

Indigenous Child and Family Service Newsletter

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This newsletter is meant to share information and support the ministry's commitment to ongoing consultation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, partners and governments to develop legislation and services consistent with the provincial *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* as well as the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

We are listening to the children, youth and families we serve, knowing their voices and experiences are central to the creation of services that truly meet their needs.

All dates and timelines may be adjusted if needed.

MCFD Learning Fund for Young Adults is Open for Applications

The Learning Fund for Young Adults (LFYA) is a one-time grant of \$1,500 that helps young people with care experience (born after January 1, 2006) participate in an educational, employment, training or life-skills program, course or activity based on their interests and goals.

The LFYA launched in September 2024. Applications for the LFYA are being accepted on an ongoing basis and there is no deadline for applications.

More information about LFYA, including eligibility, and how to contact us, can be found on the website.

How to Get Involved

- Young people can apply for the LFYA by accessing the application form on the LFYA website: gov.bc.ca/LearningFundforYoungAdults



The Ministry of Children and Family Development gratefully acknowledges that it conducts its work on the territories of First Nations Peoples throughout British Columbia.

T̓silhqot'in National Government Signs Coordination Agreement

T̓silhqot'in National Government signed a tripartite coordination agreement between B.C. and Canada, which has section 92.1 community agreement provisions included. This agreement was signed in counterparts in the spring of 2025, where each party (T̓silhqot'in, B.C., and Canada) signed an identical copy of the agreement to form one legally binding document.

T̓silhqot'in National Government encompasses all six member Nations: Tl'etinqox Government (Anaham), T̓sideldel (Redstone), Yune̓it'in (Stone), Xeni Gwet'in (Nemiah), ʔEsdilagh (Alexandria) and Tl'esqox (Toosey).

Learn More

- For more information on different pathways to jurisdiction over child and family services, please visit: gov.bc.ca/pathways

Co-development of a Jurisdiction Funding Model

MCFD continues to co-develop a provincial funding model for jurisdiction over child and family services with First Nations in B.C. This funding model will support First Nations in exercising jurisdiction in a way that is fair, transparent, and responsive to the needs of First Nations and Indigenous communities.

Building on co-development in 2023 and 2024, MCFD is welcoming and onboarding First Nations that are interested in joining the co-development process.

For More Information

- If you are interested in participating or in learning more about the co-development process, please contact: MCF.Partnership.and.Indigenous.Engagement@gov.bc.ca
- Or visit: gov.bc.ca/codevelopfundingmodel

Connect About Jurisdiction

For Indigenous communities or groups interested in exploring pathways to jurisdiction, please contact: MCF.Partnership.and.Indigenous.Engagement@gov.bc.ca

