

**Ministry of Children and Family Development Action Plan in Response to the BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel: Review of MCFD- Involved Youth
Transitioning to Independence January 1, 2011-December 31, 2016**

Recommendations	Completed Actions	Planned Deliverables	Projected Dates
<p>Recommendation #1: Expand Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) to address self-identified transition needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By April 2019, MCFD will consult with youth, and additionally DAA and frontline staff about how to best administer AYAs • By October 2019, MCFD will amend the qualifying criteria for AYAs so that all young people transitioning from care or YAGs are universally eligible for the program. Services and financial support provided will address unique circumstances and transition needs of the young person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AYA program was first expanded in October 2016: The upper age limit was increased to the young adult’s 26th birthday; the length of time a young adult could access the program was increased from 24 to 48 months; and the program eligibility was expanded to include attendance in an approved life skills program. • The AYA program was again expanded on April 1, 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The upper age limit for eligibility was increased to the young adult’s 27th birthday; ○ Young adults enrolled in a multi-year educational or vocational programs may access AYA funding over scheduled program breaks, such as summer months, if they are enrolled in and plan to attend the program after the break; and ○ Increase of \$250/month in funding, from \$1,000 to \$1,250 for needs-based supports. • A “Youth Engagement Strategy” was developed in October 2018 and outlines the specifics of how young people over the age 19 will be engaged regarding youth transitions. The Provincial Director’s Youth Advisory Council was engaged in September 2018 regarding the development of this strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Priorities is currently engaging with Indigenous communities, youth, other community partners, DAAs and MCFD staff to better understand the needs for youth transitions, including the Agreements with Young Adults program. Proposals will be submitted for government consideration. 	<p>Fiscal 2019/20</p>

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<p>Recommendation #2: Ensure Collaboration to Support Effective Planning and Service Provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By April 2019, MCFD in collaboration with Indigenous and other stakeholders (health, mental health, police, education, community service providers) will develop processes or protocols to improve ongoing information sharing to better meet the planning and support needs of youth in care. • By April 2019, the MCFD will consult with youth and Indigenous partners on an ongoing basis to identify needs and services that would assist young people to successfully transition to adulthood. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An established cross- government Assistant Deputy Minister Committee met regularly in respect to youth transitions. This committee has now been transitioned into the Assistant Deputy Minister committee on Social Initiatives. • Service Delivery Areas develop local information sharing protocols with various bodies and organizations. For example, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Vancouver Police Department regarding, high-risk youth and children in the Vancouver area • A “Youth Engagement Strategy” was developed in October 2018 and outlines the specifics of how young people over the age 19 will be engaged regarding youth transitions. The Provincial Director’s Youth Advisory Council was engaged in September 2018 regarding the development of this strategy. • In 2017, MCFD and the Ministry of Education (EDUC) revised the “<i>Joint Educational Planning and Support for Children and Youth in Care: Cross-Ministry Guidelines</i>”. These guidelines focus on increasing information sharing, advocacy and coordination between the education and child welfare systems, in order to better support children and youth in care. • In April 2018, Bill 26 was introduced in the legislature. The amendments to the <i>Child, Family and Community Service Act</i> will help to remove barriers to effective collaboration and information sharing with Indigenous communities, and support planning with Indigenous communities for youth in care. • On October 1st 2018, MCFD released the Police Protocol Agreement: Missing Children and Youth in Care. The protocol agreement is based on existing legislation and policy regarding the roles and responsibilities of delegated workers, caregivers and police. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Priorities is currently engaging with Indigenous communities, youth, other community partners, DAAs and MCFD staff to better understand the needs for youth transitions, including the Agreements with Young Adults program. Proposals will be submitted for government consideration. • MCFD is currently supporting a cross-government Executive Directors committee specific to youth transitions, to develop an Action Plan that will be brought forward to the cross-government Assistant Deputy Minister Committee on Social Initiatives. Through this work, MCFD is supporting cross-government initiatives related to youth transitions programs and services, with a focus on increasing accessibility. 	<p>Fiscal 2019/20</p> <p>Fiscal 2019/20</p>

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<p>Support role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By October 2019, the Ministry of Education will ensure that all children in care have a plan to support their educational needs. • By December 2019 the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions will collaborate with MCFD, Health, and First Nations Health Authority to ensure access to youth mental health and addictions services for youth transitioning from care or on YAG. 	<p>Support Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ministry worked in collaboration with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to expand the tuition fee waiver program to provide enhanced supports for former youth in care who pursue post-secondary education. • Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions has a cross-government table on youth as well as a cross government ADM committee on youth transitions which MCFD is a part of. 		
<p>Recommendation # 3: Monitor support service effectiveness for youth leaving care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By April 2019, MCFD will consult with young people in care, formerly in care, or on YAGs and Indigenous partners to develop transition and AYA outcome indicators. • By October 2019, MCFD will develop a plan to monitor and evaluate transition planning and outcomes and AYA outcomes. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Modelling, Analysis and Information Management (MAIM) branch is putting forward a proposal to develop and implement a longitudinal survey to track outcomes of former youth in care. MCFD will be partnering with the Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society and the BC Federation of Youth in Care Networks. There will also be involvement of the Ministry’s Youth Advisory Council • Strategic Priorities is working with the Modeling, Analysis and Information Management (MAIM) branch and engaging with Indigenous communities, youth, other 	<p>Fiscals 2019/20/21</p> <p>Fiscal 2019/20</p>

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