

# Support for Youth Transitioning to Adulthood in British Columbia

## 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.

## 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, identity & culture



Life-skills & training



Mental health & wellness



Information technology

# WHAT IS CHANGING?

Effective  
as of  
Spring  
2022

## Emergency Measures Extension

- An indefinite extension of the Temporary Housing Agreements (THAs) and Temporary Support Agreements (TSAs).
- Permanently maintaining the flexibility to the Agreements with Young Adults life-skills, rehabilitative and mental health program options.

**NEW**  
Effective  
Now

## New Program & Supports

- A no-limit earnings exemption so that benefits to young adults are not reduced or impacted based on employment.
- A new rent supplement program to help eligible young adults with their rent.
- Access life-skills programs from across BC and online. No longer limited to the ministry approved program list.

Coming  
soon in  
2022

## New Program & Supports

- New transition workers to support youth and young adults navigate their transition from care successfully, starting at age 14.

Coming in  
2023

## Transition Support Enhancements

- Funding for young people to access life-skills, cultural, and skills training programs.
- Enhanced dental and medical benefits, including counselling.
- Priority access to subsidized housing with support services through BC Housing, where appropriate.

Coming in  
2024

## Additional Improvements

- More young adults transitioning out of government care will qualify for support through expanded program eligibility.
- An unconditional income supplement for young adults at age 19, up to their 20th birthday.
- The post-19 youth transition program duration will be extended from 4 years (48 months) to 7 years (84 months), supporting young adults up to age 27 for those who choose to participate in eligible programming.
- THAs and TSAs are permanent options that young adults can access to remain in their homes up to age 21.

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accessing a  
resource?

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a worker,  
friend or  
family member