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## Different types of meetings:

**Admission Review** - This review will focus on goals, communication, the child/youth's rights, treatment approaches and appropriateness of the placement. RPAC creates a Recommendation Report to help ensure each child/youth's needs are being met while in the program.

**Follow Up Review** - Every 9 months after the Admission Review, the coordinator will schedule a follow up review to ensure that the placement is still appropriate for the child/youth and to receive an update on the Recommendation Report.

**Discretionary Review** - This review is called as needed and can be requested by anyone involved with the case to discuss any new concerns or to look at any outstanding recommendations.

**Objection Review** - If a child/youth disagrees with their placement and the differences can't be worked out internally, RPAC can complete an Objection Review. It will be similar to the Admission Review with a focus on what is going well and what the child/youth would like to see improved.

**Note:** If a suitable placement for a child/youth is not available within their local region, out-of-area placements may be looked at. In the event of a placement with a provider out of the area, the child/youth's case will continue to be reviewed by the RPAC in their home community, unless otherwise agreed upon.

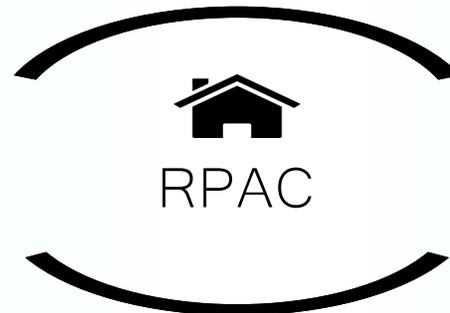
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## If you want to discuss your placement you can also call:

The Ontario Ombudsman  
416-325-5669 | 1-800-263-2841 |  
TTY 416-325-2648  
[www.ombudsman.on.ca](http://www.ombudsman.on.ca)

## There is 24/7 support at:

Kids Help Phone @ 1-800-668-6868  
<https://kidshelpphone.ca/>



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### *CENTRAL EAST REGION*

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## *Central East Region Residential Placement Advisory Committee*



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## *About our Program*



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## **Child, Youth and Family Services Act**

In December 1984 the Ontario Legislature passed Bill 77 - the Child and Family Services Act. Under the 1984 Act, a system of Residential Placement Advisory Committees (RPACs) was established. The Act was updated in 2017 to the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, and RPAC continued to be supported.



These committees were created to review the placement of each child/youth in Ontario under the age of 18 years, living in a long-term (90 days or more) residential care/Live In Treatment (LIT) program with the potential of 10 youth or more living on one property.

It was also created to provide a process for a child/youth who disagrees with their placement to have a review by the committee; therefore, making them eligible to have a hearing before the Child and Family Services Review Board.

### **Who is on the Committee?**

Each RPAC review must be made up of at least one service provider, one informed citizen/chair, one representative from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and the RPAC Coordinator. If the child/youth is Indigenous, then an Indigenous representative will be on the committee. Committee members will not be associated with the residential/LIT program where the child/youth resides.

### **What kind of questions will the Committee ask?**

The Committee will listen to what the child/youth feels comfortable sharing. This could include their personal story regarding how they came to be in Live In Treatment, how they feel their placement is going, and what their goals are for the program. As well, the Committee will interview their parent/guardian and any other professionals involved in the child/youth's care, to get their opinion with how the placement is going. The Committee will want to know if the child/youth's beliefs and rights are being respected and accommodated.



Meetings can occur either virtually using a video conferencing platform, in-person, or by telephone. The Coordinator will advise everyone involved as to what type of review has been scheduled.

### **Purposes of the Review are as follows:**

1. To conduct neutral, second-party reviews of the placement of children/youth in LIT programs.
2. The primary focus of every review is about the child/youth and whether or not their placement meets their needs.
3. To ensure the child/youth has left the review process feeling they have been heard and were a valued participant in the review process.
4. To support and make recommendations on the programming and treatment offered while living in the LIT program.

### **What happens after the meeting?**

The committee will review the reports provided and all interviews completed and then develop a Recommendation Report. The coordinator will send a copy of the Recommendation Report to the child/youth, parent/guardian, and the residential care/LIT program. Questions can be answered by the RPAC coordinator.

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**If you have further questions, please reach out to the RPAC Program Coordinator at 705-748-3220 ext. 230 or [rpac@kfcas.ca](mailto:rpac@kfcas.ca)**