

# **System of Care:**

Family-Based Caregiver Payment Model & Re-imagining Agreements with Young Adults

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SYSTEMS of CARING.

# **Broken Promises** Alex's Story

Residential Review – Close Out Report

Current Status of Recommendations and Report

May 2018



Final Report

INDIGENOUS RESILIENCE, **CONNECTEDNESS AND** REUNIFICATION-FROM ROOT **CAUSES TO ROOT SOLUTIONS** 

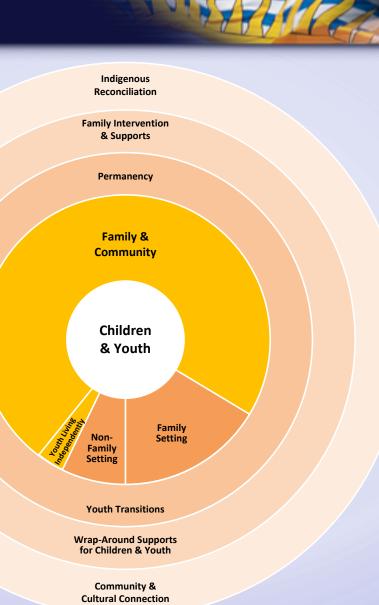








System of Care Conceptual Framework





### System of Care – Our pathway to better outcomes and wellness for children and youth

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### Areas of Focus

Improvements have been made and are underway but additional focus and/or resources (funding, staff, programs, etc.) are required

Over representation of Indigenous children and youth in care

Services are not consistently provided in a culturallyrelevant and/or child/familyfocused way

Insufficient support and treatment services for children, youth and their families Practice

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Frequent placement disruptions for some children and youth

Youth are not always sufficiently supported leading up to and after transition into adulthood

Issues with recruitment and retention of family-based caregivers; including out of care families, specialized and Indigenous foster caregivers

Insufficient quality assurance and oversight of contracted resources

Services are not sufficiently integrated and are experienced inconsistently by children, youth and families throughout the province

Insufficient collaboration and strained relationships

CFCSA is outdated

### Shifts

 Cultural agility becomes embedded in the organizational culture and practice of the social services sector.

The concept of families is based on traditional practices of diverse communities/nations all of which are founded in interconnected relationships.

### Support for Children and Youth

 Appropriate, timely and integrated professional, cultural, community and peer supports are available to all children and youth independent of where they reside or if they are in care.

4. Youth, young adults and their families/caregivers receive the appropriate supports to successfully prepare for adulthood.

### **Supports for Family and Community**

5. Shift the investment of support to promote children and youth to remain in their families and communities.

Accessible, integrated and culturally relevant services are available to enable families and communities to be supported as soon as vulnerability has been identified.

7. Start working with families and communities earlier to proactively identify alternatives to prevent children and youth from coming into care.

#### Supports for Caregivers

 Strengthen and offer consistent high quality and culturally relevant supports to all family-based caregivers (including: families, extended families, community caregivers, foster caregivers and adoptive families).

Caregivers receive appropriate financial support to ensure they meet the needs of the children and youth in their care.

### Resource Management and Quality Assurance

10. Increase number of Indigenous and specialized family-based caregivers.

 Improve resource management to ensure an appropriate number of foster and contracted resources exist to enable well-matched placements to occur when they are needed.

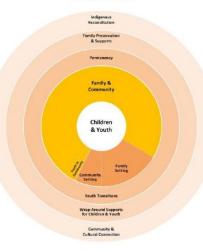
12. Procurement, negotiation and contracting of resources are improved and standardized.

13. All caregivers and contracted residential service providers are supported and held accountable to provide quality care and service provision.

### Integration of Services

14. Improve integration of services and strengthen relationships across the sector.

### **Future State**



This document is the ministry's understanding of key inputs:
Abordiginal Policy & Practice Framework, Truth & Reconciliation
Commission, United Nations Declaration on the Rights Indigenous
People, Grand Chief Ed John Report, Representative for Children &
Youth reports, Youth Advisory Council, 21 Issues document,
Residential Review, and others.

### Outcomes

There is cultural agility within the social services sector and empowerment to provide culturally relevant and appropriate services and supports

Indigenous families and communities care for their own children, can access supports, and feel valued and relationships within the social sector are strengthened and collaborative

Children and youth are able to remain and/or be reunited with their families and communities

Children know who they are, where they come from, where they belong, and that they are loved by important people in their lives

Placement stability for children and youth

Children and youth have permanency in their

Youth and young adults are prepared and supported when transitioning to adulthood and after

Children and youth are connected in a meaningful way to culture, family, and community

Quality of care is improved for children and vouth

Timely and effective support for children and youth with complex needs

Caregivers feel valued, well supported, and engaged in their role

Strong and collaborative relationships with community and sector partners

Children and youth know their rights, are heard, and their voices are reflected in policy, practice, and case management

Updated legislation that reflects communities' needs



# **Two Specific System of Care Shifts**

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# Addressing the Family-Based Caregiver Payment Model



Foster Caregivers Kinship Families

Post Adoption Assistance Permanent Transfer of Custody



# Foster Family Care Rate

Update and modernize cost categories

Address inflation and cost of living

# Service Payments & Level System

Identify the purpose of and access to service payments

Examine the level system and its efficacy

### Rate Harmonization

Explore equity for Out of Care placements

Reduce disincentives to permanency

## Federal Alignment

Align Federal benefits with Provincial Caregiver payments

Rectify disparities between payment types



# Re-Imagining Agreements with Young Adults (AYA)



# Agreements with Young Adults (AYA)

AYA Supports young people who at 19 are on a YAG or CCO while they:

- Finish high school
- Complete Vocational programs
- Attend college or university
- Complete life skills or rehab programs

### 2016 Expansion

- Maximum age increased to 26
- Access to life skills and rehabilitation
- Funding duration increased from 24 months to 48 months

### 2018 Expansion

- Maximum age increased to 27
- Maximum potential funding to \$1,250 monthly
- Funding permitted over program breaks for multi-year program

Re-Imagining



# **Engagement Process**





# Where we're going

Bella Bella

Prince George

Terrace

**Prince Rupert** 

Fort St John

Duncan

Nanaimo

Port Alberni

Williams Lake



Victoria

Vancouver

Lytton

**Abbotsford** 

Cranbrook

Kamloops

Kelowna

Squamish

Merritt



# What we've heard so far





# **The Power of Stories**

