

Red font indicates highly desired characteristics for Ohio's future Foster Youth Ombudsman Office

STATE	TYPE	OFFICE	JURISDICTION & LOCATION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT	APPOINTMENT & QUALIFICATION	DUTIES & POWERS OF THE OMBUDSMAN / CHILD ADVOCATE
<p>ALASKA Alaska Stat. 24.55.010-340</p>	<p>Provides oversight to all governmental agencies within the state including child welfare services</p>	<p>Alaska Office of Ombudsman</p>	<p>The Ombudsman has jurisdiction to investigate the administrative acts of all Alaska agencies, and is independent and autonomous of those agencies. As part of the Legislative Branch, the administrative facilities and services of the Legislative Affairs Agency may be used for the management of the Office of the Ombudsman.</p>	<p>The Ombudsman is selected by the Alaska Legislature's Ombudsman Selection Committee, subject to approval by the Legislature and Governor. The Ombudsman serves for a term of five years and may be reappointed. The Ombudsman must be at least 21 years old, a qualified voter, resident in the state for three years, and cannot be a candidate for, or hold, public office.</p>	<p>The Ombudsman may investigate complaints; has access to confidential records; issue subpoenas; and must maintain confidentiality. The Ombudsman may issue investigative reports, and may submit recommendations to the Legislature.</p>
<p>ARIZONA Ariz. Rev. Stat. 41-1371 through 41-1383</p>	<p>Provides oversight to all governmental agencies within the state including child welfare</p>	<p>Arizona Office of Ombudsman Citizens Aide</p>	<p>The Ombudsman oversees all Arizona agencies and is independent and autonomous of</p>	<p>The Ombudsman is appointed by Legislative committee. The Ombudsman serves</p>	<p>The Ombudsman may investigate the administrative acts of agencies; prepare an annual and public</p>

	services		those agencies. The Office of the Ombudsman is an independent agency of the Arizona Legislature, and physically may not be located in the state office or any agency office.	five-year terms- and cannot serve more than three full terms. The Ombudsman must not hold public office, must be a state resident for 6 months, 25 years old, and have investigatory experience.	report; has access to confidential information; issues subpoenas; maintains confidentiality; makes recommendations.
ARKANSAS	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare agency	(Ark. Code Ann. § 16-87-216) Arkansas Public Defender's Commission's Juvenile Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is part of the Public Defender's Commission, the Juvenile Ombudsman provides for independent oversight of the Division of Youth Service's facilities and programs that are unlicensed or unaccredited.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Executive Director of the Public Defender's Commission. The Ombudsman should have an advanced degree in a related field and four years of related experience.	The Ombudsman has access to confidential information and juveniles in the state's custody; receives and investigates complaints; prepares annual reports.
		Foster Parent Ombudsman	The Foster Parent Ombudsman is located within the Department of Human Services; has the responsibility of assisting foster parents. No		The Foster Parent Ombudsman serves as an advocate for foster parents by answering questions, providing training and assistance, and working to help resolve complaints or

			statutory authority.		problems the foster parents might be having with the Division.
CALIFORNIA Cal. Welfare And Institutions Code § 16160-16167	Operates within, but autonomous of, the state agency providing child welfare services	California Ombudsman for Foster Care	The Ombudsman is established as an autonomous entity within the State Department of Social Services with the oversight of children in foster care and relating to their care, placement or services.	The Department Director and interested committee shall appoint the Ombudsman for a term of four years. The Ombudsman may be appointed for consecutive terms.	The California Ombudsman for Foster Care investigates complaints; has access to confidential information; must maintain confidentiality; prepares an annual report for the Legislature that is available to the public.
COLORADO Colo. Rev. Stat. § 19-3.3-101 to -109	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman	The Child Protection Ombudsman is established in the State Department and administered by contract with a public agency or private nonprofit organization. The Ombudsman must act independently of Divisions responsible for child welfare, youth corrections, or child care, and independently of the county departments.	The Child Protection Ombudsman works cooperatively with the Child Protection Ombudsman Board. This board is comprised of up to 12 individuals. These individuals are appointed by Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, the Governor, the president and minority leader of the Senate and the speaker and minority leader of the House of	The Child Protection Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints; maintains confidentiality; has access to confidential information; does not have the ability to subpoena; makes recommendations; reports annually; educates the public.

				Representatives.	
CONNECTICUT Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-13k	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate	The Child Advocate shall act independently of any state department. The Office of the Child Advocate is located within the Office of Governmental Accountability.	The Child Advocate is appointed by the Governor with Approval by the General Assembly to serve a four-year term and may be reappointed.	The Child Advocate receives and investigates complaints; periodically reviews institutions; recommends policy changes; provides training to attorneys and guardians ad litem; has access to confidential information; issues subpoenas; maintains confidentiality; maintains a child fatality review panel; represents a child in court; produces annual and public reports.
DELAWARE Del. Code Ann. tit. 29 § 9001A – 9009A	Other statutory Ombudsman-like programs limited to specific constituencies or services within the child welfare system	Delaware Office of the Child Advocate	The Office of the Child Advocate is a non-judicial agency of the Court. The Child Advocate serves as Executive Director to the Committee of the Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC).	Appointed by the Executive Committee of the Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC). The Child Advocate shall be an attorney duly licensed to practice law in Delaware.	The Child Advocate provides legal representation of children; provides public education and legislative advocacy; reviews child policy; recommends changes, submits an annual report; maintains confidentiality; effectuates the purposes of the CPAC.
FLORIDA	Operates within, but autonomous of, the state agency providing child	Children’s Board Ombudsman Program	The Florida Children’s Ombudsman shall serve as an		The Ombudsman listens to and is a voice for children and youth, takes complaints about

	welfare services		autonomous entity within the department for the purpose of providing children and young adults who are placed in out-of-home care with a means to resolve issues related to their care, placement, or services without fear of retribution. The ombudsman shall have access to any record of a state or local agency which is necessary to carry out his or her responsibilities and may meet or communicate with any child or young adult in the child or young adult's placement or elsewhere.		placement, care, or services without fear of retribution, and serves as a resource to identify and explain relevant policy or procedures.
GEORGIA Ga. Code Ann, § 15-11-740 et. Seq.	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children	The Child Advocate provides independent oversight of persons, organizations and agencies responsible	The Child Advocate is appointed through a nominating process through the Governor.	The Child Advocate coordinates the Child Fatality Review Panel; investigates complaints; has access to confidential records;

			for providing services to or caring for children who are victims of child abuse and neglect, or whose domestic situation requires intervention by the state. The Child Advocate is located within the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only.		subpoenas records; reviews the facilities and procedures of any institution or residence; provides public education and legislative advocacy; provides annual and public reports.
HAWAII Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 96-1 to 96-19	Provides oversight to all governmental agencies within the state including child welfare services	Office of the Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is an officer of the Legislature and has jurisdiction to investigate the administrative acts of all agencies. The Ombudsman operates independently and autonomously of state and county agencies.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the legislature for a six-year term, with a three-term limit. The Ombudsman may not currently serve public office.	The Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints; has access to confidential information; issues subpoenas; makes recommendations to state agencies; publishes recommendations; maintains confidentiality; publishes an annual and public report.
ILLINOIS Ch. 20 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 505/35.5	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare agency	Illinois DCFS Office of the Inspector General	The Inspector General shall function independently, within the Department of	The Inspector General is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a term of	The Inspector General makes recommendations to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services; has

			Children and Family Services, with the authority to conduct investigations into by any employee, foster parent, service provider, or contractor of the Department of Children and Family Services.	four years.	access to confidential information; acts as a liaison between the Department and the police; has the power to subpoena; publishes an annual and public report.
INDIANA Ind. Code § 4-13-19	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Indiana Department of Child Services Ombudsman Bureau	The Ombudsman oversees the Department of Child Services (DCS) and acts independently of DCS. The Ombudsman is housed in the Department of Administration.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Governor. The Ombudsman must be an attorney licensed to practice law in Indiana or a social worker with a master's degree, and must have significant experience or education in child development and child advocacy, including at least two (2) years experience working with child abuse and neglect.	The Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints; provides public education; recommends changes; has access to confidential information; maintains confidentiality; makes reports.
IOWA Iowa Code § 2C-1 et.seq.	Provides oversight to all governmental agencies within the	Iowa Office of Citizen's Aide Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is part of the Legislative branch,	The Ombudsman is appointed by the legislative council,	The Ombudsman has access to confidential information; maintains

	state including child welfare services		acts independently and has the jurisdiction to investigate complaints about all state and local government agencies.	approved by the Senate and House of Representatives for a term of four years and may be reappointed. The Ombudsman must be a U.S. citizen, an Iowa resident, and qualified to analyze problems of law, administration and public policy.	confidentiality; investigates complaints; issues subpoenas; makes recommendations; publishes conclusions; provides annual and public reports.
KENTUCKY Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194A.030(A)	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare agency	Kentucky Office of the Ombudsman for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services	The Ombudsman is established within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, with Governor approval.	The Ombudsman receives and reviews citizen complaints; has access to confidential records; emphasizes research and best practice; program accountability; monitors federal compliance.
MAINE Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 22 § 4087-A	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is established as an independent program within the Executive Branch, and contracted to a non-profit organization to oversee the Office of Child and Family Services.	Contract to a nonprofit organization by the Governor. The current contract is with Maine's Children's Alliance. The Ombudsman may not be actively involved in state politics.	The Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints; provides public outreach; has access to persons, files, and records, does not have the power to subpoena; maintains confidentiality; provides annual and public reports.
MARYLAND	Other statutory	FOSTER PARENT	Not Independent.	The Foster Parent	The Foster Parent

	Ombudsman-like programs limited to specific constituencies or services within the child welfare system	OMBUDSMAN, John J. Bertulis, Foster Parent Ombudsman (410) 767-7561 e-mail: jbertuli@dhr.state.md.us	Autonomous within the Department of Human Resources and reports directly to the Secretary.	Ombudsman is hired by the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources.	Ombudsman reviews and mediates inquiries made by or on behalf of Maryland's public foster parents' and is responsible for a quarterly newsletter to foster parents.
MASSACHUSETTS Mass Gen. Laws ch. 18 § 1-13	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Massachusetts Office of the Child Advocate	The Child Advocate is an independent office within the Executive Branch with the jurisdiction to oversee children served by the child welfare or juvenile justice systems.	The Child Advocate is appointed by the Governor and a nominating committee and serves a term coterminous with that of the governor.	The Child Advocate investigates critical incidents; receives and investigates complaints; reviews and makes recommendations for system-wide changes; educates the public; has access to facilities and records; has the power to subpoena; provides annual and public reports.
MICHIGAN Mich. Comp. Laws § 722.921 et.seq.	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Michigan Office of the Children's Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is independent and autonomous within the Executive Branch Department of Management and Budget, with the jurisdiction to oversee child welfare functions.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.	The Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints; advocates to the legislature; makes recommendations; has access to confidential records; issues subpoenas; holds informal hearings; maintains confidentiality; provides annual and public reports.

<p>MINNESOTA Minn. Stat. § 257.0755 et.seq.</p>	<p>Other statutory Ombudsman-like programs limited to specific constituencies or services within the child welfare system</p>	<p>Minnesota Office of Ombudsperson for Families</p>	<p>The Office of Ombudsperson for Families is an independent state agency. There are four ombudspersons working with four different communities of color. Each Ombudsperson works independently from, but in collaboration with, each of the following groups: the Indian Affairs Council, the Chicano Latino Affairs Council, the Council on Black Minnesotans, and the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.</p>	<p>The Ombudsperson for each community shall be selected by the applicable community-specific board and serves at the pleasure of the respective communities. Each Ombudsperson shall be highly competent and qualified to analyze questions of law, administration, and public policy regarding the protection and placement of children from families of color; must be experienced in dealing with communities of color and knowledgeable about the needs of those communities; must not hold any other public office.</p>	<p>The Ombudsperson monitors agency compliance with all laws regarding child protection and placement as to the impact on children of color; provides cultural diversity training to state and local courts; receives and investigates complaints; has access to confidential information; has subpoena power; makes recommendations; provides annual and public reports.</p>
<p>MISSOURI Mo. Rev. Stat. § 37.705</p>	<p>Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific</p>	<p>State of Missouri Office of Child Advocate</p>	<p>The Office of Child Advocate is part of the Executive Branch Office of</p>	<p>The Child Advocate is appointed jointly by the Governor and the Chief Justice of</p>	<p>The Child Advocate receives and investigates complaints; has access to confidential</p>

	to child welfare		Administration and operates as an independent agent of accountability regarding Children's Protection and Services. The Child Advocate shall report directly to the Commissioner of the Office of Administration.	the Missouri Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Child Advocate shall hold office for a term of six years.	information; has the power to subpoena; makes recommendations; educates the public; maintains confidentiality; coordinates mediation efforts between school districts and students when allegations of child abuse arise in a school setting; provides annual and public reports.
MONTANA Executive Order	Non-statutory county-based or program-based offices	Citizens Advocate Office	The Citizens Advocate operates under Executive order of the Governor within the Governor's Office, with the authority to assist Montanans in their interactions with all state executive branch agencies.		The Citizens Advocate takes complaints regarding state agencies; operates an assistance hotline.
NEBRASKA	Provides oversight to all governmental agencies within the state including child welfare services	(Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,240 to 8-8,254) Public Counsel (Ombudsman's Office)	As part of the Legislative Branch the Public Counsel oversees all agencies and is independent of the agencies it oversees.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Legislature for a term of six years. The Ombudsman shall be a person well equipped to analyze problems of	The Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints against state administrative agencies and state government; has access to information; issues subpoenas; makes

				law, administration, and public policy and shall not be actively involved in partisan affairs.	recommendations; publishes annual reports.
		(LB 821) Office of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare			The Office of the Inspector General operates as a subdivision of the Public Counsel, investigating "individuals and agencies responsible for the care and protection of children in the Nebraska Child Welfare system."
NEVADA	Other statutory Ombudsman-like programs limited to specific constituencies or services within the child welfare system	Nevada State Advocate for Missing and Exploited Children	The Advocate operates within the Office of the Attorney General.	The Advocate is a Senior Deputy Attorney General.	The Advocate assists other agencies in investigating missing and exploited children; educates the public.
NEW HAMPSHIRE Section 170-G:18	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	New Hampshire Office of the Child Advocate	The Office of the Child Advocate shall be an independent agency, administratively attached to the department of administrative services pursuant to RSA 21-G:10	The office shall be under the supervision of an unclassified director of the office of the child advocate. The director shall serve a term of 4 years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. Any	The Office of the Child Advocate provides independent oversight of the division for children, youth, and families to assure that the best interests of children are being protected.

				vacancy in the office shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The director shall be appointed by the governor and council, upon the recommendation of the oversight commission established in RSA 170-G:19. The director shall possess a professional graduate degree in law, social work, public health, or a related field and be qualified by reason of education, experience, and expertise to perform the duties of the office.	
NEW JERSEY	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare	Department of Children and Families Office of Advocacy	The Ombudsman is established within the Department of Children and Families within the		The Ombudsman provides education; receives and reviews complaints; provides advocacy for families;

	agency		Office of the DCF Commissioner with authority as an independent advocate for children and families.		makes recommendations; and, makes reports.
NEW YORK N.Y. Exec. Law § 523b	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare agency	New York Office of the Ombudsman	The Ombudsman operates within the Office of Children and Family Services.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services. The Director of the Office of the Ombudsman must be an attorney licensed to practice law. The Ombudsmen staff are either licensed attorneys or persons with expertise in the areas of juvenile justice or youth rights.	The Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints; monitors child welfare policy; advises residential youth; makes recommendations; has access to confidential information; receives critical incident reports; maintains confidentiality; provides monthly reports.
NORTH CAROLINA (Gaston County)	Non-statutory county-based or program-based offices	Foster Care Ombudsman Pilot Program in Gaston County		The Board of County Commissioners shall establish the qualifications for the selection of the foster care ombudsman, including the criteria that the person	

				selected shall have experience in child welfare and State laws and policies governing children in foster care.	
OHIO	Non-statutory county-based or program-based offices	Lucas County Children Services Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is established within the Lucas County Children's Services.		The Ombudsman investigates complaints; makes recommendations.
		Family Advocacy Intervention and Review Program (FAIR) of Montgomery County Children Services	The Ombudsman is established within the Montgomery County Children's Services.		Assures that families are receiving services to which they are entitled
		Greene County Children Services Customer Service Ombudsman Program	The Ombudsman is established within the Greene County Children's Services.		The Ombudsman Program uses a standardized method to review concerns and complaints about the actions and procedures of Greene County Children Services (GCCS) when normal communication channels fail.
		Butler County Office of the Ombudsman	The Ombudsman has the authority to independently and impartially review cases involved with Butler County Children Services.		It is the Ombudsman's job to determine whether Children Services has followed proper policies, procedures and laws related to a case. The Ombudsman maintains a

					neutral, impartial perspective on each case. Based on the results of any investigation into a complaint, the Ombudsman may recommend a different action or disposition. In addition, the Ombudsman may recommend changes to agency policies and procedures to better serve the children and families of Butler County.
		Lorain County Foster/Adoptive Parent Ombudsman	Contracted out from the county agency to a company called "The Solution Shop."		Mediation/Arbitration
OKLAHOMA	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare agency	Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Office of Client Advocacy	The Office of Client Advocacy operates within the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS).		The Office of Client Advocacy takes complaints from: minors in OKDHS custody; youth in voluntary care of OKDHS; and foster parents.
OREGON Or. Rev. Stat. § 417.810	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare agency	Oregon's Governor's Advocacy Office at the Department of Human Services (DHS)	The Office of Children's Advocate is established in the Department of Human Services within the	With the concurrence of the Governor, the Director of Human Services shall appoint the	The Children's Advocate educates the public; receives and reviews complaints; maintains confidentiality.

			<p>Governor's Advocacy Office at the Department of Human Services and is part of the Department of Human Services Director's Office. The Children's Advocate specifically responds to concerns regarding child abuse and neglect, child protective services, and issues relevant to individual child welfare cases.</p>	<p>Children's Advocate. The Children's Advocate shall be a person who has background and experience in: law enforcement with particular emphasis on crimes involving child victims; or social work with particular emphasis on child abuse.</p>	
<p>RHODE ISLAND R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-73-1 et seq.</p>	<p>Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare</p>	<p>Rhode Island Office of the Child Advocate</p>	<p>The Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) is an independent and autonomous state agency responsible for protecting the legal rights and interests of children in state care.</p>	<p>The Child Advocate is appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Advocate shall have a term of five years. The Child Advocate shall be a member of the Rhode Island Bar for at least three years and must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the office.</p>	<p>The Child Advocate provides an annual report to the Governor and Legislature; insures all children in the child welfare system are appraised of their rights; reviews procedures; reviews complaints; provides training; has access to confidential information; has the power to subpoena; commences civil action against the state on behalf of a child;</p>

					maintains confidentiality.
SOUTH CAROLINA (Executive Order)	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	The South Carolina Governor's Office of Children's Affairs	The Office of Children's Affairs exists within the Governor's Office of Executive Policy and Programs and advocates for improved services for children and families. There is no statutory authority.		The Office of Children's Affairs provides arbitration and mediation services; researches constituent concerns.
TENNESSEE Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-3-101 et seq.	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth's (TCCY) Ombudsman Program	The Ombudsman for Children Youth and Families is part of the Tennessee Commission of Children and Youth, an Independent and autonomous agency with statutory authority to review children in the foster care system, kinship care or CPS and make recommendations for improvement.	The Governor shall appoint one member of the 21-member commission to be chair of the TCCY for a term of three years.	The TCCY shall make recommendations regarding the child welfare system; advocate; publish annual reports; review licensing standards; monitor foster care review boards. The Ombudsman takes referrals concerning the children in state custody; access records and persons; annual reports.
TEXAS	Operates within, but autonomous of, the state agency providing child welfare services	(Tex. Hum. Res. Code Ann. § 261.001) Independent Ombudsman for the Texas Juvenile Justice	The Ombudsman is independent of the Juvenile Justice Department, reports to the Governor and	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Governor with consent of the senate for a two	The Ombudsman receives and reviews complaints; advocates for children in custody; provides quarterly

		Department	Legislature and is responsible for overseeing the rights of children committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.	year term and may serve up to three terms.	reports; maintains confidentiality; provides public education and awareness; reviews facilities; has access to confidential information.
		(Tex. Gov't Code § 531.008) Health and Humans Services Commission's Office of the Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is independent within the organization.		The Ombudsman provides dispute resolution services for the Commission and the health and human services agencies; performs consumer protection functions related to health and human services.
UTAH Utah Code. Ann. 62A-4a-208	Operates within, but autonomous of, the state agency providing child welfare services	Utah Office of Child Protection Ombudsman	The Ombudsman was created as an independent office within the Department of Human Services, independent from the Division of Child and Family Services.	The Ombudsman shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the executive director. The Ombudsman shall have experience in child welfare, and in state laws and policies governing abused, neglected, and dependent children.	The Ombudsman receives and investigates complaints; makes recommendations; provides annual reports; has access to confidential information.
VIRGINIA	Non-statutory county-based or program-based offices	Office of Juvenile Justice's Ombudsman Program	The Ombudsman exists within the Office of the Inspector General		The Ombudsman maintains a relationship with juvenile correction centers; investigates

			with the authority to help protect the rights of committed youth.		complaints; makes recommendations.
WASHINGTON Wash. Rev. Code § 43.06A	Independent and autonomous agency with oversight specific to child welfare	Washington State Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman	The Ombudsman is established within the Office of the Governor, reports directly to the Governor and acts independently from the Department of Social and Health Services.	The Ombudsman is appointed by the Governor, with confirmation by the Senate, for a term of three years. The Ombudsman shall be qualified by training or experience, or both, in family and children's services law and policy.	The Ombudsman educates the public; receives and investigates complaints; monitors child welfare procedures; reports annually; Has access to confidential information; maintains confidentiality; makes child fatality review recommendations.
WYOMING	Non-Independent Children's Ombudsman office, established within the child welfare agency	Wyoming Department of Family Services, Complaint Resolution/Ombudsman	The Ombudsman operates within the Office of Children and Family Services.		