




REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH

# ADVOCACY: Life After High School

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# **Introductions and Territorial Acknowledgement**



# RCY: *Purpose*

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To support B.C.'s young people and their families when working with the provincial child and youth welfare system.

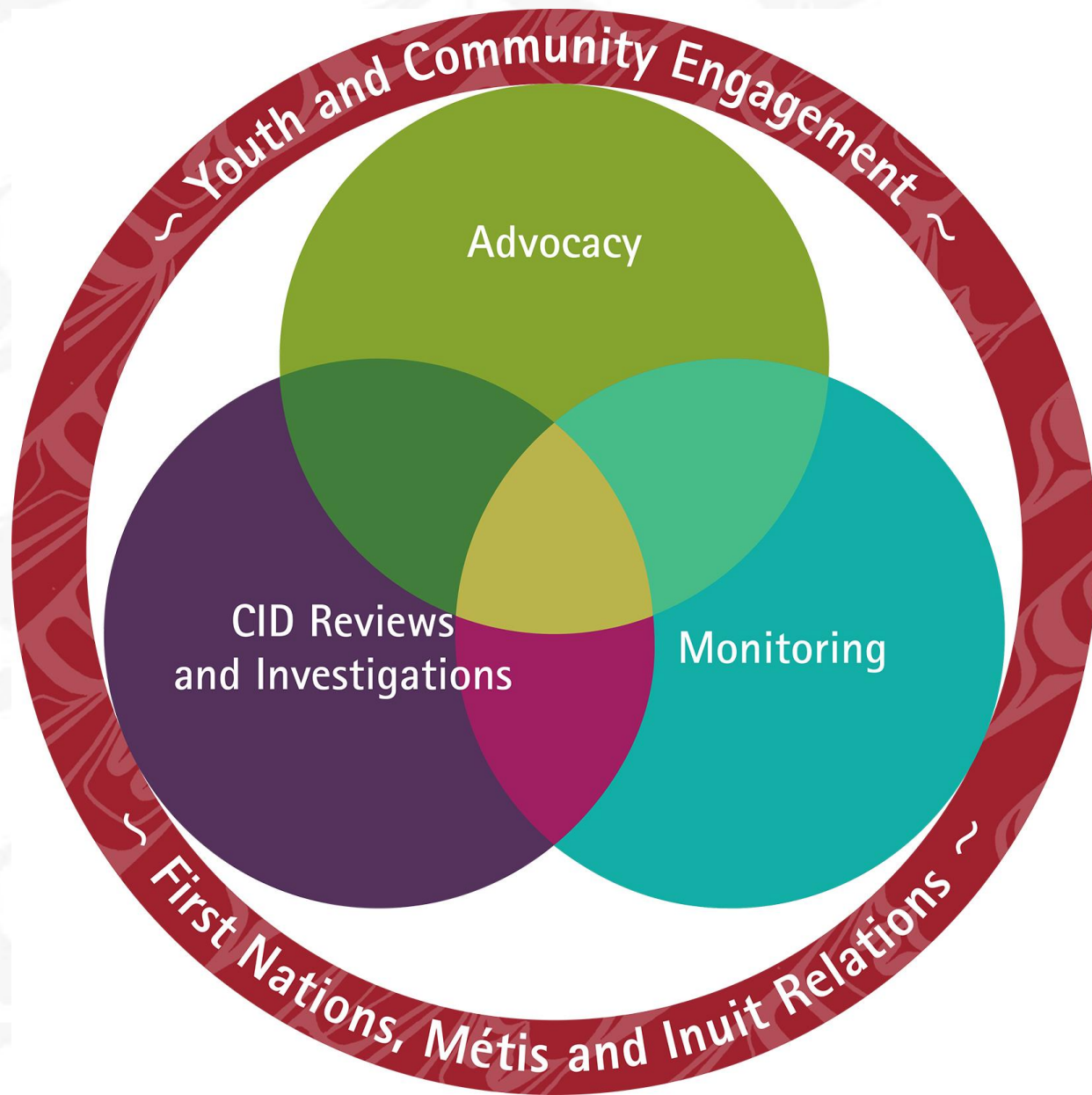
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To provide oversight to this system and makes recommendations to improve it.

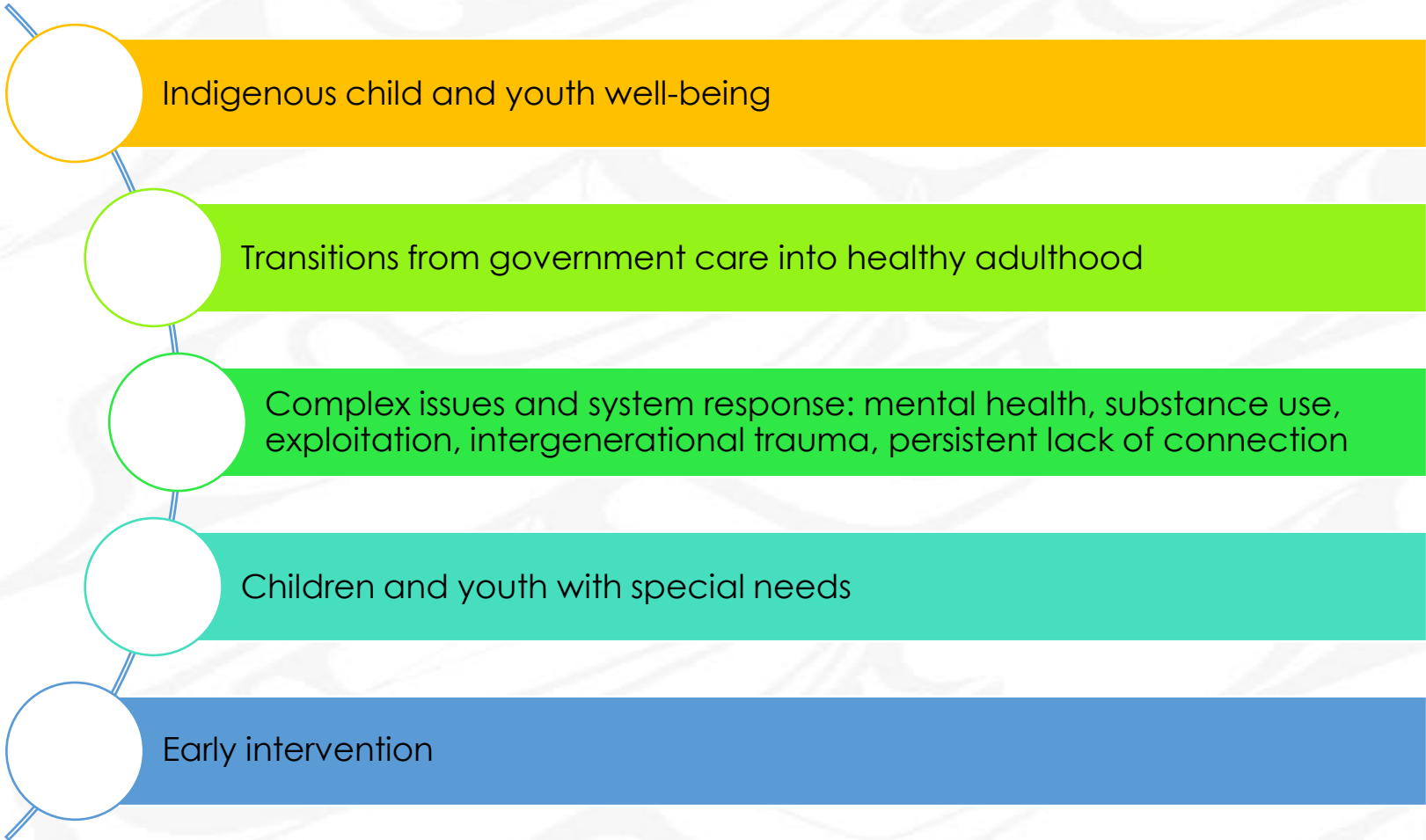
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To improve outcomes for children, youth and eligible young adults receiving government services in B.C.





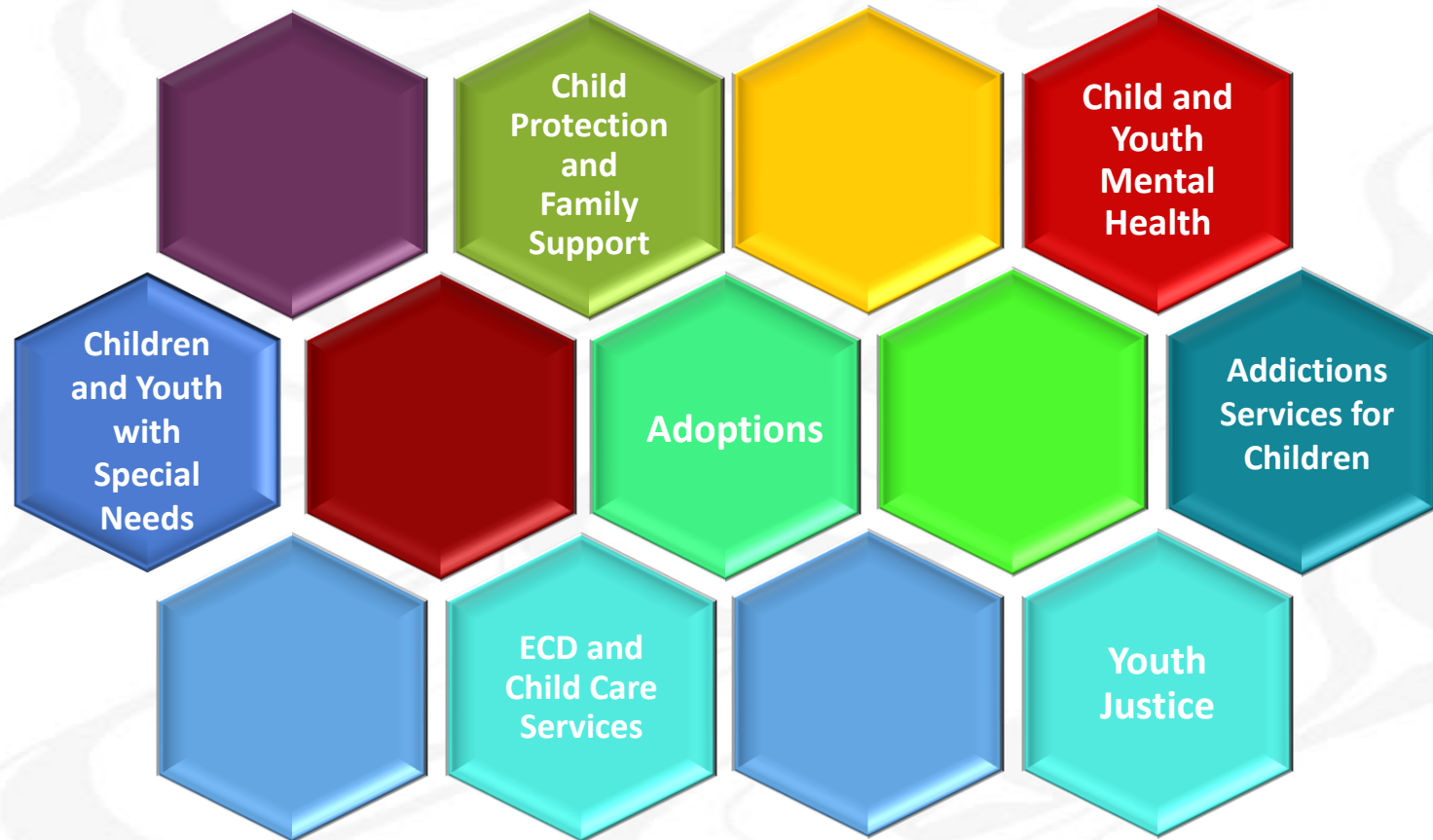
# RCY: *Priorities*



# RIGHTS: Informing our Work



# Mandate: 0 - 19



# Advocacy Pre-19

Transition to adulthood from  
MCFD/DAA care:

## Planning:

- Permanency and stability
- Transition team
- Assessments
- Medical and dental needs
- Daily living skills
- Self care skills
- Relationship and communication skills
- Housing and money management
- Education
- Career planning

Transition of young person in care of their  
parents to CLBC:

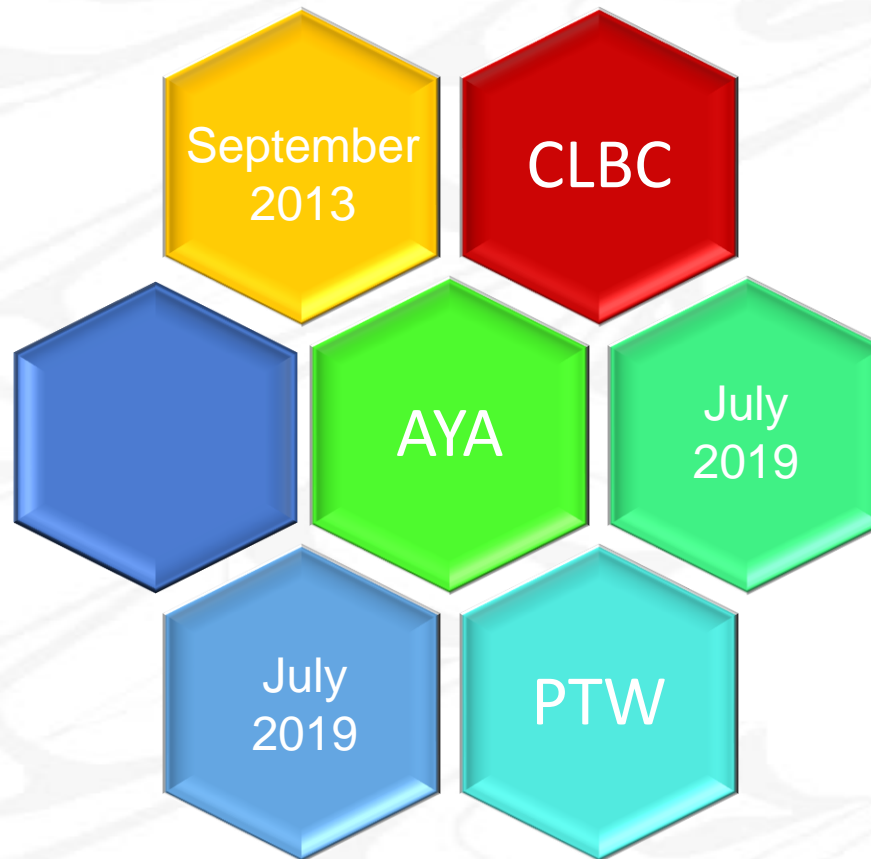
## Planning:

- CYSN
- Timeliness
- Assessments
- Communication issues
- Collaboration
- Self determination and choice
- Self Advocacy
- Planning
- Personal support
- Eligibility
- Housing and care needs
- Legal needs and advocacy





# Mandate: 19-24



# Advocacy Post-19 (to 24)

## CLBC

### Planning:

- Self determination and choice
- Self Advocacy
- Personal support
- Eligibility
- Resource Allocation
- Education
- Employment
- Meaningful activity
- Income security / personal finances
- Housing options
- Transportation
- Health
- Behavioural and mental health supports

## AYA

### Planning:

- Lack of information/awareness
- Eligibility issues
- Support
- Communication issues
- Gaps in programs and availability
- Coaching and mentoring
- Practice issues and concerns
- Timeliness issues
- Mental health concerns
- Addictions
- Miscellaneous issues impacting program involvement

## PTWP

- Insufficient information about the program being provided to community.

### Eligibility:

- Formerly in any MCFD or DAA Legal Status or MSDPR CIHR program for at least 24 months (SNA, VCA, TCO,
- 19-26 inclusive OR 17 or 18 and no longer in MCFD care
- Studying full or part time at a BC public post secondary institution

### Eligible Programs:

- Credit and non-credit programs
- Courses for unclassified years, non-credit trades, continuing education
- Any non-credit courses for life long learning or labour market





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- Request
- Review
- Inform/Advise
- Empower/Encourage



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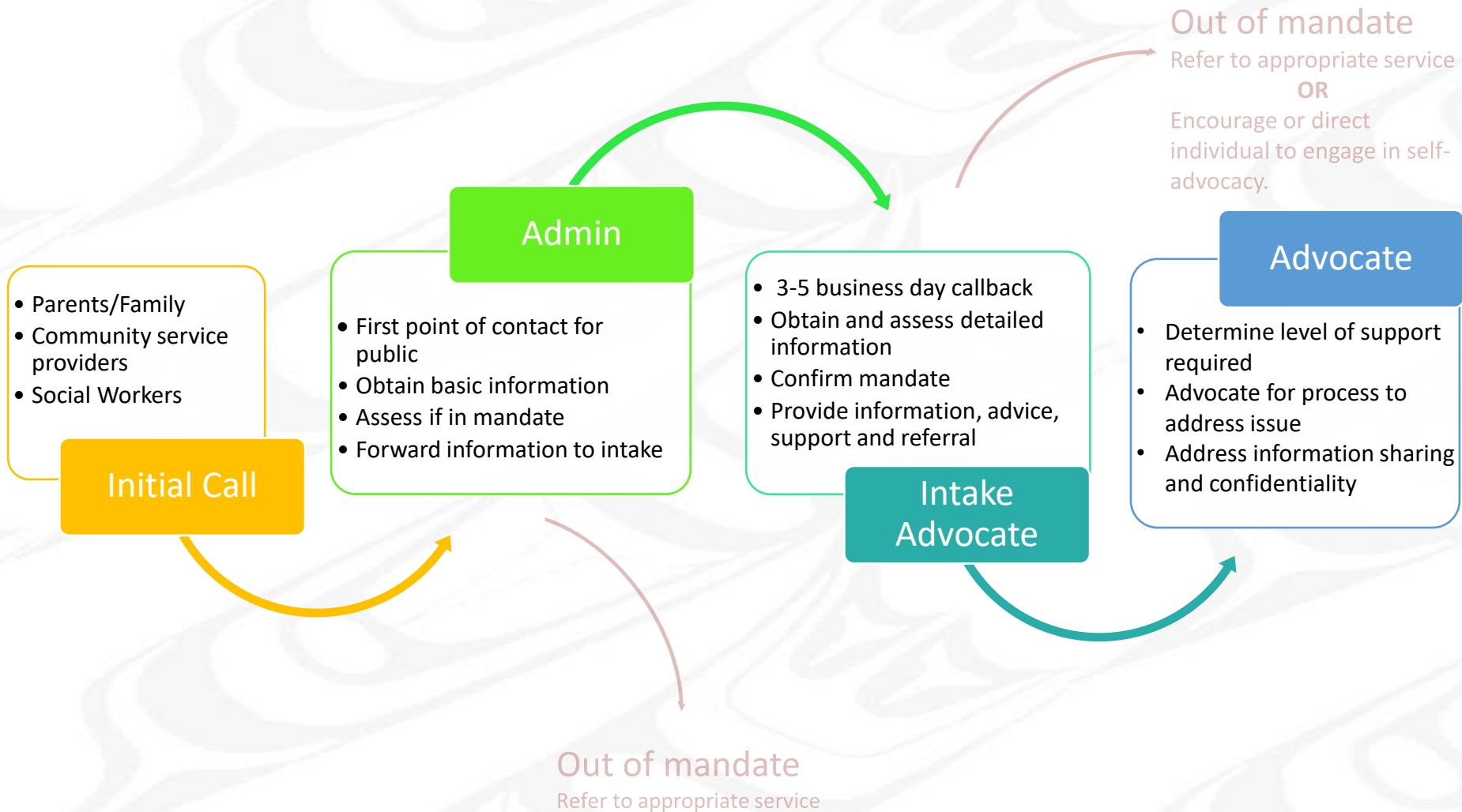
- Override
- Remove
- Represent
- Decide



***Advocates are not decision-makers or case managers.***



# Advocacy Process: *Adult*





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