



Service Provider Meeting: MCFD's Specialized Homes & Support Services (SHSS) Implementation

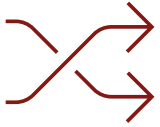
9 February 2023



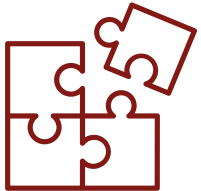
IMPLEMENTATION

IMPLEMENTATION

There are two ways that the transformation is being implemented:



Gradually transitioning existing Service Providers to new contracts



Pre-qualifying all Service Providers who demonstrate that they can deliver the required quality of care and services through a SHSS solicitation process

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TRANSITION A CONTRACT?

Existing contracts:

- **Existing contracts** (that reflect high quality care) will be **gradually transitioned** to new SHSS contract language and expectations over a period of 12 to 18 months.
- The intent of the new SHSS contracts is to **maintain stability** for Service Providers, Ministry partnerships with Service Providers and the children/youth residing in their homes

Early implementation:

- The first two early implementation areas (EIAs) to transition existing contracts are the **Okanagan and North Fraser Service Delivery Areas (SDAs)**
- **It is not anticipated that the transition of existing contracts will result in funding changes.**
- Transition of existing contracts is targeted to start in **Summer 2023.**

Province-wide implementation:

- Full provincial implementation of contract transition **will follow evaluation of the two EIA rollouts.**

SHSS SOLICITATION PROCESS FOR NET NEW CONTRACTS

“The Ministry intends to expand on systems of supports and specialized care for vulnerable children/youth in care and also for many families who are caring for children/youth with complex health and other support needs by expanding access to supports, such as respite, and introduce new services such as stabilization. These services will support families to stay together, support children/youth to be well, and contribute to improved outcomes for children/youth and the network of care.” – Notice to Service Providers, SHSS (available on BC Bid)

- ✓ Additional information about the SHSS solicitation process can be found on BC Bid.
- ✓ Service Providers with existing contracts **do not** need to respond to the SHSS solicitation process to keep their current contracts. **These existing contracts will be directly awarded.**
- ✓ Existing Service Providers may consider responding to the SHSS solicitation process **only if they wish to participate in a ‘net new’ contract** (e.g., to provide a new service type, provide an existing service in a new community, etc)

NEXT STEPS

For **existing/transitioning contracts**:

- Ministry staff will reach out to Service Providers in the EIAs to support contract discussions
- Questions about contract discussions can be directed to: SHSSTransformation@gov.bc.ca

For **net new contracts**:

- Check BC Bid for more information on the SHSS solicitation process to pre-qualify Service Providers to take on net new contracts
- Questions about the SHSS solicitation can be submitted through BC Bid