



## NEWS RELEASE

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Public Guardian and Trustee

### **PGT releases Child and Youth Guardianship Services 2014-2015 Report**

**Vancouver** – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) today released its Child and Youth Guardianship Services 2014-2015 report.

The PGT protects the legal and financial interests of the children and youth it serves and plays an important role in supporting children and youth in continuing care by acting as their property guardian. The report describes property guardianship services provided by the PGT in 2014-2015 and highlights significant achievements, including recovering more than \$1.1 million from legal claims made on behalf of these children and youth.

“The PGT is committed to making a positive contribution to the lives of children and youth in continuing care by providing them with effective property guardianship services,” said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee. “Many of these children and youth have experienced significant life challenges and protecting their legal and financial interests provides important support to them and may also generate financial assets to assist them as they move into adulthood.”

This report provides data about the range of services provided to PGT guardianship clients which includes responding to critical incident reports received concerning these children and youth.

#### **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.

The PGT served approximately 27,700 clients and administers almost \$877 million of client trust assets in 2014-2015. For more information see the PGT website at [www.trustee.bc.ca](http://www.trustee.bc.ca). The Child and Youth Guardianship Services 2014-2015 Report is available by clicking [here](#).

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