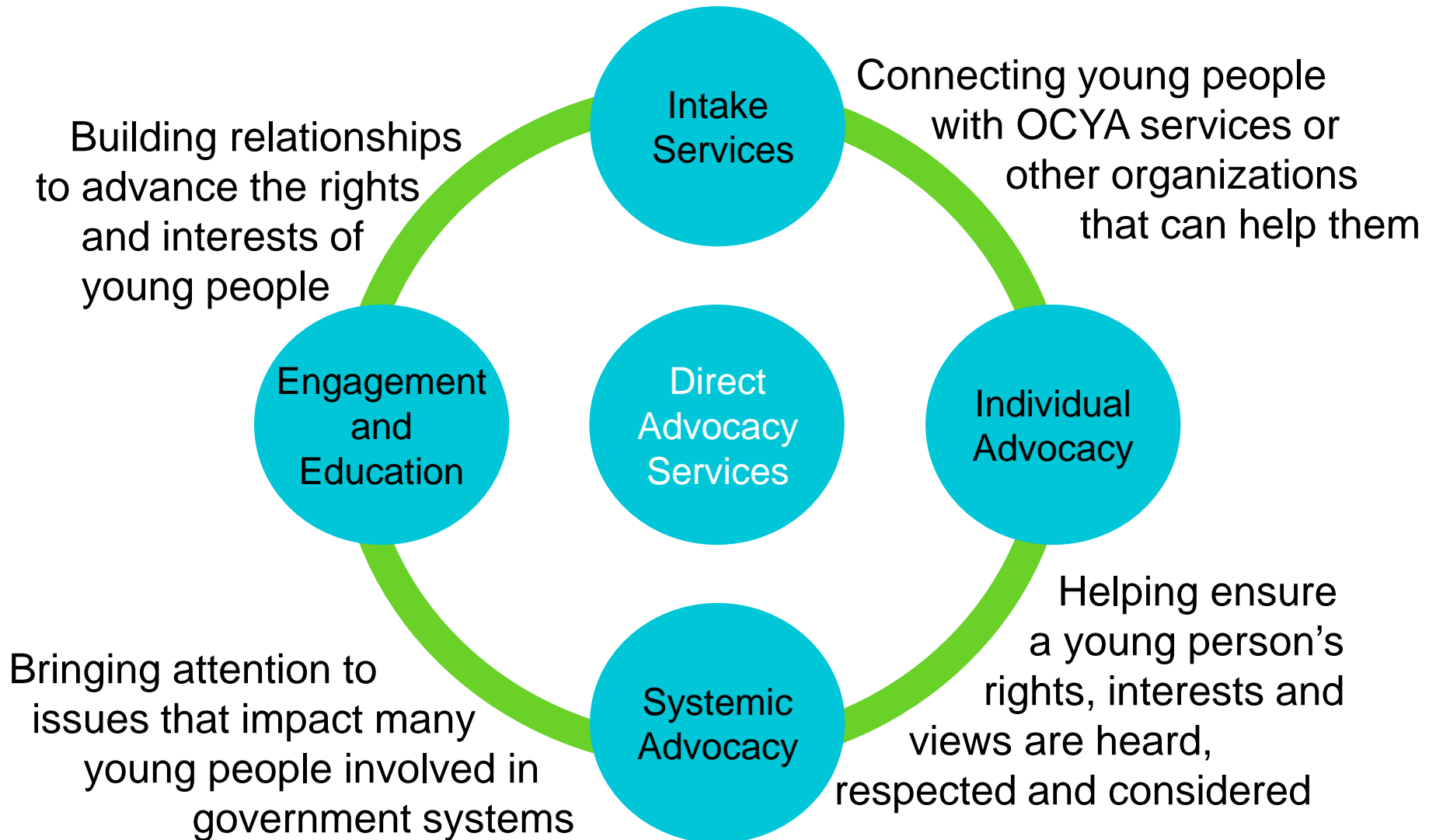
# Organizational Structure





# Advocacy Practice Framework

# Direct Advocacy Services

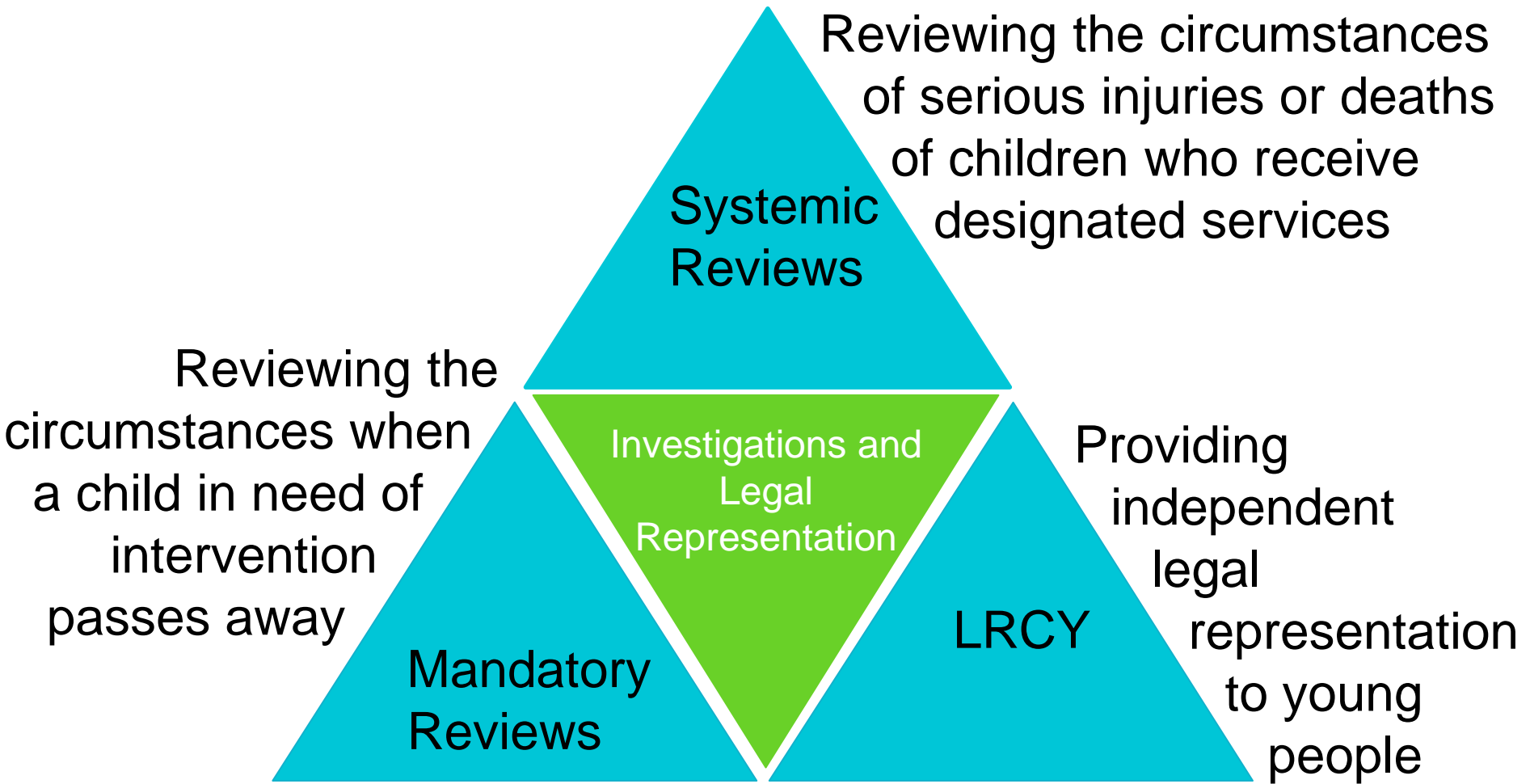


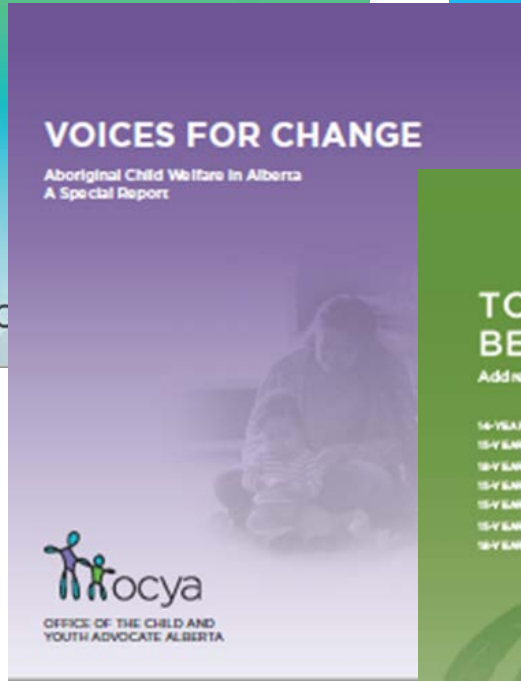
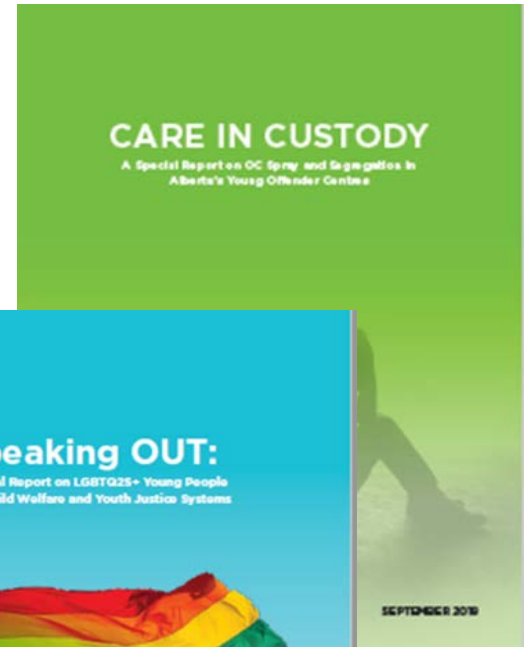
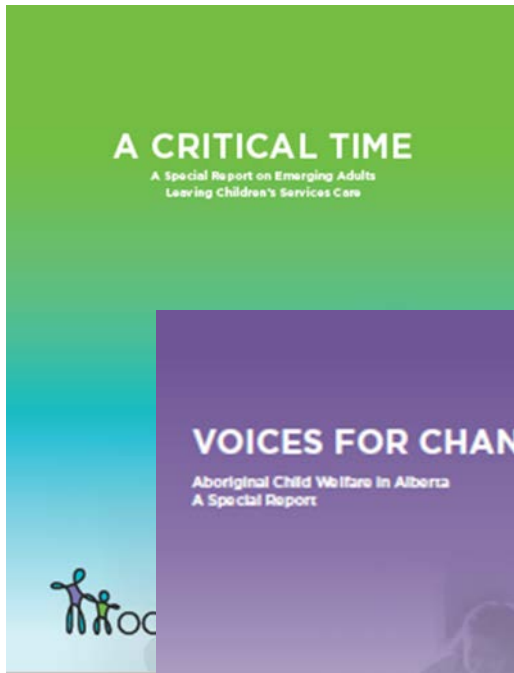
# Youth Engagement

- Youth Advisory Panel
- Hiring Panels
- Photo & Video Shoots
- Student Practicum & Summer Employment Opportunities
- Participation in Decision Making



# Investigations and Legal Representation for Children and Youth (LRCY)





# Expanded Mandate

- New Requirements:
  - Mandatory review of death
- Additive Legislation to the *Child and Youth Advocate Act (2012)*
- Reports are released twice per year
- 17 Mandatory Reviews have been released to date



# QUESTIONS?



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