

February 2, 2023

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Dear <TITLE> <LAST NAME>:

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is preparing provincial regulation to extend the total term maximum for Agreements with Young Adults who have previous involvement in the child welfare system, set in the *Child, Family and Community Service Regulation* (CFCSR), from 48 months to 84 months.

This letter builds on information shared through MCFD's ongoing engagement on youth transitions legislation on November 25, 2022. The youth transitions legislation is anticipated to be introduced in spring 2023 and brought into force by regulation in spring 2024.

Hundreds of young adults currently have agreements with MCFD that will reach the 48-month maximum before the new legislation and regulations are brought into force in spring 2024. Although these young adults would become eligible for an agreement again in spring 2024, they would not have access to critical financial assistance in the interim. This issue was raised by young adults, community service providers, and front-line workers. To prevent this gap in service that would cause unnecessary instability and distress for these young adults, MCFD plans to expedite the amendment of the term maximum for agreements to 84 months.

MCFD has engaged with rights holders and partners across the province on this proposed change as part of the overall consultation on youth transitions legislation. Opportunities to provide input in 2022 included the Indigenous Advisory Circles and consultation meetings on the Request for Legislation. MCFD received positive feedback and support from First Nations for the extension of the term maximum of the agreements with young adults to 84 months.

For the benefit of young adults, MCFD plans to advance an Order in Council to amend the CFCSR in the coming weeks. If you or your officials wish to raise a concern or question about this proposed change, please connect with us by February 15, 2023. Please contact Renae Snell, Manager of Legislation and Legal Support, via e-mail at Renae.Snell@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250 419-8737.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Allison Bond
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