

Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth Celebrate National Child Day

SASKATOON – The Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth (ACY) is honoured to participate in the celebration of National Child Day on November 20th. This day is an opportunity to celebrate children's rights and promote building a safe and nurturing environment for all children. National Child Day is rooted in the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The UNCRC is the most extensively ratified international treaty, outlining the fundamental rights of all young people, including the right to protection, education, and healthcare. Containing 54 articles, the UNCRC imposes an obligation on governments to guarantee the respect, protection, and fulfillment of these rights for all children.

Dr. Lisa Broda stated, "As we mark National Child Day, it is necessary to address the current issues and challenges facing youth in Saskatchewan. Together, we must ensure their voices are heard and their rights remain protected." Broda emphasized, "Every child deserves to grow up in a safe and supportive environment, and we must strive to make this a reality."

"Despite the unique challenges and obstacles faced by all children and youth, their resilience and determination continue to inspire. Their ability to overcome adversity and demonstrate strength is a reminder of each child's potential," stated Broda. Furthermore, Broda emphasized, "It is our collective responsibility to support the young people of this province by ensuring they have the resources and opportunities to shape bright futures."

National Child Day is an opportunity to reflect on the progress made in ensuring the well-being of children and commit to advocating for their rights. "We will be out celebrating this important day with youth people and encourage others to let young people know how important they are to our future," said Broda.

For more information, visit: www.saskadvocate.ca/national-child-day/

The Advocate for Children and Youth is an independent office of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. The Advocate leads a team of professionals who work on behalf of the province's young people independent and apart from government. The office's vision is that the rights, well-being, and voices of children and youth are respected, valued, and supported to assist young people to reach their full potential.

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