

RESOURCES

Transitioning to Adulthood

THA/TSA

Temporary Housing Agreements (THAs) and Temporary Support Agreements (TSAs) are agreements set between caregivers and young adults, or agreements between social workers and young adults for those on youth agreements that allow young adults to stay where they are beyond their 19th birthday – available until March 2022. Contact your local Delegated Aboriginal Agency or MCFD office or call 1-800-663-9122 to learn more. Youth on Independent Living Agreements and Youth Agreements will continue to receive their monthly living expenses past their 19th birthday.



Agedout.com is an interactive website that can provide you with the tools and information you need for transitioning to independence. Through AgedOut.com, you can learn life-skills, seek out information, and earn gift cards! Visit www.agedout.com to sign up.

AYA

The Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program supports former youth in care aged 19-27. The AYA program can provide you with financial support (up to \$1250 per month) towards living expenses to:

- Complete high school, post-secondary or vocational training programs.
- Participate in an individualized life-skills program, including cultural programs – at 5 hours per week.
- Participate in mental health or rehabilitative programming – at 5 hours per week.

Please note: the option to participate in an individualized life-skills program (5 hours per week) will remain in place until March 2022. Contact your local Delegated Aboriginal Agency or MCFD office or call 1-800-663-9122 to learn more.



Foundry can offer health and wellness resources, services and supports if you are 12-24 years old. The Foundry's services are provided online and through service centres in many communities across B.C. Get the FoundryBC app, or visit www.foundrybc.ca/virtual to find the centre near you.

PTWP

Provincial Tuition Waiver Program (PTWP) offers tuition waivers at all public BC universities and colleges to students aged 19 to 27 who were formerly in government care. There are a variety of additional federal, provincial and local scholarships and bursaries that may be available to you. Visit <https://studentaidbc.ca> to learn more.

YEAF

Youth Education Assistance Fund (YEAF) provides grants for up to \$5500 for those who are 19 to 24 years old and were formerly in care. This grant supports you to attend a designated post-secondary institution. You can apply once a year, up to a maximum of four years. Visit <https://studentaidbc.ca> to learn more and apply.



Youth Futures Education Fund (YFEF) supports youth and young adults with living expenses such as rent, food, and transportation while accessing the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program. Contact the Financial Aid & Awards office at your public post-secondary school and ask for an application form.



Public Guardian and Trustee Education Assistance Fund provides former youth in care with financial assistance to further their educational or vocational goals. Visit <http://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate-and-personal-trust-services/Pages/pgt-educational-assistance-fund.aspx> to learn more and apply.



Telus Mobility for Good (M4G) provides free smart phones, free data and cell phone plans for 2 years followed by a \$35/month plan indefinitely to former youth in care and individuals who are eligible for the AYA program. Go to <https://www.telus.com/en/about/comp-any-overview/community-investment/how-we-give/cause-campaigns/mobility-for-good> to apply!



The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN) is a youth-driven, provincial, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of young people (aged 14 to 24) who are in and from government care in B.C. FBCYICN provides programs and services that help you connect, get individual support, link to learning opportunities, and unite the voices of youth in and from care to create positive change in the system. Check out their website at www.fbcyicn.com to learn more!



WorkBC offers employment services to eligible individuals 16 years and over. There are also specific services offered to youth and young adults in and from government care between the ages of 16-30 including access to counselling. Connect with your local WorkBC site or visit <https://www.workbc.ca/> to learn more.

Need help accessing a resource? Connect with a worker, friend or family member.