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- taking or initiating action to protect or enhance the rights of children;
- providing or enabling direct services, through a variety of disciplines, for the benefit of children and their families;
- influencing decisions or actions of individuals, organisations and governments, where relevant to children and their families.

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