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PGT releases its 2018-2019 Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report

VANCOUVER, DECEMBER 9, 2019 – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) released its 11th annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report today. The report provides 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, 2018 and March 31, 2019. It also highlights notable strides the PGT has made to provide a measure of financial security as a foundation for children aging out of continuing care to build a positive future.

“The work the PGT does to protect the legal and financial interests of children and youth in care brings with it the responsibility to create appropriate transition supports for youth as they leave care,” said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee.

This year, as the result of recent legislative amendments, the PGT was able to offer property guardian clients extended financial management support after they reach the age of majority.

The PGT is property guardian for approximately 5,000 children and youth who are in the continuing care of the Province of British Columbia. Highlights of the report can be found [here](#).

“The PGT’s role as property guardian has resulted in an increasing number of children and youth leaving care with financial assets of their own.” said Romanko.

The 2018-2019 Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report is available [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 2018-2019, the PGT served 26,119 clients and administered \$1,079 million of client trust assets.

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