

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

9 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

Coming in 2024

- Duration of AYA support increased to 84 months, up to age 27.
- Flexibility to AYA life-skills, rehabilitative and mental health options maintained.
- SAJE Guides and Navigators are available on Vancouver Island, the North, Okanagan, Interior and Vancouver Coastal.
- No-limit earnings exemption so that benefits are not reduced or impacted based on employment.
- Approved life-skills provider list removed.
- 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).
- 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.

- Expanded eligibility for post-19 supports and services.
- Unconditional income supplement at age 19, up to 20th birthday.
- Conditional income supplement at age 20, up to 27th birthday.
- SAJE Navigators and Guides available in all areas of the province by Spring 2024.
- SAJE portal available.

Need help accessing a resource?

Connect with a worker, friend or family member