

## News Release

### PGT releases its 13th annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report

**VANCOUVER, DECEMBER 16, 2021** – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) released its 13th annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report today. Included in the report is an overview of property guardianship services delivered by the PGT to children and youth who were in the continuing care of the Province between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. It also highlights the work that the PGT has done to collect financial benefits and pursue legal claims for children and youth in care.

“These most vulnerable citizens of our province are owed a significant degree of protection and service and the PGT strives to deliver effective property guardianship services every day,” said Dana Kingsbury, Public Guardian and Trustee.

This fiscal, the PGT settled a class action on behalf of children and youth who had been impacted by the actions of a government employee holding himself out as a social worker and who had diverted funds intended for the benefit of children in care for his own use.

“The trauma and hardship on these children and youth was severe and in some cases will be long lasting; this compensation is a crucial piece of the recovery path.” said Kingsbury.

The PGT is property guardian for over 4,500 children and youth who are in the continuing care of the Province of British Columbia.

Highlights of the 2020-2021 Child and Youth Guardianship Services report are available [here](#), while the complete report can be found [here](#).

#### **About the Public Guardian and Trustee**

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is a corporation sole established under the *Public Guardian and Trustee Act* with a unique statutory role to protect the interests of British Columbians who lack legal capacity to protect their own interests. The mandate of the PGT is to:

- Protect the legal and financial interests of children under the age of 19 years;
- Protect the legal, financial, personal and health care interests of adults who require assistance in decision making; and
- Administer the estates of deceased and missing persons.

In 2020-2021, the PGT Child and Youth Services division administered \$53.5 million of assets for 4,548 property guardian clients. For more information about the PGT, visit [www.trustee.bc.ca](http://www.trustee.bc.ca).

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