

THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Commission:

- Offers free information and education training sessions to the general public and, more specifically, to children on their rights under the YPA and other laws that protect them.
- Conducts investigations when it has reason to believe that the rights of a child – or a group of children – have been violated (unless the same situation has already been referred to a court).
- Takes cases to court, when necessary, to correct situations in which it believes that the rights of a child have been violated.
- Makes recommendations to the Government for example to the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, the ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, the ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, and the ministère de la Justice.
- Conducts studies or research on questions related to its mission.



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It also ensures that the interests of children are protected and that their rights recognized in the Youth Protection Act are respected and promoted.

In addition, the Commission oversees compliance with the Act Respecting Equal Access to Employment in Public Bodies.

All services provided by the Commission are free.



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THE YOUTH PROTECTION ACT

The YPA applies to all children under the age of 18 in situations that endanger or may endanger their security or development. The YPA guarantees the rights of children in need of protection as well as the rights of youth under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA).

The YPA applies as soon as a report is filed.



VIOLATION OF RIGHTS

When one or more rights set out in the YPA are not respected, there may be a “violation of rights”. The violation of rights may affect a child or a group of children.

If you have reason to believe that a child’s rights are not being respected you can file a request and the Commission will assess whether it has jurisdiction to intervene.

The Commission collects all the relevant information to process your request in order to analyze the situation and determine if there has been a violation of rights.

If the Commission concludes that there has been a violation of rights, it may make recommendations to correct the situation and to prevent its recurrence.

FILING A REPORT

If you wish to report a child’s situation, you must contact the Director of Youth Protection (DYP) for your region.

DYP contact information is available on the Association des centres jeunesse du Québec website: www.acjq.qc.ca.