

# Ministry of Children and Family Development Bulletin

Official Consultation on Priority Initiatives | March 1, 2022

Further to the [introductory letter and newsletter](#) from the Honourable Mitzi Dean, Minister for Children and Family Development (MCFD) on February 10, 2022, MCFD is moving forward with consultation on a number of priority initiatives. This Bulletin highlights official consultation opportunities for Indigenous Peoples on change initiatives that impact how child and family services are delivered in B.C.



## Priority Initiatives

**Youth Transitions:** Government is committed to improving programs and supports that better meet the needs of youth and young adults as they age into independence. MCFD (the ministry) is creating distinctions-based advisory circles to explore how to implement improved programs and supports for youth transitioning from care. The ministry will collaborate with the advisory circles to develop an Implementation Paper outlining the plan for these programs and services, including proposed policy and legislative changes.

**Timeline:** To participate in the distinctions-based advisory circles for Youth Transitions, please contact [mcfstrategic.initiatives@gov.bc.ca](mailto:mcfstrategic.initiatives@gov.bc.ca) by **April 1, 2022**.

We anticipate the advisory circles will meet virtually for three half-day sessions between now and May 2022. Members will receive an honorarium.

**Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA) Reform:** The ministry is engaging on child and family services legislation with the intent to enable prevention supports to keep children in their families and connected to their communities and culture. The ministry is also exploring immediate legislative amendments to enable First Nations exercising authority for child and family services through a coordination agreement. Visit <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/reformchildfamilylegislation> to inform the immediate amendments and the broader CFCSA reform planned over next 24 months.

**Social Work Oversight:** The ministry is launching a broad engagement on the oversight of social workers in B.C. Social work oversight impacts Indigenous Peoples, leadership, partners and service providers who practice social work, employ social workers and access social work services in a variety of settings. This engagement will help develop an understanding of your perspectives and priorities on this issue. Engagement is planned through June 2022. To participate in a session, or for more information, please email [mcf.socialworkengagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:mcf.socialworkengagement@gov.bc.ca) or visit <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/socialworkoversight>.

# Upcoming Engagements

## Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN):

A CYSN Indigenous advisory circle was established in 2019 and then reconvened in September 2020. The advisory circle guides the implementation of the new CYSN service approach. The initial focus has been on language and creating cultural safety in early implementation areas. Ongoing activities will be to advise on design of services delivered by Indigenous service providers to Indigenous children, youth and their families. Additional engagement with Indigenous Peoples is planned for this spring.

### Feedback opportunity

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