

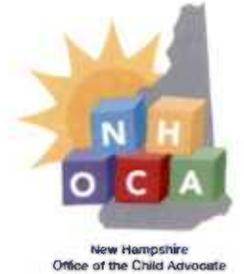


Cassandra Sanchez
Child Advocate

State of New Hampshire

Office of the Child Advocate

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March 19, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 94:3 (Yearly Service Increases), I respectfully request approval of an annual salary step increase for Cassandra Sanchez, Director of the Office of Child Advocate, from Grade HH, Step 5 (Salary \$122,523.000) to Grade HH, Step 6 (Salary \$128,912.000) effective **retroactive** April 8, 2025, upon Governor and Council approval. The funding source is 100% general funds.

EXPLANATION

The **retroactive** nature of this request is due to the Governor and Council meeting being scheduled the day after this request is required to be effective. Cassandra Sanchez was appointed Director of the Office of Child Advocate effective as of April 8, 2022. She is entitled to a yearly service increase as described in RSA 94:3. The Director of the Office of Child Advocate is responsible for lifting up children by promoting equitable and effective reforms that meet the best interests of all New Hampshire children and strengthening public confidence and accountability in the State's systems that support children and families. Ms. Sanchez is a valuable employee and leader who demonstrates dedication and commitment to the state and this Office. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recommend her for a salary step increase. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, at Lissa.D.Mascio@childadvocate.nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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