



# YOUTH TRANSITIONS COVID-19 PANDEMIC SCENARIOS



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## **PREFACE**

*This document is intended to highlight emergency response services and supports that may be available to young adults from care during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note the short scenarios provided cannot capture the full essence of individual personalities, lives, and experiences of youth and young adults from care.*

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# TURNING 19 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

JESSICA – TURNED 19 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHILE IN A FOSTER HOME.



**Jessica turned 19 on Oct 1, 2020. She has not had her first job yet and has been living in a foster home through a CCO (Continuing Custody Order, or permanent care).**

- Jessica may stay in her foster home by completing an Emergency COVID-19 Temporary Housing Agreement with her foster parent. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**
- She could choose to move out on her own and access the AYA program. She could access AYA if she was in school (high school, adult education, post-secondary, or trades), a rehabilitation program, or a life-skills program.
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Jessica may be eligible for AYA by completing 5 hours per week toward an individualized life-skills program; or she could complete 10 hours per week toward a mental health program inclusive of cultural healing and wellness within the rehabilitative component of AYA or a combination of programs, such as part-time school or life-skills programming. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Jessica would be able to develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule (such as at the end of the school year or at the end of her program) that best meets her needs with approval from her social worker, rather than having to meet every six months.
- If Jessica needs access to technology, she could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - Jessica is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. She would need to receive a verification letter of her care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#).
- If Jessica needs additional information or support, she could connect with her local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening (1 800-663-9122), to connect with a social worker for more information. Jessica could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Jessica in making the right connections with a local office.

**SARAH – TURNED 19 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHILE LIVING IN AN EXTENDED FAMILY PROGRAM PLACEMENT.**



**Sarah turns 19 on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and is living with her grandma in an Extended Family Program placement.**

- Sarah may continue to stay in her home and receive support by completing an Emergency COVID-19 Temporary Housing Agreement with her grandma.
  - **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**
- She may be eligible for Employment Insurance or Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) weeks if she earned more than \$5,000 in the past year.
- If Sarah needs additional information or support, she could connect with her local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122 to connect with a social worker for more information. Sarah could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Sarah in making the right connections with a local office.



**Cassidy is on an Independent Living Agreement (ILA) and turns 19 on January 3, 2021.**

- Cassidy may stay on her ILA via an Emergency COVID-19 Temporary Support Agreement and receive the same amount of funding. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until March 31st, 2021.**
- Cassidy could choose instead to access the AYA program if she is in school (high school, adult education, post-secondary, or trades), a rehabilitative program, or a life-skills program.
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Cassidy may be eligible for AYA by completing 5 hours per week toward an individualized life-skills program; or she could complete 10 hours per week toward a mental health program inclusive of cultural healing and wellness within the rehabilitative component of AYA or a combination of programs, such as part-time school or life-skills programming. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Cassidy would be able to develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule (such as at the end of the school year or at the end of her program) that best meets her needs with approval from her social worker, rather than having to meet every six months.
- If Cassidy needs access to technology, she could choose to connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - Cassidy is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. She would need a verification letter of her care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#).
- Cassidy may be eligible for Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if she was employed and earned over \$5,000 in the past year.
- If Cassidy needs additional information or support, she could connect with her local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. Cassidy could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Cassidy in making the right connections with a local office.

**CURRENTLY ON OR PLANNING TO  
GO ON AGREEMENTS WITH YOUNG  
ADULTS (AYA) PROGRAM DURING  
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**HABIB – ON AYA ATTENDING COUNSELING AND SCHOOL PART-TIME.**



**Habib has been on Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) for the past year. He was enrolled in a 60% course load at a post-secondary school but has been finding it difficult to manage with some of the other stresses occurring in his life. He is hoping to decrease his course load to focus on his mental health.**

- As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Habib may choose to decrease his course load and combine his hours with a mental health program. He would need to complete a minimum of 10 hours per week in his school and mental health programs together to be eligible for AYA. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Habib would be able to develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule (such as at the end of the school year) that best meets his needs with approval from his social worker, rather than having to meet every six months.
- If Habib needs access to technology, he could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - Habib is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. He would need a verification letter of his care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#).
- Habib may be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) or the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if he was employed and earned over \$5,000 in the past year.
- If Habib needs additional information or support, he could connect with his local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. Habib could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Habib in making the right connections with a local office.

TANISHA – ON AYA AND IN A REHABILITATION PROGRAM DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.



**Tanisha is 20 years old and is being supported through the AYA program while she is participating in a rehabilitative program during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

- Tanisha may continue to be supported on AYA. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, she may decrease program hours to 10 per week, instead of 15. She may also decide to switch to a combination of programs to meet her hourly requirements of 10 hours per week (i.e. participating in a life-skills program and her rehabilitative program). **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- With approval from her social worker, Tanisha may develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule that best meets her needs (such as at the end of her programming), rather than having to meet every six months.
- If she needs access to technology, she could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - Tanisha is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. She would need a verification letter of his care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#).
- She may be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) or Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if she earned more than \$5,000 in the past year.
- If Tanisha needs additional information or support, she could connect with her local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. Tanisha could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Tanisha in making the right connections with a local office.

**KASEY – INTERESTED IN THE AYA PROGRAM THROUGH A CULTURAL LIFE-SKILLS OPPORTUNITY.**



**Kasey is 23 years old and is interested in accessing the Agreements with Young Adults program (AYA) through a cultural life-skills opportunity. They haven't been formally employed in the past two years.**

- Kasey may be eligible for AYA through the cultural learning domain of an individualized life-skills program, where they would participate in programming for a minimum of 5 hours/week.
- Some examples of cultural life-skills opportunities include (but are not limited to):
  - Traditional cooking classes;
  - Learning from an elder;
  - Beading classes;
  - Family mapping;
  - Learning a language of their heritage.
  - **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Kasey would be able to develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule (such as at the end of their programming) that best meets their needs with approval from their social worker, rather than having to meet every six months.
- If Kasey needs access to technology, they could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - Kasey is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. They would need to receive a verification letter of their care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#).
- If Kasey needs additional information or support, they could connect with their local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. Kasey could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Kasey in making the right connections with a local office.

**JOSEPH – ON AYA AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.**



**Joseph is 24, has two children, and is on the AYA program attending post-secondary school.**

- Joseph may continue to be supported on AYA if he hasn't met his 48-month maximum program duration.
- With approval from his social worker, Joseph may develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule that best meets his needs (such as at the end of the school year), rather than having to meet every six months.
- He may be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) or the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if he earned more than \$5,000 in the past year.
- If his children cannot attend school or daycare in-person, he may be eligible for the Canada Recovery Caregiver Benefit (CRCB).
- If Joseph needs additional information or support, he could connect with his local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. He could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Joseph in making the right connections with a local office.

# INCOME ASSISTANCE AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE



**Gilbert is 26 and on Income Assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was in care on a CCO (Continuing Custody Order, or permanent care) when he turned 19.**

- Gilbert may continue to be supported on Income Assistance with the B.C. COVID-19 Crisis Supplement, which provides him with an additional \$300 a month.
- He could choose to access the AYA program if he was in school (high school, adult education, post-secondary, or trades), a rehabilitative program, or life-skills program.
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Gilbert may be eligible for AYA through an individualized life-skills program by participating in appropriate activities for a minimum of 5 hours per week; or through a mental health program inclusive of cultural healing and wellness under the rehabilitative component by completing 10 hours per week on mental health, or a combination of programs, such as part-time school or life-skills programming. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Gilbert would be able to develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule (such as at the end of the school year or at the end of his program) that best meets his needs with approval from his social worker, rather than having to meet every six months.
- If Gilbert needs access to technology, he could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - Gilbert is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. He would need a verification letter of his care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#).
- Gilbert may be eligible for Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if he was employed and earned over \$5,000 in the past year. However, if Gilbert accesses CRB, he is not eligible for the BC COVID-19 Crisis Supplement.
- If Gilbert needs additional information or support, he could connect with his local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. He could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support him in making the right connections with a local office.

**GIAN – ON DISABILITY ASSISTANCE DURING THE COVID -19 PANDEMIC, WAS ON A YOUTH AGREEMENT FOR 3 MONTHS WHEN HE WAS 17.**



**Gian is 23 and he is on Disability Assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was on a Youth Agreement (YAG) for three months when he was 17.**

- Gian may continue to be supported on Disability Assistance with the B.C. COVID-19 Crisis Supplement, which provides him with an additional \$300 a month.
- Gian may be eligible the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if he was employed and earned over \$5,000 in the past year.
  - However, if Gian accesses CRB, he is not eligible for the BC COVID-19 Crisis Supplement.
- If he needs additional information or support, he could connect with his local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. Gian could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Gian in making the right connections with a local office.

# EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



**River, 25, is experiencing homelessness as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. She was on a Youth Agreement (YAG) when she turned 19.**

- River could access the AYA program. She could access AYA if she was in school (high school, adult education, post-secondary, or trades), a rehabilitative program or a life-skills program.
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, River may be eligible for AYA through an individualized life-skills program by participating in appropriate activities for a minimum of 5 hours per week; or through a mental health program inclusive of cultural healing and wellness under the rehabilitative component by completing 10 hours per week on mental health or a combination of programs, such as part-time school or life-skills programming. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, River would be able to develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule (such as at the end of the school year or at the end of her program) that best meets her needs with approval from her social worker, rather than having to meet every six months.
- If River needs access to technology, she could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - River is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. She would need a verification letter of her care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#). Since River doesn't have a permanent residence, she could list the address of a friend or trusted adult on her application for Mobility for Good.
- She may be eligible for Employment Insurance or Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if she earned more than \$5,000 in the past year.
- If other options do not fit for River, she could choose to apply for Income Assistance, which can be expedited for young adults from care.
- If River needs additional information or support, she could connect with her local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. River could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support her in making the right connections with a local office.

# UNEMPLOYED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

STEPHEN – LOST HIS JOB DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. HE WAS ON A YOUTH AGREEMENT WHEN HE TURNED 19.



**Stephen has lost his job due to COVID-19. He is 21 years old and was on a Youth Agreement (YAG) when he turned 19.**

- Stephen could access the AYA program if he was in school (high school, adult education, post-secondary, or trades), a rehabilitative/mental health program or a life-skills program.
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, River may be eligible for AYA through a mental health program inclusive of cultural healing and wellness under the rehabilitative component by completing 10 hours per week on mental health or a combination of programs, such as part-time school or life-skills programming. **This Temporary COVID-19 Emergency Measure is available until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
  - As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Stephen would be able to develop an AYA agreement renewal schedule (such as at the end of the school year, or at the end of his program) that best meets his needs with approval from his social worker, rather than having to meet every six months.
- If Stephen needs access to technology, he could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.
  - Stephen is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. He would need to receive a verification letter of his care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply [online](#).
- He may be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) or the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB).
- If he needs additional information or support, he could connect with his local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122, to connect with a social worker for more information. Stephen could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Stephen in making the right connections with a local office.

# **SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS PREVIOUSLY ON A TEMPORARY CUSTODY ORDER**

**ROXANNE – IN SCHOOL AND WAS PREVIOUSLY IN-CARE ON A TEMPORARY CUSTODY ORDER.**

	<p><b>Roxanne is 24 years old and was in care through a Temporary Custody Order when she turned 19. She is in a virtual post-secondary program.</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If Roxanne needs access to technology, she could connect with a social worker at a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA), or MCFD to receive support.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Roxanne is eligible for Mobility for Good, which provides access to a free phone and data plan. She would need to receive a verification letter of her care status (time in care) from a social worker and apply <a href="#">online</a>.</li></ul></li><li>• She may be eligible for Employment Insurance or Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) if she earned more than \$5,000 in the past year.</li><li>• If Roxanne needs additional information or support, she could connect with her local MCFD or DAA office, or Provincial Centralized Screening 1 800-663-9122 to connect with a social worker for more information. Roxanne could also contact the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at 1-800-476-3933. The Representatives Office can support Sarah in making the right connections with a local office.</li></ul>