



*The Wavy Guy's Message*

Summer 2012

LET'S HIGHLIGHT  
SOME RIGHTS!

**ARTICLE 3  
ALL ADULTS SHOULD DO  
WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU.**

**WHEN ADULTS MAKE DECISIONS,  
THEY SHOULD THINK ABOUT  
HOW THEIR DECISIONS  
WILL AFFECT CHILDREN.**

**ARTICLE 12  
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
GIVE YOUR OPINION, AND FOR  
ADULTS TO LISTEN AND  
TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.**

United Nations Convention  
on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

# MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADVOCATE



It has been one year since I became the Advocate for Manitoba's children and youth. As the Children's Advocate I will continue to ensure that your voice is heard.

Our office would like to thank the University of Winnipeg for their Youth in Care Tuition Waiver Program. This program will pay tuition for 10 young people per year starting in September 2012. We hope this is just a beginning and that others across the Province will do the same.

Our office is always looking for better ways to connect with you. Over the next year we want to provide opportunities for children and youth to have input on matters important to them. Keep checking our website for more information!



## THE WAVY GUY F.Y.I.

You have the right to know who your Social Worker is, how to contact them, and to speak to your Social Worker on a regular basis.

You have the right to have a say in your case plan, and to know what your case plan is.

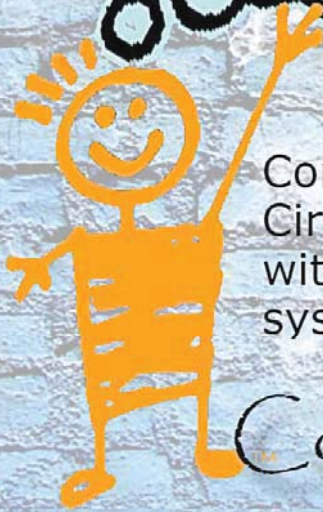
You have the right, if you are 12 years or older, to go to court and talk to the judge about the plan being made for you.

Visit our website to find out more information about your rights and our office! [www.childrensadvocate.mb.ca](http://www.childrensadvocate.mb.ca)



## THE WAVY GUY'S SHOUT OUT

Shout out to Corey LaBerge who recently won a national award for the work he does with youth with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) !



Corey is a lawyer with Anishinaabe Justice Circle and he helps make sure that youth with FASD are treated fairly in the legal system.

Congratulations Corey!

## TRAVELS WITH THE WAVY GUY...



Manitoba's Youth In Care  
"EMPOWERING YOUTH"

Voices: Manitoba Youth in Care Network held the 1st Annual Earl Cook Classic on March 17, 2012 - a social worker versus youth in care hockey event and the wavy guy was there!



Stay tuned for next year! Visit [www.voices.mb.ca](http://www.voices.mb.ca) for more info.  
Visit [www.hisnameisearl.blogspot.ca](http://www.hisnameisearl.blogspot.ca) to learn about Earl Cook.

**Q** • My social worker keeps making me do things I don't want to do.

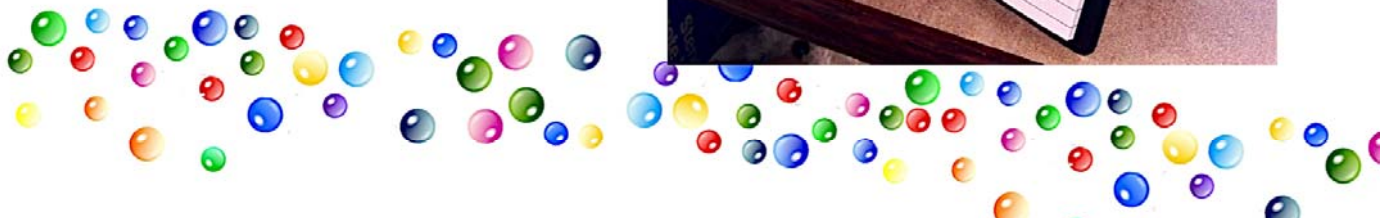
*What can I do?*

**A** • Your social worker works for YOU!

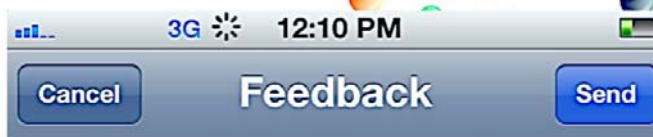
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You have the right to talk to your social worker.

If you need help to talk to your social worker, you can call us.



You have the right to contact the Children's Advocate if you feel your voice is not being heard.



**This is YOUR newsletter!**

**What do you think?**

Let us know by telephone,  
mail or by dropping in.

Do you have stories, poetry or artwork?

We would love to see it!

If we use your creations, you get \$50!