Why ombuds persons matter

A brief introduction

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Against With All Odds

Building a child-friendly city in Jacksonville/Florida, USA

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brief history of friendliness

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System of Care

- Cultural and Linguistic Competence
- Community-Based
- Youth-Guided
- Family Driven
brief history of friendliness

- Independent from government
- Broad powers to investigate

CRIN

children’s ombudsperson
Jacksonville

Office of the Children’s Ombudsperson

Center for Children’s Rights
The Five Goal Areas of the CFCl

The right to be valued, respected and treated fairly

Expanded Human Rights Ordinance (LGBTQ)

Hope Pipeline Project (CCR)
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The right to be heard
children’s vision

KEY STRATEGIES IN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE MATTER:

• Orient all funding of assistance and subsidies toward collaboration, and especially the expansion of public-private partnerships

• Expand participation in mentoring programs, including encouraging our elder population to serve as mentors

• Foster community-wide awareness of overall effects of the most recent economic recession on children, youth, and older adults

• Strengthen Jacksonville’s nonprofit sector by emphasizing the social value of services: solving community problems resulting in improved quality of life for the entire city

• Increase opportunities for work, education, entertainment, creativity, and physical activity for people with disabilities

• Reduce stigma around mental illness through increased community education

• Establish Jacksonville as a child friendly city, in which all babies are born into a community that is ready to support and nurture their potential and success through childhood and youth
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The right to social services
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The right to be safe
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The right to family life, play and leisure
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Group Discussion

Suggested questions:

1. Which added value does an ombudsperson bring to the CFCI?
2. Could you imagine establishing a children’s ombudsperson in your city?
3. Which mandate should a local ombudsperson have?
4. Which qualification should a local ombudsperson for children have?

Please agree on one person reporting back to the plenary
Thank you!