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Dear Indigenous Partners and Leadership:

I am pleased to share with you information about the new Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Youth Transition Rent Supplement Program.

Through [Budget 2022](#), the province announced that it is investing nearly \$35 million over the next three years into programs and services for young adults from government care to better support them as they transition to adulthood.

A part of this commitment includes the introduction of the new MCFD Rent Supplement Program, which helps young adults from care who are ready to live independently afford their rent. Eligible young adults will soon be able to apply for a \$600 monthly rent supplement to assist them with rental costs in the private housing market as they transition to adulthood. 50 percent of rent supplements will be available to Indigenous young adults.

Applications will be accepted soon through an online application between the dates of **October 17, 2022, and November 1, 2022**. Please check the [Youth Transitions Web page](#) regularly for more information.

Additional information is available from the following links:

- [Housing Supports FAQs](#) (enclosed)
- [Housing Supports Infographic](#) (enclosed)
- [Youth Transitions Implementation Roadmap](#) (enclosed)

Other recently announced transition supports for young adults include:

No-Limit Earnings Exemption for Agreements with Young Adults Program (AYA)

- In August 2022, MCFD introduced a no-limit earnings exemption, ensuring a young adult's employment income, including self-employment opportunities and wage replacement programs, such as Employment Insurance and Worker's Compensation Benefits, are now exempt when determining the level of funding they will receive through AYA.

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- More information can be found on the [Earnings Exemptions FAQs](#).

AYA Life-Skills: Removal of the Pre-Approved Provider List

- We heard from youth and young adults that one of the biggest barriers they face when opting for life-skills programs is the requirement to select from a list of pre-approved providers. Effective immediately, the pre-approved list will no longer apply.

Please stay tuned for information on upcoming Youth Transitions supports and services:

- **This year**, MCFD will also be bringing on transition workers to help youth and young adults navigate their transition from care. More information will be available soon.
- In **2023**, MCFD will introduce funding to support young people in accessing life-skills and skills training programs, cultural connection and learning opportunities, and enhanced dental and medical benefits, including counselling.
- In **2024**, MCFD will seek legislative changes to expand program eligibility, and introduce an unconditional income supplement of \$1,250 until age 20. Monthly funding of up to \$1,250 until the young adult's 27th birthday will be maintained for those participating in eligible programming, and the duration of support will be increased to 84 months (up from 48 months).

Learn more about the current and upcoming enhancements in the Youth Transitions [visual overview](#) (enclosed).

Please share this information widely to ensure young adults and others are aware of these changes and new supports. If you have any questions, please see the enclosed resources or e-mail MCFRentSupplements@gov.bc.ca with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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