
Support to Youth in the Metis Child and Family Services System who are Aging Out During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Directive:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, all youth who will be turning 18 (despite their legal status – Permanent, Temporary or on a Voluntary Placement Agreement) or who are currently on an Agreement with Young Adults and turning 21, will continue to receive financial support from the Metis Child and Family Services System should they choose continued support of the agencies.

Intent:

It is our hope that planning and support has already begun in advance of youth reaching Age of Majority or the expiry of an Agreement with Young Adult, however, if the youth or young adult is unable to proceed with their plans due to the Pandemic, the offer of extended services will be necessary.

To ensure that all youth who are transitioning to adulthood or who are on existing Agreements with Young Adults are not left unsupported during the pandemic. This support is being extended only during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Procedure:

1. Youth reaching Age of Majority – Temporary Wards or on Voluntary Placement Agreements:

If a youth on your caseload is turning 18 during the Pandemic, please complete an Agreement with Young Adult and identify that this is specific to the Pandemic. Ensure that the length of extension is up to three months past their 18th birthday, or until the crisis of the Pandemic has been resolved. If the Pandemic has not been resolved by the end of the three months, the agreement will be reviewed and it will be determined whether it will need to be renewed or terminated. During this time, referrals for additional supports will be made to the agencies' Metis Spirit and Michif Spirit Workers.

2. Youth reaching Age of Majority – Permanent Wards who may not have qualified for a traditional Agreement with Young Adult:

If a youth who is a permanent ward on your caseload and is turning 18 during the Pandemic and would not have qualified for a traditional Agreement with Young Adult, please complete an Agreement with Young Adult with the length of extension up to three months past their 18th birthday, or until the crisis of the Pandemic has been resolved. If the Pandemic has not been resolved by the end of the three months, the agreement will be reviewed and it will be determined whether it will need to be renewed or terminated. During this time, referrals for additional supports will be made to the agencies' Metis Spirit and Michif Spirit Workers.

3. Young Adults already receiving services under the Agreements with Young Adults:

If a young adult is already receiving financial supports from an agency and they are turning 21 during the Pandemic, please complete a renewal Agreement with Young Adults up to three months past their 21st birthday, or until the crisis of the Pandemic has been resolved. If the Pandemic has not been resolved by the end of the three months, the agreement will be reviewed and it will be determined whether it will need to be renewed or terminated. During this time, referrals for additional supports will be made to the agencies' Metis Spirit and Michif Spirit Workers.

Please note that these are voluntary services being offered to the youth and/or young adult and they have the right to decline these additional services.

NOTE: Files are not to be closed on CFSIS, as these exceptions would be considered a continuance of services being delivered under Transitional Planning.