

# Strengthening Abilities and Journeys of Empowerment (SAJE) Program

## OUR VISION

The vision for the future places youth and young adults at the centre, with the wraparound supports and services they need to transition into adulthood and achieve their full potential.

Learn more about MCFD's current and upcoming changes to SAJE supports and services that you may be eligible for.

Indigenous partners  
Youth & young adults  
MCFD staff  
Caregivers  
Indigenous Child and Family Service Agencies  
Community partners

## WHAT WE HEARD

Through the voices of over 2,500 British Columbians, nine key domains of need were identified to support young adults transition into adulthood & reach their full potential.



Eligibility



Housing



Financial support



Education & employment



Navigation & transition planning



Relationship, belonging, identity & culture



Life-skills & training



Mental health & wellness



Information technology

## Effective Now

- Duration of AYA support increased to 84 months, up to age 27.
- Flexibility to AYA life-skills, rehabilitative and mental health options maintained.
- Approved life-skills provider list removed.
- New SAJE Navigators and Guides have begun to be available on Vancouver Island and in the North.
- No-limit earnings exemption so that benefits are not reduced or impacted based on employment.
- MCFD's \$600-a-month rent supplement program to support eligible young adults with their rent.
- Temporary Housing Agreements (THA) and Temporary Support Agreements (TSA) are options that young adults can access to remain in their homes up to age 21.
- Enhanced medical benefits including expanded dental and optical coverage.
- Youth Transitions gets a new name through a youth-led process (SAJE).

## Coming in 2023

- More SAJE Navigators and Guides become available around the province.
- Enhanced funding for life-skills, training, and cultural programming.
- Enhanced medical benefits - access to counselling.
- Priority access to subsidized housing with support services through BC Housing, where appropriate.

## Coming in 2024

- Expanded eligibility for post-19 supports and services.
- Unconditional income supplement at age 19, up to 20th birthday.
- Housing and Support Agreements to remain in current homes up to age 21.
- SAJE Navigators and Guides will be available in all areas of the province by the end of 2024.

Need help accessing a resource?

Connect with a worker, friend or family member



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