
Different types of Reviews:

Admission Review - This review will focus on goals, communication, the child/youth's rights, treatment approaches and appropriateness of the placement. RPAC will create a Recommendation Report to help ensure each child/youth's needs are being met while in the program.

Follow Up Review - Every 9 months after the Admission Review, the Coordinator will schedule a follow up review to ensure that the placement remains appropriate for the child/youth and to receive an update on the Recommendation Report.

Discretionary Review - This review is called as needed and can be requested by anyone involved with the child/youth, to discuss any new concerns and/or to look at any outstanding recommendations.

Objection Review - If a child/youth disagrees with their placement and the differences can't be worked out internally, RPAC can complete an Objection Review. This is similar to the Admission Review with a focus on appropriateness of the placement and what the child/youth would like to see improved.

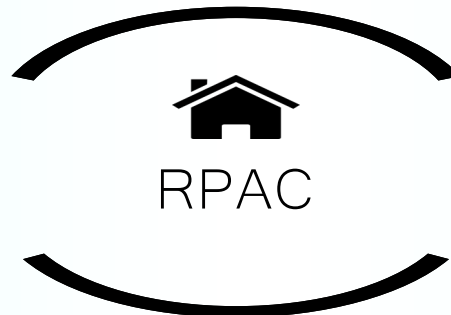
Note: If a suitable placement for a child/youth is not available within their local region, out-of-area placements may be considered. In the event of a placement with a provider out of the area, the child/youth's placement will continue to be reviewed by the RPAC in their home community, unless otherwise agreed upon.

If you want to discuss your placement
you can also call:

The Ontario Ombudsman
416-325-5669 | 1-800-263-2841 |
TTY 416-325-2648 www.ombudsman.on.ca

There is 24/7 support at:
Kids Help Phone @ 1-800-668-6868
<https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

For more info about RPAC please scan here



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Child, Youth and Family Services Act

In December 1984 the Ontario Legislature passed Bill 77 - the Child and Family Services Act. Under the 1984 Act, a system of Residential Placement Advisory Committees (RPAC) was established. The Act was updated in 2017 to the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, and RPAC is explained in Sections 62-66 of the Act.



These Committees were created to review the placement of each child/youth living in an out of home placement in Ontario. Mandatory reviews were set up for those living in a long-term (90 days or more) placement with the potential of 10 children/youth or more living on one property.

This Committee was also created to provide a process for a child/youth who disagrees with their placement (no matter the amount of peers in the program) to have a review by the Committee; therefore, making them eligible to have a hearing before the Child and Family Services Review Board.

Who is on the Committee?

The Committee is a group of professionals with experience in the social services field who talk to youth and their families to make sure their out of home placement is meeting their needs. When the Committee is selected, we ensure that no one has been involved with this child/youth's treatment team, or with the decision to place this child/youth in an out of home placement so that this is an unbiased review. Each RPAC Committee will have at least one service provider, one informed citizen/chair, one person from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, along with the RPAC Coordinator. As well, an Indigenous representative will be included, if the child/youth is Indigenous.

What kind of questions will the Committee ask?

The Committee will listen to what the child/youth feels comfortable sharing. This could include their personal story, what their goals are for the program, and how their placement is going, etc. As well, the Committee will interview their treatment team including parents/guardians and professionals involved in the child/youth's care, to gain their opinion with how the placement is going. The Committee will want to know if the child/youth's beliefs and rights are being accommodated and respected.

Reviews can occur by video conference, in-person, or by telephone. The Coordinator will advise everyone involved as to how the review will occur.

Purposes of the Review are as follows:

1. To conduct neutral, second-party reviews of placements of children/youth in out of home placements.
2. The primary focus of every review is the child/youth, and whether or not their placement meets their needs.
3. To ensure the child/youth has left the review process feeling they have been heard and were a valued participant in the review process.
4. Recommendations are created about the placement and treatment being offered while living in the program.

What happens after the meeting?

The Committee will review the reports provided and all completed interviews, then develop a Recommendation Report. The Coordinator will send a copy of the Recommendation Report to the child/youth, parent/guardian, the Placing Agency (if applicable) and the Service Provider. Questions can be followed up on by the RPAC Coordinator.

If you have further questions, please reach out to the RPAC Program Coordinator at 705-748-3220 ext. 2 or rpcas@kfcas.ca