

The Commissioner for  
Children and Young People  
wants to know...

WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
IN OUT-OF-  
HOME CARE?



This is the Commissioner for Children and Young People for Tasmania. Her name is

**LEANNE McLEAN.**

The Commissioner has started an important project **to look at what's going on for young people who are in out-of-home care in Tasmania.** This project will go for at least three years from July 2018. It is called the Out-of-Home Care Monitoring Program.





## THE COMMISSIONER

is independent from the Government and the Child Safety Service. She will **listen to what you have to say** about things in out-of-home care that affect you — and will **take what you say seriously**.



# THE COMMISSIONER CARES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE.

The Commissioner is interested to know **what is working well in out-of-home care in Tasmania** — and what can be improved.

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# WHAT IS THE COMMISSIONER DOING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE?

The Commissioner for Children and Young People has an important job to look out for all children and young people in Tasmania. The Commissioner reminds everyone to make sure that young people:

- are loved and safe
- are healthy
- are able to participate in decisions affecting them
- have what they need to live a good life
- are supported to learn
- have a positive sense of identity and culture

## CAN I TALK TO OR SEND A MESSAGE TO THE COMMISSIONER?

Yes—The Commissioner will listen to what you have to say about things in out-of-home care that affect you—and will take what you say seriously.

Phone: (03) 6166 1366 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Email: [childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au](mailto:childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au)

 [www.facebook.com/commissionerforchildrentas](http://www.facebook.com/commissionerforchildrentas)

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THE CCYP OUT-OF-HOME CARE MONITORING PROGRAM AIMS TO BE:

ACHIEVABLE

RELEVANT

STRONG & STABLE

CHILD-CENTRED

FLEXIBLE & OPEN-MINDED

HELPFUL & USEFUL

AND TO PROMOTE & PROTECT

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BEST INTERESTS

Do you want to know more about the monitoring principles? Scan here







WHAT IF  
I HAVE A  
PROBLEM  
IN OUT-OF-  
HOME CARE?



The Child Advocate in the Department of Communities Tasmania can help you to sort out problems you're having in out-of-home care — and make sure you have a say about what happens to you.

**Contact the Child Advocate:**

**Mobile:** 0419 970 181 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

**Office:** (03) 6165 6945 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

**Free call:** 1800 549 725 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

**Email:** [child.advocate@communities.tas.gov.au](mailto:child.advocate@communities.tas.gov.au)



## WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

Young people in out-of-home care have special rights that are listed in the *Charter of Rights for Tasmanian Children and Young People in Out-of-Home Care*. As a young person in out-of-home care you have the right to...

BE TREATED FAIRLY  
& WITH RESPECT

BE HEALTHY



BE LISTENED TO

STAY IN TOUCH  
WITH PEOPLE WHO  
MATTER TO YOU



REGULAR CONTACT  
WITH YOUR WORKER

IDENTIFY WITH YOUR  
CULTURE, COMMUNITY  
AND RELIGION



BE SAFE & FEEL SAFE

HAVE YOUR PRIVACY RESPECTED

GAIN EDUCATION  
& LIFE SKILLS





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