

# Guardianship Services Report

## 2024–2025 highlights

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is property guardian for children and youth who are in continuing or temporary care, undergoing adoption, who have no legal guardian, and, in some cases, in the care of a Nation. In this role, the PGT protects a child's legal and financial interests, secures benefits and entitlements, and serves as trustee of their property.

### This year's report covers:

- Supporting Truth and Reconciliation through collaboration with First Nations and Indigenous Child and Family Service Agencies
- Trends in service delivery: RDSPs, critical incident reports and legal services
- External trends: Improving transition planning, responding to the Canada Disability Benefit, and class actions work
- Expanding community engagement and financial wellness initiatives across B.C.

### PGT property guardian services at a glance:



Served **2,537** property guardian children and youth.\* **73%** were Indigenous



Held **\$70.8** million in assets for **1,529** children and youth\*



Secured **\$953,236** in financial benefits for **399** children and youth



Received **2,678** critical incident reports for **870** children and youth



Opened **347** new legal files and managed **420** active cases

\*As of March 31, 2025.



### Spotlight: Partnership and legal advocacy

In October 2024, the PGT signed its **first property guardian coordination agreement** with a First Nation, marking a historic step in supporting Indigenous jurisdiction.

The PGT is also supporting youth through **major class actions**, including the First Nations Drinking Water and Jordan's Principle settlements.



### Community engagement and financial wellness

The PGT delivered **43 financial wellness workshops** and began offering new **"Train the Trainer"** sessions. Partnerships with community organizations helped **promote financial wellness** and culturally grounded support for youth in care.

### Looking ahead

As First Nations continue to reclaim jurisdiction, the PGT remains committed to **transparency, accountability and meaningful partnership** to improve outcomes for all children and youth.