

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

**CLIFF #218648  
X- Ref # 217864**

**PREPARED FOR:** Minister Stephanie Cadieux - **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** Engaging Business in Solving Poverty

**PURPOSE:** Darlene Gering, Founder and Partner of Business Igniting Social Impact (BISImpact) is meeting with the Minister on August 12, 2014 to discuss a pilot they are working to create a new model for engaging business in social issues designed to lift 150 families out of poverty.

**BACKGROUND:**

- Darlene Gering is the former CEO of the Burnaby Board of Trade. Through this work, she had the opportunity to engage businesses directly in addressing social issues.
- She is currently the founder and partner of BISImpact which provides opportunities for business to directly engage in creating solutions for the social issues affecting the communities in which business operates.
- She and her colleagues know that the business community contributes approximately \$370 million to community and charitable organization each year and that there is a desire by business to directly engage in creating solutions that are an alternate to dependency-based models.
- As a research and systems facilitation firm, they are working on a pilot to create a new model for engaging business in social issues.
- They have completed Phase One of the first cohort, funded by four corporations in Burnaby. The cohort members have worked collaboratively define the project scope and objectives, and to design solutions to lift 150 immigrant families out of poverty in Burnaby.
- They are now engaging in a similar process in the Tri-Cities.
- An email was sent on June 5, 2014 requesting a meeting with the Minister.
- Categorized as a reply direct, ADM, Beverly Dicks responded to the writer on July 2, 2014 with the standard response given to all correspondence related to poverty.
- In addition, the response provided information about:
  - the Community Poverty Reduction Initiative and the suggestion to engage with the municipalities directly; and
  - the BCBID procurement process given that the writer was potentially seeking funding.
- Subsequent to the letter being sent out, Darlene Gering attended a community meeting which was also attended by the Family Consultant for New Westminster. She requested a meeting with the Director of the Poverty Reduction Initiative as they were looking for a representative for the Tri-City project. She was referred to the local Executive Director of Service, Debbie Samija.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Through the work in the seven communities involved in the Community Poverty Reduction Initiative, all of the communities recognize that they need to involve the business community but have identified a challenge with not knowing how best to engage.
- The vision and strategic approach of BSImpact in applying business acumen in innovative ways to solve a problem and create systemic change appears to offer a proposed model for engaging business in social issues.
- In reviewing the documentation sent by Darlene Gering, she has a business model she wants to share with government and is likely looking for opportunities to procure her services with government.

**ADVICE:**

- Provide information about the Community Poverty Reduction Initiative and encourage Darlene Gehring to give consideration to engaging with the local municipalities directly
- Advise if we see a specific need for additional services, we will post our service need to BCBID to ensure a fair, open transparent procurement process.  
<http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/open.dll/welcome>.

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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

**CLIFF # 218825**

**PREPARED FOR:** Minister Cadieux **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** MCFD funding and relationship with Families Organized for Care Equality for Kids's Mental Health (the F.O.R.C.E.)

**PURPOSE:** To provide additional context related to the current request for additional funding of \$100,000 from the F.O.R.C.E. to Ministries of Health (MoH) and Children and Family Development (MCFD)

**BACKGROUND:**

- The F.O.R.C.E. is a provincial non-profit organization founded by two parents in 2000 that supports and empowers families whose children and youth are experiencing mental health challenges.
- The F.O.R.C.E. also works collaboratively with professionals in government and community organizations to promote understanding of the needs and perspectives of these families to facilitate service delivery and system improvements.
- MCFD has a longstanding partnership with the FORCE and their co-founder and original Executive Director, Keli Anderson.
- The F.O.R.C.E. was directly involved in the development and implementation of the 5 Year Child and Youth Mental Health Plan (2003) and they have continued to be a key partner in implementation of *Healthy Minds, Healthy People – A Ten Year Plan to Address Mental Health and Substance Use in BC (Healthy Minds, Healthy People)*.
- MCFD partners with the F.O.R.C.E. at the provincial and Service Delivery Area (SDA) levels to support and engage families to improve outcomes for children and youth with mental health challenges. These activities are funded by MCFD through contracts (**see Appendix 1 for details**).
- Evidence indicates an estimated 12.6% of children and youth aged 4-17 years may be experiencing mental disorders at any given time, or as many as 84,000 children and youth in BC.
- Currently, more than 29 thousand children and youth receive MCFD community mental health services annually – over double the number that received services in 2003.
- The ministry invests approximately \$93 million annually to address child and youth mental health and substance use challenges in B.C.
- The ministry continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health to implement *Healthy Minds, Healthy People* with the child and youth component focused on ensuring children, youth and their families have easier access to appropriate child and youth mental health services in communities across the province.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Media outlets (Burnaby Now and CBC Early Edition) ran stories (CBC was an interview with Kelli Anderson, co-founder of FORCE) about the funding concern on Aug. 8, 13, 14 and 15. The first two stories gave the impression the ministry had reduced FORCE's funding, which is not the case.

- Mary Ellen Turpell-Lafond supported the need for additional funding for the FORCE and for child and youth mental health services more generally in an interview with on CBC on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- The F.O.R.C.E. wrote a letter, dated July 16, 2014, to the Deputy Ministers and Assistant Deputy Ministers in the ministries of Health and Children and Family Development requesting a commitment to additional funding of \$100,000 for this year (2014/15).
- The letter advised that without this funding, the F.O.R.C.E. would not be able to continue offering services and would face possible dissolution in Spring 2015.
- The F.O.R.C.E. had been providing expanded programming in response to community needs without ensuring additional funding was available from the Province to sustain the expansion.
- A response letter was sent to the F.O.R.C.E. from the ministries of Health and Children and Family Development on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, indicating that although no additional funding is available, the Province is committed to working together with F.O.R.C.E. and would be interested to meet with them in this regard.

**ADVICE:**

- Representatives from Ministries of Health and Children and Family Development will arrange to meet with the F.O.R.C.E. to discuss their concerns further and ensure continued alignment of our work to improve the mental health outcomes of B.C. children, youth and their families.
- Discussion could include consideration of new approaches to family support to increase efficiency and broaden the reach to families.

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## Appendix 1

<b>Table 1</b> <b>MCFD Funding Provided to the F.O.R.C.E. 2005/06 to 2014/15</b>		
<b>Provincial Contract Funding</b>	<b>Amount provided from 2005/06 to 2014/15</b>	<b>Key Deliverables</b>
FRIENDS Program	<p>Funding ranged from \$50,000 to \$58,000 from 2005/06 to 2010/11</p> <p>Funding varied from 2011/12 to 2013/14 due to shift in service delivery approach from direct to online. Funding average of \$28,000/year.</p> <p>2014/15 contract will total approximately \$40,000.</p>	<p>Contract deliverables included: Delivery of FRIENDS workshops for parents to support them in understanding anxiety and reinforce skill building at home with their children.</p> <p>Developed and maintained partnerships with other parent organizations including local and provincial Parent Advisory Councils, School District educators, MCFD Child and Youth Mental Health Teams to support program delivery.</p> <p>Changed from direct delivery of parent workshops to online parent workshop and education.</p> <p>Since the launch in 2011/12, the online program has been developed further to include video vignettes and downloadable tools and activities for parents to strengthen their knowledge about anxiety and assist them to support their children to practice these skills at home.</p>
<b>CYMH Policy in partnership with Provincial Health</b>	MCFD and PHSA have provided matched funding annually since 2005/06.	Contract deliverables included: Developing and providing

<b>Services Authority (PHSA)</b>	<p>Annual funding of \$121,000 (\$60,500 from MCFD, \$60,500 from PHSA) has been consistent.</p>	<p>educational and support sessions for families across the province on mental health related topics identified by families, through monthly sessions called “In the Know”.</p> <p>Developing family friendly resource materials related to mental health.</p> <p>Assisting families to network with other families who face similar challenges through other mechanisms</p> <p>Supporting parents and youth, who have lived experience with mental health and/or substance use challenges and are knowledgeable about the systems of care, to participate and bring their perspectives to sessions related to policy development, program planning and mental health literacy projects as well as relevant provincial and regional forums.</p>
<b>Service Delivery Area Funding</b>	<b>Amount provided from 2006/07 to 2014/15</b>	<b>Key Deliverables</b>
<p>Service Delivery Areas in Coast Fraser, Interior and Vancouver Island</p>	<p>Annual funding available from 2006/07 to 2014/15 has gradually increased over time and funding amounts have been stable from at least 2011/12 to present. Payments have been made according to services delivered.</p> <p>The total SDA funding</p>	<p>Supporting families involved with some of the Child and Youth Mental Health community teams through provision of the Parent in Residence (PiR) program, parent support groups and parent education groups.</p> <p>The PiR program offers families direct access to other parents with lived experience who provide</p>

	<p>available for 2014/15 is \$287,832.00.</p> <p><b>Please see additional table below for details of SDA funding.</b></p>	<p>support, mentorship and assistance to navigate the system to access appropriate resources.</p> <p>Contribution to quality assurance activities including youth and Parent participation in the CQI Councils of Fraser East and South, and Parent/Caregiver support to: Case Reviews, CYMH Service Quality Evaluation, and the development of Lean and CQI Service Projects in CYMH.</p>
<p><b>Regional Health Authority Funding Provided to the F.O.R.C.E. for 2014/15 (as reported by the F.O.R.C.E. in an appendix to their recent letter)</b></p>		
<b>Health Authority</b>	<b>Amount for 2014/15</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Island Health	\$20,000	Provision of information, resources, and system navigation for families
Vancouver Coastal Health (provides CYMH services through MCFD funding)	\$25,000	
Fraser Health	\$34,000	

<p><b>Table 2</b></p> <p><b>Service Delivery Area Funding Detail</b></p>		
<b>Service Delivery Area</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>2014/15 Funding Commitment</b>
SDA 21 - East Fraser	Psyco-Educational Groups (Fraser Regional)	\$4,050
SDA 21 - East Fraser (Chilliwack)	Youth Suicide Prevention/MH Literacy/Gatekeeper Training	\$50,237
SDA 21 - East Fraser	CYMH Continuous Quality Improvement	\$40,000
SDA 21 – East Fraser	Regional Self Help groups (includes North Fraser)	\$37,294

Service Delivery Area	Item Description	2014/15 Funding Commitment
SDA 22 - North Fraser (Tri Cities)	Parent Mentorship Program	\$30,000
SDA 22 - North Fraser (Tri Cities)	Self Help groups	\$26,640
SDA 23 - South Fraser (Langley)	Project Parent Education Series	\$12,000
SDA 25 - Coast/North Shore	Parent in Residence Program	\$25,000
SDA 25 - Coast/North Shore (Squamish/Gibsons/Sechelt)	Create Network for parents of children with MH Issues	\$10,332
SDA 25 - Coast/North Shore (Sechelt)	Child and Youth Mental Health	\$10,299
Kootenay/Okanagan/Thompson	Parent Support	\$19,980
South Vancouver Island	Parent Training and Education	\$22,000
		Total \$287,832.00



**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
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**CLIFF # 218991**

**PREPARED FOR:** Minister Stephanie Cadieux – **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** UBCM Convention - District of West Vancouver.

**PURPOSE:** The District of West Vancouver has requested to meet with the Minister as part of UBCM week to discuss strategies to address youth mental health issues as they identify a gap in services.

**BACKGROUND:**

- All residents of the districts of North and West Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, Bowen Island and Lion's Bay are eligible to receive child and youth mental health services from birth to the age of eighteen.
- There are two streams for service requests which include Lion's Gate Emergency or the 'central intake' system through the Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD).
- Recent statistical information indicates that a high number of children and youth attend Lions Gate Hospital with mental health or addiction concerns. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is looking at developing in-patient capacity and improved crisis response. They have recently hired a child psychiatrist to the hospital staff.
- MCFD and VCH are in regular discussion to review this service delivery continuum, as both agencies provide CYMH services in community (only community in BC with this arrangement).
- There is a half time CYMH liaison clinician (funded by MCFD contract) located at Lions Gate Hospital to bridge service between hospital and community.
- MCFD mental health services are provided by 8.5 FTE clinicians
- MCFD Services include Infant Mental Health, Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health, group and generalized caseload capacity.
- All Intakes are screened through MCFD staff and then assigned proportionately to VCH or MCFD clinicians. This system is in place so families and community members have only one intake line and no confusion as to where to call.
- VCH mental health services, through 14.6 FTEs, include hospital liaison, drug and alcohol counseling, therapeutic day programs, behavior support, generalized caseload, and prevention workers.
- One VCH clinical position is devoted specifically to West Vancouver and is located on site at all three School District 45 secondary schools including Access (alternate program).
- Group offerings through both agencies include services to parents, children or both, focusing on parent skill development, child behaviour management, attachment, anxiety/mood management, and social/emotional skill development.
- Psychiatric services are available through both agencies.
- There are approximately 80 requests for service per month
- There is no waitlist for urgent cases.

- Services are delivered Monday to Friday 8:30 - 4:30 with some evening hours available.
- Services are delivered in both agency and community settings as appropriate to case presentation.
- Service for child and youth mental health is voluntary and there are no associated costs.
- Referrals are developed through client attendance at our walk in clinic offered Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-12 and 1-3
- MCFD has implemented an action plan to review and strengthen child and youth mental health services. Our immediate focus is on: Improving access to services and managing waitlists; Improving support for families who are having difficulty navigating the system; Ensuring this ministry and the Ministry of Health have a consistent approach as children move between community mental health services and hospitals; and improving the transition process as youth move to adult mental health services.
- The MCFD team leader provides ongoing in-service community support/psycho educational session for the city and Districts of North and West Vancouver.
- In addition to the District meeting the Minister at UBCM, staff and management of the Service Delivery Area are very willing to meet with District staff to address solutions to perceived gaps in service.

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**Date:** September 9, 2014

**Estimated Population, Children in Care, Closed Child Protection Incidents, and Special Needs Cases by City**

City	2013 Total Population	2013 Child Population (Age 0 to 18)	Children in Care (August 2014)			Children in Care Rate per 1,000 Child Population	New Child Protection Incidents (Fiscal 2013/2014)	Special Needs Cases (August 2014)	CCOF Contracted Child Care Spaces (2013/14)	Children whose child care is subsidised (Average Monthly 2013/14)
			Non-Aboriginal	Aboriginal	Total					
<b>West Vancouver</b>	42,032	8,240	3	21	24	3	98	93	954	51

## Notes:

1. Data source: MIS/SWS, ICM, BC stats

2. For Children in Care, the child's location is based on child's placement location. For closed child protection incidents and Special Needs cases, the child's location is based on the family address.

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**CLIFF # 218995**

**PREPARED FOR:** Minister Stephanie Cadieux - **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** UBCM Convention - City of Nelson

**PURPOSE:** The city of Nelson has requested a meeting with Minister Cadieux to discuss the following:

1. Need for a Child Poverty Strategy
2. Seek clarity around the Province's support for implementation of the Healthy Communities Child Care Plan/Early Childhood Strategy for integrated early care & learning (\$10 a Day Child Care Plan).

**RESPONSE:**

Child Poverty:

- Government is committed to working collaboratively across the ministries, non-governmental organizations and communities to find innovative ways for addressing poverty.
- Government is focused on targeted supports and creating jobs – so low-income individuals have the jobs, skills and supports they need to succeed, and to lift their families out of poverty. This means helping families access the range of services offered by ministries across the board, including:
  - The full suite of employment services offered through the 85 WorkBC Employment Services Centres – these centres have served more than 146,000 people since launching in April 2012.
  - Affordable housing – this government has invested \$3.6 billion over the last decade to provide affordable housing and, this year, more than 98,000 households will benefit from provincial social housing programs and services, including provincially subsidized housing and rental assistance. Since 2001, we have added close to 21,000 new units of affordable housing.
  - StrongStart BC programs –more than \$10 million every year has been provided for StrongStart BC programs, with 326 such programs funded across the province.
  - A new Early Childhood Tax Benefit, starting in April 2015, to make child care more affordable for almost 180,000 more families.
  - Medical Services Plan (MSP) subsidies, with more than 800,000 residents paying no MSP premiums.
- In April 2012, the provincial government and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Healthy Communities Committee partnered to launch the Community Poverty Reduction Strategies in seven communities.
- This joint initiative is based on the premise – and experience - that no one group can address a complex issue such as poverty. The initiative aims to address poverty and reduce its impact, while increasing the well-being of children, youth and families.
- The Poverty Reduction Strategy Initiative is not a provincial poverty reduction plan. It is one of a number of government initiatives underway to support vulnerable families in B.C.

- On May 13, 2014, the Government of British Columbia and the UBCM released a progress report, which highlights the importance of cross-government and community partnerships to address poverty throughout the province.
- The Province will work in partnership with local governments, organizations, service providers and businesses to develop strategic, measurable plans (community and individual) focused on reducing poverty, mitigating its effects and supporting low-income families to move out of poverty.
- Fraser-Nicola MLA Jackie Tegart has been appointed to act as a poverty liaison to communities and all levels of government.

Response to Community Plan:

- The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is familiar with the Community Plan, and has met with both Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC) and the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC (CCABC) to discuss its main aspects.
- One of the main tenets of the Community Plan is better integration across child care, early childhood development and early learning services.
- Government is moving forward with the *BC Early Years Strategy*; a cross-government approach guided by the goals of improving the accessibility, affordability and quality of early years programs and services throughout the province.
- The Strategy outlines a framework to support families and ensure young British Columbians have the best possible start in life. It builds on existing programs and services and will take a flexible and responsive approach to the changing needs of families.
- Over the first three years, the Strategy provides \$76 million in new funding to existing early years budgets including \$32 million to improve the accessibility of child care for parents through the creation of up to 2,000 new licensed child care spaces over the next two years, with the goal of supporting the creation of up to 13,000 new spaces throughout the province over the eight years of the Strategy. Emphasis will be on creating spaces on school grounds and areas under-served by child care.
- A new BC Early Childhood Tax Benefit, available effective April 1, 2015, to parents of children under the age of six, to improve the affordability of child care and assist families with the cost of raising young children. Eligible families will receive up to \$55 per month, or \$660 dollars annually, for each child under the age of six. The maximum benefit will be available to eligible families with net incomes under \$100,000, while families with net incomes between \$100,000 and \$150,000 will be eligible for a partial benefit. This benefit will provide \$146 million to approximately 180,000 families with young children.
- A series of initiatives to enhance the quality of early years programs and services, including the development of an online registry for child care. This registry will improve parental access to up-to-date information regarding the availability of child care in their communities, and reduce the administrative burden on providers associated with maintaining and tracking waitlists.
- These initiatives build upon existing programs and services aimed at giving parents a variety of quality child care options and assisting with its cost. These programs and services range from supporting child care through direct operating funding to over 5,000 licensed child care providers in the province, to the Child Care Subsidy

Program which provides direct financial support to about 25,000 children per month in low-income families to assist with the cost of child care.

- Government continues to support quality child care as a priority, and will continue to work closely with parents and communities to create a strong foundation for early childhood development, early learning, and child care.

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**Date:** September 10, 2014

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

**CLIFF # 218996**

**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Stephanie Cadieux - **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** UBCM Convention – District of Maple Ridge

**PURPOSE:** The District of Maple Ridge has requested a meeting with Minister Cadieux to discuss gap in funding for youth safe houses.

**BACKGROUND:**

*Youth Safe Houses and Emergency Shelters:*

- Youth Safe Houses and Emergency Shelters (SH/ES) provide voluntary short-term protective/safe accommodation for up to 30 days on an emergency crisis-intervention basis to youth who are living apart from their family where their safety and well-being may be at risk.
- Safe Houses serve runaway, homeless and street-involved youth; sexually exploited youth; youth with mental health and substance use issues; and youth escaping gangs, pimps or anyone who might exploit and/or harm them.
- Youth may find their way to safe houses through:
  - “word on the street”;
  - being actively brought there by street outreach workers, Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)/Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA) social workers or the police; or
  - from other health/social service practitioners.
- MCFD standards set out the minimum expectations for operations and practice for Ministry-funded safe house services and youth first-stage emergency housing within British Columbia.
- Ministry-funded Safe Houses provide a safe and supportive environment for youth by:
  - meeting basic needs (e.g., food, warmth, shelter, hygiene),
  - developing an individualized short-term safety plan, and
  - connecting with MCFD/DAA supports that might include safety plans, repatriation to their home community, protection orders, Youth Agreements, Child and Youth Mental Health, and connecting with other services to make positive changes in their lives such as medical services, substance use treatment, education, job training, and income assistance.
- MCFD is not the only provider of SH/ES beds. Most beds are funded through other sources including the Federal Government (i.e., through housing/homelessness initiatives) and/or faith based organizations (e.g., Covenant House).

*Iron Horse Safe House in Maple Ridge:*

- In 2005 the Iron Horse Safe House was opened by the Alouette Home Start Society in Maple Ridge.
- It provides emergency housing (5 beds) for 30 days and support to youth (13 to 18) from Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and surrounding communities in the Lower Mainland.

- According to Alouette, in 2013 approximately 78% of referrals had MCFD involvement; out of a total of 58 individual youth serviced 6 came in to care; and the bed occupancy rate was 77%. In 2012 75% of referrals had MCFD involvement; out of a total of 64 youth 11 came in to care; and the bed occupancy rate was 83%.
- Federal funding will cease on December 31, 2014 and the safe house will close.
- If closed, the nearest safe house beds for youth would be in Surrey or Vancouver.
- Although a tripartite funding option (federal grants, private donations and a provincial contribution) has been discussed, funding from MCFD is not available.
- George Phillips, Community Services Manager, Residential Resources, North Fraser, has offered to meet with Stephanie Ediger, Executive Director, AHSS on the Minister's behalf to discuss:
  1. An update on the agency's progress securing federal funding;
  2. Discuss potential donations for the program to continue operating; and,
  3. Review the staffing and service models to explore possible efficiencies.
- Iron Horse Safe House has been a good community partner for 9 years in providing emergency housing and support to high-risk youth from across the Lower Mainland.

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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
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**CLIFF # 218997**

**PREPARED FOR:** Minister Stephanie Cadieux – **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** UBCM Convention – District of Ucluelet

**PURPOSE:** The District of Ucluelet has requested to meet with the Minister Cadieux and Minister Terry Lake as part of UBCM week to discuss:

1. Child obesity (Ministry of Health topic)
2. Supported Child Development
3. Child care
4. Closure of Victoria Youth Custody Centre.

**BACKGROUND:**

Supported Child Development (SCD):

- SCD for Ucluelet area is covered by Port Alberni Association for Community Living (PAACL) for non-Aboriginal clients off of reserve and Nuuchalnat Tribal council (N.T.C.) for aboriginal clients living on and off of Reserve.
- PAALC is currently serving one client in Ucluelet, have one new referral and may have another pending.
- N.T.C. serves Aboriginal clients in Ucluelet, Ahousaht, Tofino/Tla-qui-aht and Hot Springs. N.T.C caseload is as follows:
  1. Ahousaht: 10
  2. Ucluelet: 0
  3. Tofino / Tla-qui-aht: 3
  4. Hot Springs: 0
- N.T.C. does not have a waitlist for service but they do struggle with the following issues/concerns:
  - Lack of daycare services available in the communities.
  - Lack of staff available to provide one to one support for families in need.
  - Effective transition of services from one community to another.
  - Lack of local public transit.
  - Lack of reliable boat transport in and out of our remote communities.
  - The short-term contracts for SCD being provided to our organization.

Child Care Overview:

- The Child Care Subsidy program is governed under the *Child Care Subsidy Act* and Child Care Subsidy Regulation, which describe the eligibility criteria required in order to receive a child care subsidy and includes a description of the income calculation and the income eligibility rules.
- The amount of subsidy depends on the family's income and size, ages of children and type of child care. Full or partial subsidies may be available.
- Subsidies support parents to choose the kind of child care that best meets their needs, including licensed, registered or licence-not-required family child care facilities; licensed group, out-of-school programs, preschool programs; and care provided in the child's own home.

- To be eligible for subsidy, parents must have a reason for needing child care (working, looking for work or participating in an employment-related program, attending school, referred by a ministry or Delegated Aboriginal Agency social worker, have a medical condition that interferes with their ability to care for their child, or have a child attending a licensed preschool program).
- The Ministry funds two primary programs, one universal and one targeted, to support the availability, access and quality of child care, including:
  1. Child Care Operating Funding (universal approach) which is available to all licensed providers in the province and covers a portion of their operating expenses (currently approximately 14 per cent of average group facility expenditures and 11 per cent of family facility expenditures are covered); these funds are used at the discretion of providers to cover expenses including staff wages, supplies, occupancy costs, etc. and savings are passed along to parents through the parent fees.
  2. Child Care Subsidy (targeted approach) which financially supports eligible low-income families with the cost of child care.
- *Child Care in Ucluelet:*
  - Child Care Subsidy (CCS) – an average of 11 children received CCS each month over fiscal 2013/14 (this has increased to an average of 15 children for April – July 2014).
  - Child Care Operating Fund (CCOF) – 64 CCOF contracted, funded child care spaces each month over fiscal 2013/14. There are currently 84 CCOF spaces.
  - Child Care Operating Fund:

Fiscal Year	Average Monthly CCOF Spaces	CCOF Funding (\$)
2011/12	112	\$44,045
2012/13	84	\$42,012
2013/14	64	\$41,802

\*There are currently 84 CCOF contracted funded spaces in Ucluelet

\*Location is determined using the city listed on the contract.

- Child Care Subsidy:

	Average Monthly Children	CCS (\$)
2011/12	7	\$32,356
2012/13	5	\$24,497
2013/14	11	\$50,112

\*The CCS average monthly child counts are by “claim date” (when claims are submitted), so this will likely be an undercount as children’s claims for multiple months are bundled together and submitted in the same month. Location is determined using the applicant/case address.

#### Closure of Victoria Youth Custody Centre:

- The decision to close the centre was based on a consistent, dramatic decline in the number of youth in custody overall.

- British Columbia has one of the lowest youth custody rates in Canada. These rates have consistently declined in the past ten years, from an average of 220 youth in custody in 2003, to an average of just 74 this past fiscal year.
- British Columbia's youth custody centres have only been operating at an average capacity of just 56 percent.
- Last fiscal year the Victoria Youth Custody Centre's average count was 15 youth per day. The count January to March 2014 inclusive was 11 (for 25 percent of this time period, there were less than ten youth per day).
- It is difficult to maintain quality programming standards when delivering services below a capacity level.
- All custody centres in British Columbia offer common programs and services based on best practice approaches to address the profile of youth in custody such as: use of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention, school support, alcohol and addictions counselling, on-site health care support services, access to mental health services, advocacy support and a continued focus on family and community engagement.
- Family visitation programs will be supported through family orientation processes, technology enhancements, regular telephone contact, and the expansion of the family visitation program.
- Custody staff and service providers will continue to work with families to address the associated barriers to visitation and, from the point of the youth's admission, encourage involvement in planning for the youth's time in custody and transition back to the community.
- Appropriate release supports are provided by all Youth Custody centres to return youth to their home community, consistent with pre-arranged release planning. Youth released from custody have community transition plans and are provided transportation, under appropriate adult supervision as required, to ensure safe, timely transitions.
- Other alternatives for use of the facility have not been determined. MCFD first has to close and vacate the property as a ministry facility. It will then be transferred over to the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services for a broader look at whether or not there is another government use for the facility, or if it would become available outside of government.
- The ministry continues to focus on, and is engaged in, initiatives to improve planning, co-ordinated supports and the use of existing services to support youth accessing custody services today.