



## NEWS RELEASE

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Public Guardian and Trustee

### **PGT supports Financial Literacy Month**

**Vancouver** – November is Financial Literacy Month and the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is committed to sharing knowledge, materials and training to improve the financial literacy of vulnerable British Columbians.

Through its Child and Youth Services division, the PGT has partnered with the Adoptive Families Association on a financial literacy quest set to launch on the [AgedOut.com](http://AgedOut.com) website in the spring of 2017. The [AgedOut.com](http://AgedOut.com) website was developed by the Adoptive Families Association of BC in partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, Content Strategy Inc. and Agentic Digital Media and is filled with resources and services for young adults in or formerly in government care. As a part of the quest, the PGT will provide a financial literacy component for the website.

“Financial literacy is having the knowledge, skills and ability to make responsible financial decisions. Knowing how to manage money allows youth and young adults to take greater control over the direction and outcomes of their lives,” said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee. “By developing a financial literacy component for the website, we are providing another valuable tool to youth transitioning out of care.”

In addition to its newly formed partnership with the Adoptive Families Association, last year the PGT delivered 19 workshops to external stakeholders and partners such as the Urban Native Youth Association’s Cedar Walk Program and the YWCA’s Strive Program. These financial literacy workshops focused on values, budgeting and advice on saving for the future.

Through its Child and Youth Services division, the PGT offers financial literacy training and resource materials to youth at risk, especially those in and from care. These materials include the PGT’s [Dollars and Sense - A Guide for your Money](#) and [Dollars and Sense Workbook](#) publications, available at [www.trustee.bc.ca](http://www.trustee.bc.ca). The Child and Youth Services division can be reached by email at [cys@trustee.bc.ca](mailto:cys@trustee.bc.ca).

### **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.

For more information see the PGT website at [www.trustee.bc.ca](http://www.trustee.bc.ca).

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