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Funding Model to Support First Nations Jurisdiction Over Child and Family Services in BC – Engagement & Co-development	The Ministry is working with rightsholders, Indigenous partners and Canada to co-develop a funding model to support First Nations jurisdiction over child and family services. The discussion paper was shared with 204 First Nations in early September 2023. Engagement sessions began in September and are continuing. Staff engage First Nations Leadership Council and Indigenous Services Canada technical staff through biweekly meetings of the Tripartite Working Group Fiscal Framework Development Team. Engagement is expected to be complete by end of December. Staff will develop a “What we Heard” report, to be shared in mid-January. s. 13
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Closing of Prince George Youth Custody Centre – Centralizing services to Burnaby Centre	MCFD is undertaking a phased approach to the closure of the Prince George Custody Centre. The ministry will meet with the BC First Nations Justice Council to provide a briefing on current services, a tour of Burnaby Youth Custody Centre (BYCC) and engage on investment in future services both at BYCC and in community. Pre-Layoff canvas of staff completes on December 8th and Phase 1 of the Article 13 process commences December 11th, running for 90 days. No change to staff schedules.
Specialized Home and Support Services (SHSS) – Transformation & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition of existing contracts in early implementation areas continues. Ministry staff continue to hold bi-lateral discussions with existing contract holders to transition to new SHSS contracts. This continues through March 2023.</li> <li>• Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency orientations to the new SHSS service model continue through winter.</li> <li>• Federation of Community Social Services will work in collaboration with MCFD to develop virtual outreach sessions in rural and remote locations in the province to encourage local service providers to apply to the Call for Responses.</li> </ul>
Youth Emergency Shelter (YES) Services Pilot and Provincial Design	The ministry is implementing a Youth Emergency Shelter (YES) Services Pilot in Maple Ridge. The pilot is one input into the ministry's broader work to design a provincial YES Services model. Doors are expected to be open on December 6, 2023, with the Minister in attendance. Work has begun to design an outcomes architecture which will inform reporting and outcomes measurement for evaluation of the Pilot.
Youth Justice Service Framework - Engagement	Informed by engagement activities during Phase One (2021 – 2022) with about 340 justice and social sector partners, the ministry is drafting an "About Youth Justice in BC -What We Learned" report which is expected to be posted publicly in December. Phase Two engagements are being planned and will include engagement with Indigenous Peoples and leaders, including 39 Métis Nation BC Chartered Communities, service providers, cross-government partners, and youth.
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Services for Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)	<p>Full launch of the Terrace Family Connections Centre is December 1. Engagement includes: December engagements posted here: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/children-youth-support-needs">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/children-youth-support-needs</a>; The virtual symposium speaker series continues through December; s. 16</p> <p style="text-align: right;">and opportunity for</p>

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	public comment/input on what an effective system of services for children and youth with support needs in BC would look like is open through the Province's online CYSN engagement portal (to December 2024)
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Social Work Oversight – What We Heard Report	The Ministry has completed engagement on the oversight of all social workers in BC. The Ministry is developing a What We Heard Report which is currently being finalized with plans for public release by the end of the year.
Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) – Publicly Released Reports	<p>The following RCY reports are planned for release in December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilization of Youth Justice Resources - a review, with a focus on youth custody services. Administrative fairness review is complete. The RCY intends to release the report with one recommendation on December 11, 2023.</li> <li>Keeping Families Safer Together – A position paper combining five commissioned papers on early years supports to keeping families safely together and the results of RCY engagement. This report will not contain recommendations.</li> <li>Child Participation Rights 2 – The second special report on child legal representation, addressing child participation relating to the <i>Family Law Act</i> and child welfare. This report will contain recommendations.</li> </ul>
Ombudsperson's Report	The Ombudsperson's report on the assessment of progress of implementation of the recommendations from the "Alone: The Prolonged and Repeated Isolation of Youth in Custody" report may be released in December. (date TBC)
<b>60 Days – January 1 to January 31</b>	
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Services for Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)	Full launch of Prince Rupert Family Connections Centre is January 2024 (date TBD). January engagements will be posted here: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/children-youth-support-needs">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/children-youth-support-needs</a> ; The Minister's Advisory Council will meet (date TBD), topic partner-led engagement report outs; and the Indigenous CYSN Advisory Circle will meet (date and topics TBD)
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	Phase 3 implementation of SAJE Navigators and Guides will begin in the Fraser Valley in Winter 2023/24.
Comprehensive Review of Care Planning	The Ministry is taking a comprehensive review of care planning, steered through an Advisory Circle including Indigenous Rights and Titleholders, youth and former foster caregivers s. 16
Youth Emergency Shelter (YES) Services – Provincial Design	Staff will interview existing service providers, staff, families, youth with lived experience and community members to gauge interest in the YES Services provincial design. A Privacy Impact Assessment is in development.
Operational Child Welfare Policy Release	The ministry is working to clarify and strengthen policies to ensure safety of children and youth in care. Implementation is planned for January 2024:  s. 13
Closing of Prince George Youth Custody Centre – Centralizing services to Burnaby Centre	As part of the phased approach to closure of the Prince George Custody Centre, depending on individual circumstances of the youth in custody, youth on a longer stay (7 days +) will start the transition to Burnaby Centre. Notice will be provided to Judiciary, youth, and families prior to the change.
<b>90 Days – February 1 to February 29</b>	
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Closing of Prince George Youth Custody Centre – Centralizing services to Burnaby Centre	As part of the phased approach to closure of the Prince George Custody Centre, 14 day notice to staff of change to schedules resulting from reduction in the number of living units that will be open and work begins on changing legal facility designation from a custody facility to an interim holding unit.
Policy changes to address children in care who are missing	As requested by the RCY, work has begun to continue development on policy and practice guidelines due February 2024. This includes engagement on how responses to ‘missing’ children and youth can be improved.