Planning For Adulthood For Students in BC

What To Ask and When?

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Ages 11-15 Years Old +

- Has a psychoeducational or neuro-psychoeducational assessment been completed?
    - If so and the student has been deemed eligible for Community Living BC (CLBC) services, has the one-page CLBC psychologist assessor form also been completed?
- Are you actively connected with a Child and Youth with Special Needs Social Worker (CYSN-SW) if eligible for this service?
- Are you connected with the At-Home Program if eligible for this service?
- Are you connected with Child and Youth Mental Health if requiring this service?

Ages 11-15 Years Old +

- Are you eligible for a Child Disability Tax Credit?
- Have you set up a Registered Disability Savings Plan?
- Have you set up a Registered Education Savings Plan?
- Has your student connected with recreational opportunities in the community?

Ages 16 +

- Does the student have a BC Services Identity Picture card?
- Does the student have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)?
- Does the student have in their own name a bank account or a joint bank account? You will need this for employment and for applying for Persons with a Disability assistance.
- Consider doing a PATH or MAPS or another type of mapping of goals and dreams for the future; such making the My Booklet

Age 16+

- Has your student and the school team discussed what school completion path your student will be completing? (Dogwood or Evergreen certificate)

- Submit the Community Living BC Application for the eligible student. The family or the Child and Youth with Support Needs Social Worker can do this by submitting the required paperwork (psycho-educational assessment and CLBC assessor form) from 16 years old onwards.

- Attend CLBC Welcome Workshops

Ages 17-18 +

- If eligible, apply for Persons with a Disability assistance or BCANDS from 17.5 years old onwards.
- If your student is CLBC eligible, complete the CLBC Guide to Support Allocation interview with he CLBC facilitator by the October before their 19th birthday (or even earlier to be safe).
- Will your student be returning for a 12+ school year if available; or apply for Post-Secondary Education Programs and scholarships if in last year of school
- Discuss graduation activities with student and if any supports a required for participation

Ages 17-18 +

- Review with student whether they need any special equipment that can be funded by childhood charities/donors
- Ensure your student's health team are making referrals to adult specialist if needed. Arrange cross-training between pediatric and adult health teams if required.
- Consider whether a Representation Agreement or another form of legal representation is needed. If the child has complex medical needs and significant cognitive impairment, they may require a committee-ship which is a process with a lawyer.

Ages 19 +

- If the youth needs it, sign the Representation Agreement when the youth turns 19 years old; or ensure other representation has been set-up.

- Consider future housing needs: BC Housing application or discuss CLBC funded housing with CLBC Facilitator

Island Health Community Health Services

Accessing Community Health Services | Island Health

- Call 250-388-2273 to request services for close-to-19 or 19+ students (for safety and functional independence at home; not ongoing therapy)

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- If eligible for Choice in Supports for Independent Living (CSIL) – high medical care needs but able to self-direct care, request an assessment with a case manager

  Choice in Supports for Independent Living (CSIL) | Island Health

- If eligible for Home Supports for Community Living (HSCL) services, contact the CLBC facilitator to make a referral or therapist can contact the Island Health case manager.

Community Health Services: In Your Regional Health Authority

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Community Health Services

Accessing Community Health Services in:

- Fraser Health
- Interior Health
- Island Health
- Northern Health
- Vancouver Coastal Health

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Advocacy and Family Support

Community organizations providing advocacy support and information for childhood and adulthood

- Disability Resource Centre Victoria (Victoria)
- Family Support – Community Living Victoria (Victoria)
- BC Representative for Children and Youth (BC Wide)
- Family Support Institute (BC Wide)
- Inclusion BC (BC Wide)
- Office of the Advocate for Service Quality (BC Wide)

Child and Youth Services MCFD in BC

Child & Family Services Office for Victoria (Chatterton Way) - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

Child & Family Services Office - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

- Service continues until 19 years old. Can access support of a Child and Youth with Support Needs Social Worker.
- Assistance with CLBC referrals, respite, guardianship, mental health referrals, PWD applications, etc...
- Eligibility: your child has Autism, Intellectual Disability and/or is on At-Home Program.

At Home Program

The At Home Program - Eligibility and Application - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

- Medical benefits ends at 18 y.o
- Respite benefits ends at 19 y.o.
- Are you getting all your medical products? Supplies will transition to adult PWD program

Autism Funding

[Autism funding - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)]

- Ends at 19 years old
- Connect with Child and Youth with Support Needs Social Worker if needing assistance with this program
- Can support funding for therapy as well as equipment

Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)

Am I Eligible for CLBC Support? - Community Living BC

How to Get Support at Community Living BC

- Developmental Disability
  - 19 years or older
  - Impaired intellectual functioning
  - Impaired adaptive functioning
  - Impairments started before age 18
- Personalized Supports Initiative
  - 19 years or older
  - Significant limitation in adaptive functioning
  - AND
  - FASD or ASD

CLBC

[The Welcome and Planning Process - Community Living BC]

- Attend Welcome Workshops
- Meet your facilitator
- Complete interviews with facilitator for an assessment of support needs before turning 19 years old

CLBC Complaints Resolution Process

Complaints - Community Living BC

- Contact the facilitator whenever you have a concern or question.
- Need more help? Can submit online or can all the Quality Assurance office at 1-855-664-7972

Secondary Education in BC

Certificates of Graduation - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

- Is your student completing a Dogwood or Evergreen Certificate?
- Will your student be eligible to return for at 12+ school year?
- Will your student be participating in grad activities? Any supports needed to participate in these activities?

Post-Secondary Education

Continuing Education and Alternate Post-Secondary Options in Victoria, BC

- Steps-Forward (BC Wide)
- Pathways (Camosun College)
- Employment and Training Program (Camosun College)
- Education and Career Planning Certificate (Camosun College)
- SJ Burnside Continuing Education (Victoria)

Post-Secondary Education Supports

- Centre for Accessible Learning - Camosun College
- Centre for Accessible Learning - University of Victoria
- Many Colleges and Universities in BC have a Centre for Accessible Learning

Education Funding

Saving Plans, Grants, Student Aid and Scholarship Opportunities

- Registered Education Savings Plan (Federal)
- Student Aid: (BC wide)
  - BC Access Grant
  - Equipment and Technology Grant
- Janna Epp Bursary – for students with CP (BC wide)
- Lisa Huus Bursary (BC wide)

Supported Employment

Supported Employment Programs located in Greater Victoria, BC

- Employment Services – Community Living Victoria
- John Howard Society
- Job Journey - Canassist
- Rise Up Youth Employment – Thrive
- Construct Your Future
- Game Changer (ICA)
- Skills Quest for Young Adults (Vancouver Island)
- START Employment Skills Training
- LEAP Program

Supported Employment

Supported Employment Programs in BC and online

- Npower Canada
- Qworks
- Entrepreneurs on the Rise
- Construction Foundation of BC
- CLBC L.I.F.E. Service

Housing Supports

- BC Housing Registry (BC Wide)
- CLBC Supported Housing options (BC wide)
- Threshold Housing Society
- John Howard Society

Indigenous Supports

- Victoria Native Friendship Centre
- Island Metis

- BCANDS (BC Wide)
- First Nations Health Authority (BC Wide)
- Jordan's Principle Funding (Federal)

Mental Health Services

Various community mental health programs available to youth

- Child and Youth with Mental Health (BC wide)
- Kelty Mental Health (BC Childrens)
- Foundry BC (BC wide and online))
- Youth Empowerment Society (Victoria)
- Foundry Victoria Youth Clinic (Victoria)

Developmental Disability Mental Health Team (DDMHT)

Developmental Disability Mental Health Team | Island Health

- Contact CYSN-SW or GP/pediatrician to request a referral
- Over 19 years old – contact CLBC facilitator or GP/pediatrician to request a referral
- Consultation services

Persons with Disabilities (PWD)

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Disability assistance - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

- Be 18 years old (you can start the application process when you are 17 ½)
- Have a severe physical or mental impairment that is expected to continue for more than two years
- Be significantly restricted in your ability to perform daily-living activities
- Can receive up to $1,483.50 if you are single
- Set up a My Self Serve account and upload required documents My Self Serve - Home (gov.bc.ca)

Recreation Opportunities and Passes in Greater Victoria

- Leisure Assistant Pass – Rec Centers
- Leisure Involvement For Everyone (LIFE)
- One Ability – Adapted Sports Network
- Power To Be
- Tyee Swim Club
- Vertical Dance – adapted dance
- Victoria Therapeutic Riding Association

Recreation Opportunities and Passes Across BC

- Access 2 Entertainment Card
- Canucks Autism Network
- Easter Seal Camps
- Special Olympics
- Dance Without Limits– adapted dance (online)
- BC Therapeutic Riding Association
- Leisure Access Programs in your community
- BC Parks Social Services Camping Fee Exemption
- BC Fishing License

Representation

There are several legal representation options for an 19 + years old.

- Representation Agreement
- Commiteeship or Guardianship
- Micro-board Information

Tax Credits

- Child Disability Benefit
- Child Disability Tax Credit – until 18 years old
- Adult Disability Tax Credit - 18 years old +

Savings Plans

RDSP – Plan BC ($150 start up seed money through Plan BC)

- Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)
- Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)
- Plan BC - $150 endowment for low-income students/families towards an RDSP

Technology Supports in BC

- Communication Assistance for Youth and Adults (CAYA) – for students in their last year of the schooling who require transition support for their AAC system as they move into adulthood
- Technology for Independent Living (TIL) – environmental control systems to assist people with physical disability to control devices in their home and on the go

Timeline Templates

Other Transition Guides online

- Child and Youth with Support Needs Social Workers will usually provide families a timeline
- Find Support BC Transition Timeline

Transportation

Transit Options in BC

Travel Passes and Discounts

- BC Ferries Travel Assistance Program
- BC Bus Pass Program
- HandyDART
- Disability Travel Card – Easter Seals

Transportation

Learning To Drive

- RoadSafety BC – driver's medical examination
- Wheelchair Accessible vehicles – discuss whether one is needed for wheelchair users and their families.