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Child and Youth Advocate Office Scan: Budget / FTE Staffing Levels

Jurisdiction	Annual Budget	Staff
Newfoundland: <i>Advocate for Children and Youth)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1,300,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 FTE
Nova Scotia: <i>Child and Youth mandate of the Office of the Ombudsman</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1,600,000 annually <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Child and Youth Mandate is a part of the Ombudsman's Office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 FTE
New Brunswick: <i>Office of the Child and Youth Advocate</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$902,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 FTE
Ontario <i>The Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$11,000,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 FTE
Manitoba <i>Office of the Children's Advocate</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,832,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 FTE
Saskatchewan <i>Children's Advocate Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2,554,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 FTE
Alberta <i>Office of the Child Advocate</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$12 million annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 FTE
British Columbia <i>Representative for Children and youth</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$7,917,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 FTE
Yukon <i>Representative for Children and youth</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 FTE

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ANSWER:

1. Services

- a. New Brunswick, Newfoundland, the Yukon and Nunavut were used as the comparator group (given their population size). Nova Scotia was omitted from the budget estimate, as the Advocate Office in Nova Scotia is part of the Ombudsman's Budget.
- b. Services that these Offices provide are:
 - i. Handling complaints relating to a child or youth in government care
 - ii. Investigating complaints regarding a child or youth in government care
 - iii. Participating in alternative dispute resolution processes
 - iv. Providing information about services
 - v. Making recommendations to government or agencies of government about legislation, policies and practices regarding services for children

*None of the aforementioned Offices provide legal representation for a child or youth client

2. Staff

- a. Newfoundland has 13 fulltime employees (Budget is \$1,300,000) – Population 528,488
- b. New Brunswick has 11 fulltime employees (Budget is \$902,000) – Population 753,914
- c. The Yukon has 3 fulltime employees (Budget is \$500,000) – Population 33,397
- d. Nunavut has 6 fulltime employees (Budget is \$2,100,000) – Population 35,944

3. Functions

- a. All four Offices hire employees based on the Advocate's discretion in order to fulfill the Advocate's mandate under each respective piece of enabling legislation.
- b. Typical staff used in all three Offices include:
 - i. The Advocate
 - ii. Deputy Advocates (Delegates, Investigators, Specialists) – Generally Lawyers/Social Workers
 - iii. Office Managers
 - iv. Administrative Assistants
- c. Offices also hire external contractors on an as needed basis.