

WHO WILL RUN THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE?

- ★ The head of the Office of the Child Advocate is called the Child Advocate.
- ★ The Child Advocate is appointed by the governor.
- ★ The Child Advocate is independent of any executive agency.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE?

- ★ Investigates serious bodily injury to children in the care of the Commonwealth.
- ★ Investigates the risks to children when agencies fail in their duties to protect children.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE POWERS OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE?

- ★ Subpoena powers.
- ★ Access facilities and materials.

HOW CAN THE CHILD ADVOCATE HELP CHILDREN?

- ★ Take complaints from the public regarding children in care.
- ★ Take complaints from children in the care of the Commonwealth.
- ★ May investigate complaints.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE CHILD ADVOCATE?

- ★ A comprehensive plan to deal with child abuse and neglect.

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