

What is the role of the RPAC team?

RPAC is a mandate from the Child and Youth Family Services Act. The role of the RPAC team is to determine if a child/ youth who is living in a residential facility that supports 10 or more youth under the age of 18 on the same property are appropriately placed. Which means the committee wants to make sure that the child/youth is receiving the most suitable service possible. There are different types of RPAC meetings:

Admission Review - The review must be planned within the first 45 days of placement, if the placement is intended to last more than 90 days.

9 month Follow Up Review - Every 9 months after admission, RPAC will do a follow-up review to ensure that the placement is still appropriate for the child/youth.

Discretionary Review - Meeting is called as needed and can be requested by anyone involved with the case.

Objection Review - If a child disagrees with their assigned placement, then they have a right to an RPAC review of their placement. (*Child and Family Service Act, Part 2, Sec.34, (6)(b)i,ii,1984*).

Note: If a suitable placement for a child/ youth does not exist or is not available within their local region, out-of-area services may be sought. In the event of placement in a service out of the area the child's case will continue to be reviewed by the RPAC in their home community, unless otherwise agreed upon.



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Child and Youth Family Services ACT

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

These committees were established to review the placement of each youth under the age of 18 years old in long-term (90 days or more) residential placements of 10 beds or more on one property.



RPAC will assist, inform and advise through recommendations as to the appropriateness of residential services through case assessment and review. This is to ensure that children receive the most appropriate residential placement to meet their needs.

Who is on the RPAC team?

RPAC must be composed of at least one service provider not associated with the residential program where the child/ youth resides, one informed citizen, one ministry representative and the RPAC coordinator. If the client is indigenous, then an indigenous representative is also part of the team.

What kind of questions will they ask?

The committee will listen to the child/ youth's story of how they came to be in residential care, what is working well, what is not working well and find out what the child/ youth's goals are for the program.



The team will seek the same information from their guardian and any other professionals involved in your care. The team will want to know if the child/ youth's beliefs and rights are being respected and accommodated.

If the child/ youth or guardian cannot attend the meeting, the RPAC Coordinator will obtain their thoughts through a telephone interview and make sure this information is presented to the committee at the meeting.

Meetings can occur virtually using a video conferencing platform, in person or a paper review where only telephone interviews are completed. The coordinator will let you know what type of review you will be participating in.

Purpose of the Review are as follows:

1. To ensure the appropriateness of the residential placement relative to the child/ youth's needs.
2. To determine whether the program offered at the residential facility is meeting the needs of the individual child or youth.
3. To support and enhance the decisions made about placing children or youth in residential care.

What happens after the meeting?

After the meeting, the RPAC team will review all of the information that was presented and make their recommendations. The RPAC Coordinator will send a copy of the recommendations to the child/ youth, parent/ guardian, case manager and the residential/ LITS program.

With the recommendations it will state if a follow up review will occur and when. It will also state next steps if the child/ youth does not agree with the recommendations.

The process is the same for Admission Reviews and Objection Reviews.

If you have further questions please reach out to the RPAC program coordinator for the Central East Region at 705-748-3220 ext. 230 or

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