


# YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS COVID-19 SUPPORTS

## Update on MCFD Temporary Support Measures


### AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG ADULTS (AYA)

#### CHANGES TO THE AYA PROGRAM AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 31, 2022


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- Through the extension to the AYA emergency measures available until March 2022, you can:
    - Continue to have flexible access to funding while attending life-skills, mental health and rehabilitation programs.
    - Be on AYA and take life-skills or mental health/rehabilitation programs for **five hours per week** (reduced).
    - Take programs online or take a combination of life-skills programs that focuses on the areas that are important to you-including cultural connections.

### TEMPORARY HOUSING AND SUPPORT AGREEMENTS (THA/TSA)


#### AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 31, 2022

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- Youth in foster care, living with someone other than their parents (out of care placement or extended family program placement) or living in a community resource will be able to temporarily stay where they are past their 19th birthday.
  - Youth on Independent Living Agreements and Youth Agreements will continue to receive their monthly living expenses past their 19th birthday.

### DID YOU KNOW...

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- You can be on a THA and on AYA at the same time? Talk to a worker or your community support for more details.
  - Some young adults may have trouble meeting the AYA program requirements from time to time. For example, you might need to take a reduced course load. If you need additional support, talk to your Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) or Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA) worker to apply for an exception.

### NEED SUPPORT? WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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- Talk to someone at your local DAA or MCFD office or call 1-800-663-9122.
  - Visit the Government of BC website for more resources at [www.gov.bc.ca/covidyouthsupports](http://www.gov.bc.ca/covidyouthsupports).
  - Visit [AgedOut.com](http://AgedOut.com), the [Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks](#) or [Representative for Children and Youth](#) for additional supports.
  - Visit the [Telus Mobility for Good Program](#) to see if you qualify for a free phone and 2 year data plan.
  - Know your [rights in care](#).
  - Reach out if you have a concern to the [complaints process](#) for children & youth receiving services from MCFD.

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

