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Hello! My name is Tanya Ironstone Locke. As a representative on the National Council of Youth in Care Advocates, I am motivated by the opportunity to provide support to youth leaders across Canada.

In my role as the new Executive Director of the Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC), I execute the operational directives of the Board of Directors while supporting staff with their projects. In addition, I ensure that all of the pieces come together to support the organization's strategic objectives. The foundation of my work leans on my personal experience of being in care, which has allowed me to never lose sight of our purpose - improving the outcomes of children and youth in care, including youth who are embarking on the transition to adulthood.

Through the work of the National council and CWLC, I hope that children and youth placed in out-of-home care can achieve better outcomes in health & wellbeing, education, housing and employment. A nation where everyone can reach their fullest potential.



“All children and youth deserve love and respect. I want to help make that happen.”

In life, I enjoy spending time with my family. Watching my children grow up and knowing that they are safe, happy and loved has played a huge role in healing my own childhood trauma. It has also further motivated me in my work to ensure all children feel safe, happy and loved.

ABOUT THE CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF CANADA

The Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC) is a national charitable organization dedicated to promoting the safety and wellbeing of young people and their families, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized. We advocate for and promote legislation, policy, research, programs and services that address the underlying causes of precarity and trauma. We convene leaders, organizations, researchers, governments and people with lived experience to learn and improve our practices. As a national organization, we leverage any opportunity to help create equity across Canada for children and youth. Learn more about CWLC [here](#).