



WHAT IS SAJE?



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SAJE is a suite of supports provided by the Ministry of Children and Family Development for youth leaving their care.

Supports include:

- Agreements with Young Adults
- Rent Supplements
- Temporary Housing Agreements
- Temporary Support Agreements
- SAJE Navigators and Guides
- Health Benefits
- Income Supplements
- Life-Skills, Training & Cultural Connections Funding

Many of these supports are currently available, but some will not become available until 2024.



AYA

Agreements with Young Adults

You can receive up to \$1,250/month for living expenses while you participate in one or a combination of the following:

- Education and skills training
- Rehabilitative programs
- Life skills programs

Youth aged 19-26 (inclusive) can access AYA for 84 months, for a minimum of 3 months at a time.

Your earnings won't affect your AYA amount!





RENT SUPPLEMENT

You can access a \$600-a-month rent supplement for up to 2 years.

You must be 19-26 (inclusive) AND renting in the private market.

Applications are accepted online via the SAJE website twice a year.

50% of supplements are for Indigenous youth.



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THA



Temporary Housing Agreements

You can stay in your placement up until your 21st birthday on a Temporary Housing Agreement (THA).

If you are interested, talk to your MCFD or ICFSA worker.

You can move from a THA to a Temporary Support Agreement (TSA) at any time between your 19th and 21st birthday.

You can also access AYA while on a THA.

TSA

Temporary Support Agreements

You can receive funding for living expenses up to your 21st birthday under a Temporary Support Agreement (TSA).

You can apply for a TSA, if at 19 you had any government care status.

If you are interested, talk to your MCFD or ICFSA worker.





NAVIGATORS & GUIDES

SAJE Navigators and Guides support you to navigate your pathway from care and access the supports that are available to you.

Navigators and Guides are available to youth aged 14-25.

These workers have been implemented in the North and on Vancouver Island. More SAJE workers will start in 2024.





HEALTH BENEFITS

You can receive extended health benefits if you are on an AYA, THA, or TSA.

These benefits include:

- Dental - up to \$1000 annually
- Optical - free eye exam and \$300/year for standard pair of glasses or \$450/year if high index lenses needed
- Counselling & Mental Health - \$1500/year



LIFE-SKILLS & CULTURE

Life-Skills, Training, & Cultural Connections Funding

Youth can access up to \$5,500/year to cover costs related to their life-skills and cultural connection goals.

A total of \$11,000 is available over the duration of an AYA.

Available to any young person eligible for AYA who is/wants to access life-skills or a combination of AYA programming!





INCOME SUPPLEMENT

Coming in 2024...

You can receive a monthly, unconditional income supplement of \$1250 when you leave care at 19, up to your 20th birthday...and for longer if your are participating in eligible programming.



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