

Government of Alberta Children & Family Services

Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP)
Youth in Transition Branch



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that what we call Alberta is the traditional and ancestral territory of many peoples, presently subject to Treaties 6, 7, and 8. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit who have lived in and cared for these lands for generations.

We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting



Background Information



Youth in Transition Branch

Consists of three different (but interconnecting) sections:

1) Transition to Adulthood Program

2) Youth Strategies

- Registered Education Savings Plan for Child and Youth from Care
- Youth Employment Connections Programs
- Mentoring Program for Youth and Young Adults from Care
- Youth Initiatives

3) Advancing Futures (Non-TAP and TAP– Education Pathway)

Background Information

- Supports for young adults leaving care were historically provided under post 18 intervention Agreements, that were largely financially based. Supports were provided through the Child, Youth and Families Enhancement Act (CYFEA).
- The Agreements were provided under regional delivery zones which resulted in inconsistencies in how they were provided between regions, offices, and workers.
- Clients could access the Advancing Futures Program to pursue post secondary education. The program was delivered by coordinators, and regional practice varied on if the client's post intervention Agreement would end once they were accepted into the program. Advancing Futures is provided through Alberta's Government Organizational Act.
- Clients accessing Adult Disability Supports would have the CFS file close.

Background Information

- On April 4th, 2022, the Transition to Adulthood Program was launched in order to provide more provincially consistent and robust services and supports. TAP is centrally managed, delivered provincially and includes a dedicated workforce, separate from the Child Intervention program in Alberta.
- The Transition to Adulthood Program was formed through feedback provided from working group sessions. These sessions were populated with frontline workers from each region, Delegated First National Agency staff, Indigenous subject matter experts from the ministry, Advancing Futures staff, and policy/practice staff.
- As of December 2022, all post 18 intervention Agreement files transferred over to TAP, and TAP Agreements are now the exclusive support offered to clients between the ages of 18-24 in Alberta.

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OCYA Recommendations

OCYA Recommendations (2013, 2014, 2017)

TAP responds to a number of OCYA and Ministry recommendations:

- Review and amend policies and guidelines to bring about consistent practices among regions and ensure seamless, coordinated interregional delivery of intervention services.
- To reinforce compliance to existing policy regarding regular case-conferencing with all stakeholders and service providers, ensuring that children are involved whenever possible
- Consistent services and supports are in place when young people transition from CI services to the adult disability system.

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Program Overview

TAP Mandate

To assist young adults, who have received intervention services, in:

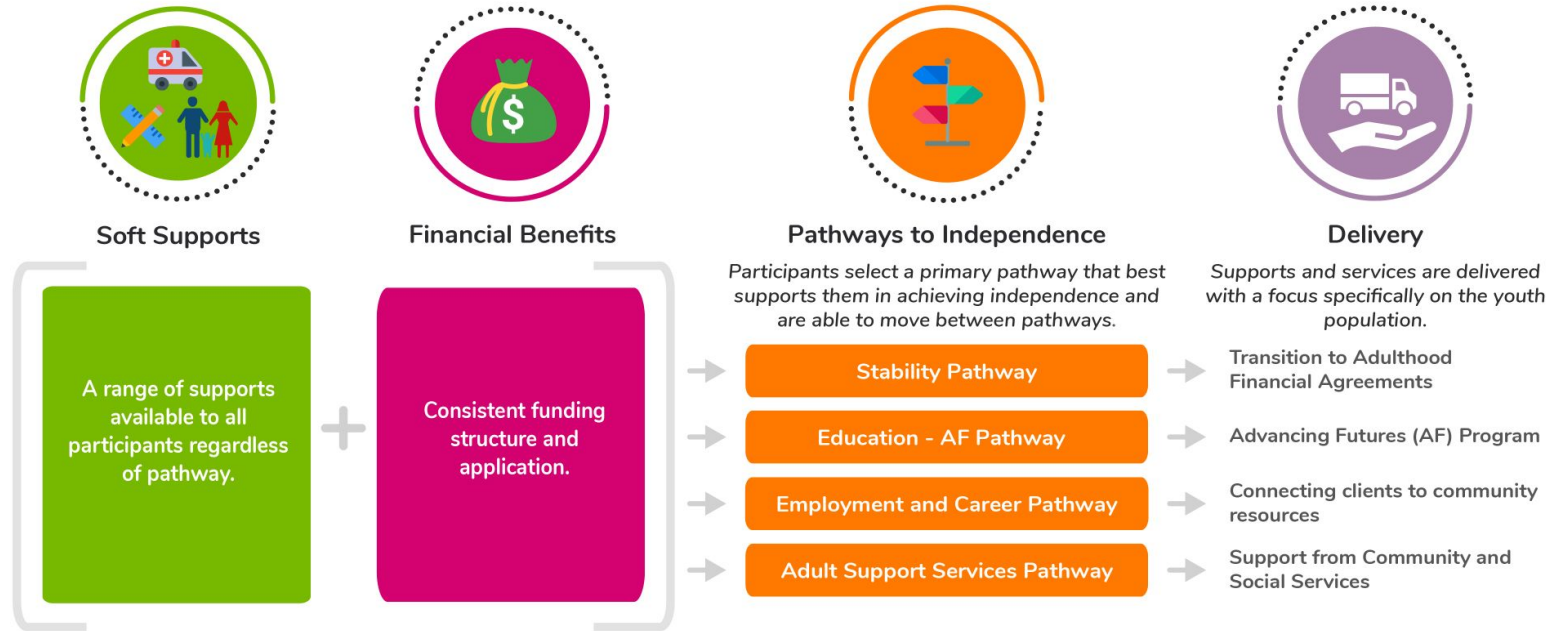
- achieving interdependence,
- maintaining stable lifelong connections,
- developing their autonomy, and
- pursuing education and employment.

TAP has been designed to be provincially consistent. All clients are provided the same core benefits, opportunity to supports and Agreements are all signed for *6-month intervals*.



TAP Program Structure

TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD PROGRAM - STRUCTURE



Pathway Highlights

Employment/Career Pathway- Within this pathway, young adults can access a range of supports and services that include but are not limited to: career planning tools, occupational training programs, job placement and pre-employment programs, work search/resume and interview skill building, and life skills programs.

Stability Pathway- Clients within this pathway have identified a need for a period of stabilization and may be experiencing a combination of trauma, addictions and other concerns that are impacting their ability to build lifelong connections and learn new skills.

Adult Support Services Pathway- Clients within this pathway are supported in accessing adult support services (AISH/PDD/OTPG) and will receive *concurrent support* through TAP. Clients will continue to have a TAP Practitioner provide soft supports and facilitate access to educational or employment support

Education Pathway/ Advancing Futures- This pathway provides young adults, through post-secondary completion, with an employable skill, which will in turn lead to long term employment. Young adults within this pathway can earn a degree or diploma, learn a trade, receive a certificate, or obtain a high school diploma, if it is a requirement for entry into a post secondary program.

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What's next?

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- TAP is designed to be a holistic wrap-around program designed specifically to meet the needs of post intervention clients as they transition to adulthood.
- We continue to expand the constellation of services and supports offered to clients:
 - Youth Apprenticeship Connections program
 - Transition to Adulthood mentoring
 - Additional stabilization supports
 - Housing Supports

Questions?

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