

End of Day Media Request Report

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Sent: January 31, 2023 4:41:39 PM PST
Rob Munro - InfoNews
ISSUE: Pilot family connection centres
STATUS: Provided Background

In response to your question about Starbright Children's Development Centre, MCFD can provide the following response.

We have been working to find solutions with Starbright. They are an important community organization that provides vital services to children and families with support needs. We are focused on increasing services for all children and youth with support needs in B.C., and on finding solutions that will expand services to children and families in Kelowna and the central Okanagan.

The agencies running the family connections centres in the pilot areas all have a three-year contract, with two one-year options for the Province to extend. Arc Programs has been providing in services in the region for over 30 years and any family currently accessing services will have the option to access supports and services through ARC Programs, which will also offer new and expanded services for children and youth.

Brielle Morgan - Freelancer
ISSUE: Legal costs for R.R. v. VACFSS
STATUS: with Program

Rob Munro - InfoNews
ISSUE: Pilot family connection centres
STATUS: with Program

Dana Kelly - CBC - Kelowna
ISSUE: Starbright Rally in Kelowna
STATUS: with GCPE

Hiren Mansukhani - Prince George Post
ISSUE: Drug decriminalization effects on child custody
STATUS: with Program

FW: Contract Options DN

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Attachments: Decision Briefing Note - Contract Options - V5.docx
Please see attached for review.

Noting that I don't believe Carolyn has had a chance to weigh in yet but given timelines, sending to you...

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Subject: RE: Contract Options DN
Importance: High

Hi Keith and Carolyn,
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Thanks
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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
DECISION NOTE**

DATE: February 2, 2023
CLIFF#: 276318

PREPARED FOR: Allison Bond, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Family Development

ISSUE: Securing Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN) services in Central Okanagan

BACKGROUND:

On May 10, 2022, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on BC Bid to create new family connections centres (FCCs) in the four pilot sites as directed by government, lead and non-lead applicants were notified in fall of 2022 and the four new contracts were signed by January 3, 2023. On January 4, 2023 a public notice was posted on BC BiD confirming the outcome of the procurement process and all proponents were offered a debrief of their proposal by the Ministry of Citizens Services.

Starbright – an agency in the Central Okanagan – was unsuccessful in their response to the RFP procurement. They were notified in September 2022 that they were not the lead applicant. Since the public announcement of the successful vendors in January 2023, Starbright and the families they serve have raised concerns through letters to the Premier and through various media outlets regarding the recent decision to award ARC the pilot FCC contract in Kelowna particularly as this may result in Starbright's closure.

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I have asked for a couple of changes to background and discussion, but agree on the recommended option

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I just read the DN and support the recommended option.

The DN notes impacts to other FCC pilots – work is underway to have an analysis of known and potential contract implications. I believe Andy is working with the teams to develop.

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CBTK: Dan/Picken - Starbright closure

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CBTK (CBC Kelowna)

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FW: Decision Briefing Note - Contract Options - V6

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Made two minor typo corrections. s.13

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ISSUE: Securing Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN) services in Central Okanagan

BACKGROUND:

The Ministry continues to be focused on enhancing services for all children and youth with support needs in British Columbia On May 10, 2022, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on BC Bid to create new family connections centres (FCCs) in the four pilot sites as directed by government, lead and non-lead applicants were notified in fall of 2022 and the four new contracts were signed by January 3, 2023. On January 2, 2023 a public notice was posted on BC Bid confirming the outcome of the procurement process and all proponents were offered a debrief of their proposal by the Ministry of Children's Services.

Starbright is an agency in the Central Okanagan that was unsuccessful in their response to the RFP. They were notified in September 2022 that they were not the lead applicant. With a Since the public announcement of the successful vendors in January 2023, it came to the Ministry's attention that there were concerns in the community about the potential dissolution of Starbright. The Ministry took action to understand the concerns and identify potential solutions and the families they serve have raised concerns through letters to the Premier and the concerns were also communicated through various media outlets. Regarding the recent decision to award the pilot FCC contract in Kelowna particularly as this may result in Starbright's closure.

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