

Transforming Child Welfare in New Brunswick



Child and Youth Services Vision and Outcomes

VISION

Safety, wellbeing, a sense of belonging and lifelong connections for every child/youth in NB



Children & youth who receive our services:

ARE SAFE



SUCCEED



THRIVE



The New Act

Child and Youth Well-Being Act

- *Services for young adults 31(1)*
- *If a child or youth under the Minister's care under a custody agreement, guardianship agreement, custody order or guardianship order reaches 19 years of age, the Minister may continue to provide social services and support with their consent, in accordance with the regulations, during the period of time during which the person is under 26 years of age.*
- *31(2) If a person does not consent to receiving a social service under this section, nothing prevents that person from consenting later during the period during which the person is under 26 years of age.*
- *Transition plan*



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Equitable Standards for Transition to Adulthood 8 Pillars

1



Financial: Every young person should have the financial resources required to meet their needs. Youth in care deserve to have a financial starting point that is above the poverty line, and allows them to pursue their career interests and dreams.

2



Educational & Professional Development: Every young person should experience an environment where they can learn and grow in ways that are meaningful to them and at their own pace.

3



Housing: Every young person should have a place they can call home, without strict rules and conditions to abide by.

4



Relationships: Every young person should have people in their life that they can count on unconditionally and interdependently. Youth in care need to feel that they belong, have worth and are valuable members of their communities.

5



Culture & Spirituality: Every young person should be connected to their culture and spirituality, in ways that are meaningful to them, safe, and at their own pace.

6



Health & Wellbeing: Every young person should be provided with timely ongoing services and benefits that support their lifelong health and well-being. These supports need to be offered within a trauma-informed, non-judgemental harm reduction approach, without significant wait times.

7



Advocacy & Rights: Every young person should have their rights respected and should experience environments where their voices are heard, and their silence is addressed holistically.

8



Emerging Adulthood Development: Every young person should experience environments that cultivate personal growth and development as they transition into adulthood.

Goal: Readiness and Interdependence

Purpose:

- Better prepare youth for their transition to adulthood
- Provide transitional services to young adults

Target population:

- Youth and young adults
- preparation stage: 14-19 years old
- Transition stage: 19-26 years old





PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

- WORKING WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS UP TO THE AGE OF 26
- ENGAGE THEM IN THEIR OWN FUTURE PLANNING PROCESS.
- INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN BASED ON THEIR NEEDS AND READINESS.
- THE YOUTHS WILL BE GUIDED IN SETTING AND ACHIEVING THEIR OWN SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM GOALS SUCH AS: EMPLOYMENT/CAREER, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, LIVING SITUATION, PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS/WELL-BEING, AND COMMUNITY-LIFE FUNCTIONING
- PROVIDE THEM WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE, TRAUMA-INFORMED, AND APPEALING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
- INVOLVE THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND/ OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT PERSONS, IN A PROCESS THAT PREPARES AND FACILITATES THEIR TRANSITION TOWARD GREATER SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF THEIR GOALS.

Challenges of youth transitioning from care to independent living

More likely than peers to experience unemployment

Higher tendency to become homeless or experience housing instabilities

More likely to encounter trouble with the law

Higher probability to have children at young age

Twice more likely to report having insufficient money to pay rent, mortgage, or utility bills

Four times more likely to be evicted after leaving care

How change impacts Youth/ Young Adults

Knowledge of all basic life-skills and the documentation required for next stage of life

Get them thinking beyond today to their future, aspirations, and how to attain them

Improve their chances of post secondary education, employment options, reduce likelihood of income assistance

Network that can support any turn in the road whether a housing emergency, income related, relationships, trauma

Timely access to people they can count on

More housing options than exist today

Recommendation Themes:

1. Program eligibility changes
2. Proactive Services
3. Supports for transitions to adulthood
4. Focused services on Youth and Young Adult Population
5. Better collaboration and communication between all stakeholders re services available (Government/Community)
6. Termination and Closure Criteria changes
7. Better support for transitional housing
8. More support for Post-Secondary education
9. Better align services with SA and Housing



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With better support and coaching, we hope to see more Youth and Young adult able to complete post-secondary education and/or successfully integrated the work force.



Continue to prioritize improvements based on Equitable Standards evaluation, targeting Youth and Young Adults



The earlier we can offer support, the better chance they have to succeed in life.



Collect Data and feedback from ongoing engagement with Youth, stakeholders and staff.



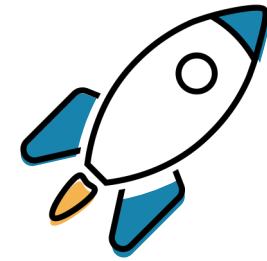
We need to meet their basic needs and adapt to each at their own pace



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Thank You!



Questions?

