

Pathways to Working with Children, Youth and Families

Post-Secondary Student Resources

Build a Career that Makes a Difference



Explore Careers in the Sector

Take the next step toward a career working with children, youth and families by learning about types of roles, reviewing qualifications and job profiles, and building relevant experience.

MCFD & Community Sector Careers

Learn about:

- Types of roles and work settings
- Required education & experience
- Career progression opportunities
- Current job postings

Click the link to explore a range of student and career resources:

<https://www.gov.bc.ca/ChildandFamilyCareers>

Click the link to play a video of MCFD Child Protection Workers:

[Child Protection Workers](#)

Click the link to play a video of a Child and Youth Worker:

[Child and Youth Care Worker](#)



Education & Career Pathways

There is no single path into this field. Finding the right post-secondary path is a journey that sometimes takes time.

Education & job options may include:

Certificate (6–12 months):

- School-Based Worker
- ECE Assistant
- Outreach Worker

Diploma (1–2 years):

- Residence Worker
- FASD Worker
- Community Support Worker
- Early Childhood Educator

Bachelor's Degree:

- Family Support Worker
- Case Manager
- Social Worker
- Infant Development Consultant
- Mental Health Worker

Graduate Studies:

- Clinical Counsellor
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Speech and Language Pathologist

Every career begins with curiosity. Continue exploring where your interests can take you!

Explore Careers with MCFD:

- Administrative Assistant
- Social Program Officer Assistant
- Child, Youth and Family Support Worker
- Child Protection Worker
- Guardianship Worker
- Adoption Worker
- Resource Worker
- Children and Youth with Support Needs Worker
- Youth Probation Officer
- Child and Youth Mental Health Clinician
- Team Leader
- Director of Operations

Click the link to learn more about social service careers in the BC Public Service:

[Social service careers in the BC Public Service](#)

Preferred & Expanded Credentials

Certain MCFD roles require preferred or expanded credentials.

Preferred Credentials:

Directly aligned degrees (Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work, and Child & Youth Care).

Expanded Credentials:

Related human services degrees (Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology, Early Childhood Education, Indigenous Studies, Education, and Nursing) with minimum one year paid related experience.

Click the link to explore programs on EducationPlannerBC:

[Find Your Path](#)

Build Relevant Experience

Select opportunities that give you hands-on experience and professional connections.

- Choose child, youth, and family-focused practicum placements
- Explore BC Public Service student programs to gain paid experience

Internships & Co-op Opportunities

- Indigenous Youth Internship Program
- Public Service Internship Program
- Work-Able Accessible Employment Program
- Co-op Employment Program
- Student Employment Program
- Equity Internship Program

Click the link for student programs with the BC Public Service:

[Internships and co-op opportunities](#)

High Demand Communities

- Rural and remote communities
- Northern B.C.
- Some coastal communities

Some roles may offer:

- Relocation support
- Additional pay incentives



Preparing for Employment

- Take trauma-informed electives or workshops
- Learn how BC Government resumes differ from private sector
- Get familiar with behavioural interviews
- Explore job postings
- Attend information sessions

Each step you take now brings you closer to your career goals

Join upcoming virtual events to learn more about career opportunities and the application process with BC Public Service.

Click the link for dates and to register:

[Career Conversations in the BC Public Service](#)

**Find Current Opportunities:
MCFD continues to hire for critical direct service roles across the province.**

- Search current MCFD postings
- Review job profiles and qualifications
- Learn about the hiring process

Click the link to search for MCFD job postings:

[Job Seekers - Province of British Columbia](#)