What is AYA? (Agreements with Young Adults)

The Agreements with Young Adults Program is for former youth in care. It provides:

- Financial support for you to graduate high school (confirm eligibility with an AYA worker)
- Financial support for you to go to college or university
- Financial support for you to take a rehabilitation, life skills program, or vocational program of at least 12 weeks.

If you had one of the following care statuses on your 19th birthday & are between 19 - 27 years old, you are eligible to apply for AYA:

- Continuing Custody Order (CCO)
- Youth Agreement
- In the process of adoption

And are attempting to:

- Attend 9 or more credits in a college or university program. (confirm eligibility with an AYA worker)
- Complete a rehabilitation program.
- Complete a lifeskills program.

New Changes to AYA:
Effective as of April 1, 2018

- The age limit extends from 26th birthday to 27th birthday.
- If you are enrolled in multi-year educational or vocational programs, you may access AYA funding over scheduled program breaks, such as summer months, if you plan to attend the program after the break, up to a maximum of 48 months. (Be sure to confirm with your AYA contact to ensure access over program breaks)
- The maximum monthly funding for needs-based supports has been increased from $1000 to $1250.
- You may be eligible to receive this $250 increase in funding. (confirm eligibility with an AYA worker)

Contact a social worker to find out if you are eligible.

For more information: AYA Gov BC
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