

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

CLIFF # 230026

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

TITLE: Post Majority Support (PMS) Services

PURPOSE: Response to s.22 e-mail request

BACKGROUND:

- 1999 (December) - Youth Agreements (YAG) came into effect.
- 2001 – Old PMS (SPY) Program ended (limited information available on this program).
- 2002 – Last cohort of young adults (150) aged out of the old PMS (SPY) program.
- 2002 – Youth Educational Assistance Fund (YEAFF) was created to provide support for post-secondary education and training for former youth in care through bursaries of \$5,500 per education year (up to a maximum of 4) to assist with tuition, books, and fees.
- Since YEAFF was created the ministry has contributed \$14.6 million to the program, and more than 1,450 youth have received YEAFF bursaries.
- Applicants are eligible for the YEAFF if they are 19 years old – and, under 24 years old – and were:
 - in the continuing custody of the director under the Child, Family and Community Service Act or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency;
 - in the permanent custody of the Superintendent of Family and Child Service (under the former Family and Child Service Act), or;
 - under the guardianship of a director under the Family Law Act (until they turned 19), adopted or transferred through custody to someone other than a parent.
- Or, applicants are eligible if they were under the guardianship of either:
 - a director of adoption under the Adoption Act (including the former act), or;
 - the Superintendent of Family and Child Service (pursuant to the former Adoption Act) or
 - until they turned 19 years of age, or for at least five years before they were adopted.
- From 2002 to 2008 – under the YEAFF program, living expenses were not covered by the program
- Youth on YAGs are not eligible for the YEAFF program.
- 2008 – Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program started.

DISCUSSION:

- There are adults who aged out of government care in the early 2000s when there was a shift in government and post majority programming.
- From January 2000 to June 2008: 4,596 youth aged out from CCOs (see data in Appendix A).
- Youth who aged out of care between 2001 and 2008 on a YAG would have had limited post majority programs and supports available to them.

- There would be approximately 546 youth on YAGs that may have been affected (see data in Appendix A). Adults who aged out of care during this time frame would now be 35-43 years of age.
- YEAF was established in 2002 and available for all CCO's meeting the eligibility requirements and were attending an approved Post-Secondary program.
- The notion that youth in care were told by their Social Worker that they should consider going to Post-Secondary as programming supports were available is in alignment with advice provided.
- Youth who aged out during this period of time do have feelings consistent with what s.22 expressed in his email.
- s.22 has been involved with the Tuition Waiver program at Vancouver Island University (VIU) and has been a strong voice at the Tuition Waiver Consultations that were done in partnership with the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) at VIU this year.
- Records do not exist to identify how many of these youth received a Tuition Waiver. What can be confirmed is that over 200 former youth in care have participated in a Tuition Waiver.
- Student Loan forgiveness and Student Loan payback varies depending on each situation.
- The timeline expressed in the email by s.22 is a reasonable description of what was happening with post majority supports programming of the time; however, the comment about YEAF decreasing is not accurate as this program was newly established.
- s.22 does not indicate his care status and would need to sign prior contact check consent for MCFD to review in care history to determine legal status and potential eligibility for available programming in the era described.
- The cost of missed funding in today's numbers represents \$6.552 million (see data in Appendix A).

ADVICE:

- Acknowledge program changes and availability of tuition waivers.

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Appendix A - Data

Number of Youth Agreements (YAG) at age out during program transition period:

Fiscal year	YAG age outs	Cost at \$ 1000/ month	Cost for full Year
2001	33	\$33,000	\$396,000
2002	60	\$60,000	\$720,000
2003	45	\$45,000	\$540,000
2004	48	\$48,000	\$576,000
2005	84	\$84,000	\$1,008,000
2006	98	\$98,000	\$1,176,000
2007	178	\$178,000	\$2,136,000
2008	190		
2009	22		
Grand Total	758		\$6,552,000

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The Number of SP new agreements (AYA) by fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Number of new SP files (AYA)
1994	171
1995	190
1996	195
1997	239
1998	201
1999	202
2000	165
2001	216
2002	150
2008	1
2009	412
2010	320
2011	355
2012	271
2013	278
2014	252
2015	282
2016	306

Number of youth who aged out of CCOs by fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Number
1999/2000 (January 2000 to March 2000)	109
2000/2001	521
2001/2002	575
2002/2003	567
2003/2004	561
2004/2005	566
2005/2006	538
2006/2007	526
2007/2008	490
2008/2009 (April 2008 to June 2008)	143
Total	4,596

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