Mission Statement

To protect the civil, legal and special rights of all children involved with the Department of Children, Youth and Families.
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 assures they are treated with dignity and respect
## Summary by Fund Source

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## Summary by Category

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Staffing

Governor includes the enacted level of 6.0 positions for FY 2016 and FY 2017

FY 2016 Revised: $676,024
  - $3,473 less than enacted from general revenues
  - Statewide medical benefit savings

FY 2017: $667,945
  - $11,529 less than enacted from general revenues
  - Savings anticipated from hiring new Child Advocate at lower salary than incumbent
  - Statewide medical benefit savings
In October 2015 Governor Raimondo announced plans to appoint new Child Advocate after incumbent’s term expires.

Current Child Advocate’s term ends March 31, 2016.

New Child Advocate appointed in mid-March.
Other Operations

- FY 2016 Revised: $38,393
  - $617 more than enacted from general revenues
  - Child Advisory Committee meeting expenses
  - Legal journal subscriptions
- FY 2017: $27,637
  - $10,162 less than enacted from general revenues
  - Exclusion of one-time FY 2016 office furniture purchases
  - Statewide telephone savings
Office of the Child Advocate
FY 2016 Revised and
FY 2017 Operating Budgets

Staff Presentation
March 24, 2016