


Child and Youth Advocate Report Card

Report One: November 2008

Name: Province of New Brunswick

Subject	Grade	Evaluator's Comments
Health	C+	Reduced Alcohol & Drug Use and reduced Teen Pregnancy rate are very encouraging. Keep up this great effort and try to reach the same results with nutrition, obesity rates and mental health services.
Education	B	PISA scores overall could be higher and need more focus in the Francophone sector in particular. Improved literacy scores are encouraging. Good work on keeping kids in school. Let's see the same great results for aboriginal youth.
Post-secondary Education	C-	This is an important area of focus where the Province has been struggling and putting a lot of effort. But much more needs to be done about crushing student debt loads in order to achieve our goals.
Youth & Justice	B	Continue good efforts in reducing incarceration rates and pay more attention to proper investigation and reporting of child abuse and crimes involving children.
Child Welfare	C+	Keep up the great work on increasing child care spaces and placing kids in adoption, but youth transition homes and services for 16 to 18 year olds continue to need much more effort.
Child & Youth Wellness	B+	This is an area where New Brunswick can really shine and perform, but sport participation, cultural participation and opportunities, particularly in rural areas, need more commitment.

	Overall Evaluation:
 <hr/> Child & Youth Advocate	The Province needs to pay more attention to indicators of child and youth achievement and their condition in order to achieve the ultimate and over-arching goal of self-sufficiency.