Background/ History

1978 Assembly created the Children’s Code Commission

– Study and revise all of the laws affecting the health and welfare of minors
– Commission developed the Office of the Child Advocate

Office protects a child’s right to appropriate placement, healthcare and education, and to be treated with dignity and respect
Mission Statement

To protect the civil, legal and special rights of all children involved with the Department of Children, Youth and Families.
# Summary by Category

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Budget Office provided a general revenue target of $585,041
- Current service adjustments of $17,607
- 7% reduction of $44,035
- Constrained request reduced all employee salaries by 17.0 percent for $97,807 in savings
- Union agreements do not permit this reduction
- Governor did not recommend reducing employee salaries
Staffing

- Governor includes 5.8 positions for FY 2013 and FY 2014
- All positions are currently filled
- FY 2013 revised budget assumes turnover savings from 0.8 staff attorney that was expected to leave in January
All Other Operations

FY 2013: Governor includes $17,923 for all other operating expenses, $2,396 more than enacted

– Travel expenses for field visits
– Court document expenses
– Office supplies
– One New Computer
All Other Operations

FY 2014: Governor includes $18,552 for all other operating expenses, $2,525 more than enacted

- Travel expenses for field visits
- Staff training
- Office supplies
- One New Computer
  - Office had requested two