

## Transition Planning Services

The services you receive will end upon your child's 19th birthday. A CYSN worker can help you plan for your child during the transitional years from adolescence to adulthood.

This might include assisting in:

- Referrals to CLBC (Community Living BC)
- Referrals to STADD (Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities)
- Referrals to adult health services
- Applying for Persons with Disabilities designation (PWD)
- Identifying what supports may be needed in the future for your son or daughter

## Cost of Services

There is no charge for most programs. However, some programs require parental contributions. An income test is administered to determine the amount of parental contribution for services provided. The basis for the income test is the net income of the family or individual receiving services.



## Staff Qualifications

All Program staff employed by MCFD have specialized training and expertise in the services they deliver.

## Hours of Operation

MCFD offices are open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm

## Contact Information

**Children and Youth with Support Needs  
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## Website

### Children & Youth with Support Needs

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs>

## Other Helpful Websites

### Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities (STADD)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/transition-planning-for-youth-young-adults>

### Autism Information

<http://autisminfo.gov.bc.ca/>

### Community Living BC (CLBC)

[www.communitylivingbc.ca](http://www.communitylivingbc.ca)

### Persons With Disabilities (PWD)

<https://myselfserve.gov.bc.ca/>

## Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)

### Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)

### Merritt/Gold Trail



## At Home Program Autism Programs & Family Support Services

### Information For Parents

## Eligibility for Services

To be Eligible for these programs, a child or youth must be:

- A resident of British Columbia *and*
- Under the age of 19 *and* diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Eligible for the At Home Program that includes children who are assessed as dependent in at least three of four functional activities of daily living (eating, dressing, toileting, and washing) *or*
- Diagnosed with an Intellectual Disability according to DSM-5 Definition.

## What to Expect

These programs are voluntary and parents have a choice whether to utilize them. If you feel your child is eligible and you would like to learn more about these services please contact your local Child and Youth Support Needs (CYSN) office, where a CYSN worker will explain the various services. If you decide to utilize these services you will be assigned a CYSN worker.

The successful delivery of our services depends on people working collaboratively. The views and input of parents, children, youth, CYSN workers, and the community are all essential and each has an important role to play.

## Family Support Services

Family Support Services is an umbrella term that describes a range of programs intended to support parents to care for their child or youth with special needs in the home. These programs are subject to funding availability, eligibility, and your child could be waitlisted. Priority waitlists for programs vary depending on availability, the needs of the child/youth, the situation of the family and their existing supports.

## At Home Program

If your child is eligible for the At Home Program they could receive At Home Program Medical Benefits and/or Respite Benefits.

At Home Medical Benefits provides the following basic, essential benefits for eligible children: medical supplies, medical equipment, dental, orthodontic, optical benefits and assistance with medical transportation.

At Home Program Respite Benefits may provide up to \$3,080 per year (depending on family income) to assist families of eligible children to purchase the respite services that best meet their needs.

## Autism Programs

If your child has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) they are eligible for autism funding.

Autism funding programs provide funding to families of children and youth diagnosed with ASD to assist with the cost of purchasing eligible autism intervention services (based on best practices) that promote their child's communication, social-emotional, pre-academic/academic and functional life-skills development. Families of children under age 6 are eligible for up to \$22,000 of autism funding; families of children aged 6-18 are eligible for up to \$6,000 per year.



## Family Support Services

### Direct Funded Respite

Provides funding directly to families to purchase the respite services that best meet their needs

### Contracted Respite

Provides out of home overnight respite provided by an approved contracted care giver

### Child and Youth Care Worker

Provides one to one support to a child or youth with clear goals of service such as Life Skills, Social Skills

### Behavioural Support

Provides consultation, training, development and monitoring of individualized positive behaviour support plans for families

### Homemaker Support

Provides short-term home support services including care of children and training in household management skills. This service is determined based on need

### Summer Programs

Provides various short term recreation or life skill based programs offered in summer \*see note below\*

**NOTE: Most of the above have waitlists and summer program is not currently available in the Gold Trail**

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