

Ombudsman and Advocate Offices specific to Children and Families		STATE GOV'T		Location within State Government*
State	Office	Outside	Inside*	
Arizona	Office of the Obudsman Citizen Aide		X	Legislative Branch
Arkansas	Public Defenders Commission's Juvenile Ombudsman		X	Public Defenders Commission
	Foster Parent Ombudsman		X	Dept. of Human Services
California	Ombudsman for Foster Care		X	Dept. of Social Services
Colorado	Child Protection Ombudsman		X	Judicial Dept.
Connecticut	Office of the Child Advocate		X	Office of Gov't Accountability
Delaware	Office of the Child Advocate		X	Non-judicial agency of the Court
Florida	Children's Board Ombudsman Program		X	Department of Children and Families
Georgia	Office of the Child Advcoate		X	Gov's Office of planning and budget
Indiana	Dept. of Children Services Ombudsman		X	Dept. of Child Services
Maine	Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	X		Non-profit contractor
Massachusetts	Office of the Child Advocate		X	Executive Branch
Michigan	Office of the Children's Ombudsman		X	Dept. of Technology, Management, and Budget
Minnesota	Office of the Ombudsperson for Families		X	
Missouri	Office of Child Advocate		X	Executive Branch Office of Administration
Montana	Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman		X	MT Department of Justice - Special Services Div.
Nebraska	Office of the Inspector General Nebraska Child Welfare		X	Office of Public Counsel (Ombudsman's Office)
Nevada	Nevada Advocate for Missing and Exploited Children		X	Attorney General's Office
New Hampshire	Office of the Child Advocate		X	Department of Administrative Services
New Jersey	Office of Advocacy		X	Department of Children and Families
New York	Office of Advocacy		X	Office of Children and Family Services
Oregon	Governor's Advocacy Office (Child Advocate & Foster Care Ombudsman)		X	Department of Human Services
Rhode Island	Office of the Child Advocate		X	
South Carolina	Governor's Office of Children's Affairs		X	Gov's Office of Executive Policy and Programs
Tennessee	Commission on Children and Youth - Ombudsman		X	
Texas	Texas Foster Care Ombudsman		X	TX Health and Humans Services
Utah	The Office of Child Protection Ombudsman		X	Dept fof Human Services
Washington	Office of the Family and Children's Ombuds		X	Governors Office

* Note: Every ombudsman/advocates office within State Government says they are an independent office, even those attached to an identified agency/dept.

Useful Websites:

NCSL: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/childrens-ombudsman-offices.aspx>

US Dept of Health & Human Services: https://www.childwelfare.gov/orqanizations/?CWIGFunctionsaction=rols:main.dsplList&rolType=Custom&RS_ID=31

