



Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN) Services



Profile of CYSN Services for High School Students with Disabilities

The BC Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) **Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)** services are designed to support families and students with disabilities during the critical transition from high school to adulthood, ensuring a smoother progression and access to necessary resources.

Eligibility and Contact:

Families of students aged 14 to 18 with an active CYSN file are encouraged to connect with their assigned CYSN worker for personalized assistance.

Transition Planning Support:

CYSN workers provide individualized transition planning that is responsive to the unique needs and goals of each family and student. Services may include:

- **Customized Checklists:** Tailored checklists outlining suggested tasks and key milestones at various ages (e.g., 14, 16, 18) to guide families in preparing for the transition process.
- **Guidance on Key Steps:** Detailed advice and support on navigating important transitional elements, such as exploring educational, employment, or vocational opportunities and accessing financial support systems.

Collaboration with Adult Services:

Transitioning to adulthood often requires coordination with adult services, and CYSN workers play a pivotal role in bridging the gap. This can include:

- **Referrals to Community Living BC (CLBC):** With family consent, CYSN Social Workers assist in making referrals to CLBC, which provides supports and services for adults with developmental disabilities.
- **Eligibility Process Support:** CYSN workers can help families navigate CLBC's eligibility requirements, ensuring they understand the process and can provide the necessary documentation.
- **Inter-Agency Collaboration:** Coordinating with schools, health care providers, and other agencies to create a comprehensive plan that aligns with the student's long-term goals.

Tailored to Family Needs:

The approach is highly flexible, allowing families to request specific types of assistance that align with their priorities. This could include help with accessing funding, connecting with community resources, or simply answering questions about the next steps in the transition process.

Benefits of CYSN Services for Transition Planning:

- Reduced stress for families through expert guidance and a structured approach.
- Enhanced preparedness for students and families as they approach adulthood.
- Access to a network of supports that ensure continuity of care and services beyond the school years.

Contact Information:

- **Website:** www.gov.bc.ca/adultdevelopmentaldisabilityservices
- Contact a local [Child & Family Service office](#) to find out what services are available and talk about eligibility requirements.
- **Email:** MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca

Families are encouraged to reach out to their CYSN worker early in the transition process to ensure that planning is proactive and comprehensive.

Find support for specific needs

- [Deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, blind and partially-sighted](#)
- [Assessing and supporting your child's development](#)
- [Autism spectrum disorder](#)
- [Complex health needs](#)
- [Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder \(FASD\)](#)
- [Intellectual disabilities](#)

Additional Resources:

- [SD33 Career-Life Transitions Website](#)

