

CAMPBELL RIVER CHILD & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSITION CHECKLIST

Develop a Vision – Age 14 - 16

- Contact a CYSN (MCFD) Social Worker for more information on transitioning to adulthood (age 19). The Social Worker will assist with gathering documentation needed to establish eligibility for adult services such as Community Living BC, PWD, and Ministry of Health (250) 286-7542

OR

- Contact the Community Living BC (CLBC) office by calling 1-877-334-1370. Tell the receptionist that your son or daughter is a youth from Campbell River and is transitioning to adult services. Ask to be assigned to the Campbell River transitioning youth facilitator. This facilitator will help to establish if your son or daughter will be eligible for CLBC services.
- Ensure you have Birth Certificate/Proof of Citizenship/Care Card (needed to obtain SIN).
- Apply to Social Insurance Number www.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/sc/sin or go to a Service Canada centre, locations are listed on website (needed to PWD).
- Request that the school include transition goals in the youth' IEP (Individual Education Plan), and be sure to review on a regular basis.
- Build community connections through volunteering, working, social networking, and participating in leisure and recreational activities.
- Start a personal portfolio that includes work and volunteer experiences, hobbies, contacts and a place to keep written goals and plans.
- Consider opening a Registered Disability Savings Plan, if you haven't done so already.

Accessing & Applying – Age 17

- Apply for BC I.D. care <http://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/getting-licensed/Pages/Apply-for-an-enhanced-licence-ID-or-BCID.aspx>
- Open a bank account when Persons with Disability (PWD) benefits can be deposited. Caregivers may want to consider making this a joint account.
- At age 17.5, apply for Persons with Disability (PWD) benefits with Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation. Contact a CYSN social worker for assistance with this application, as they will help you gather the required assessments. http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2005/17yr_old_pwd.htm
- Continue to build community connections: volunteering, working, social network, leisure and recreation.
- Continue to review transition plan with CYSN/CLBC and review career/work goals in IEP.
- If eligible, request services from CLBC. Contact the local office by calling (toll free): 1-877-334-1370. If you have a facilitator, contact them directly. The facilitator can assist with the planning process and explore what services are available as an adult.

Putting the Plan in Place – Age 18

- At Home Program medical coverage ends and Persons with Disability (PWD) benefits medical coverage begins. Prior to 19, connect with Ministry of Health to determine eligibility for Home Support or CSIL Program for respite and/or home support. <http://www.viha.ca/hcc/services/>
- Clarify college options and other post-secondary education entry requirements/eligibility criteria.
- Apply for BC buss pass for persons with disabilities (\$45 per year) by calling 1-866-866-0800
- Consider a "Representation Agreement" (when children turn 19, parents are no longer their legal guardians). Call the Resource Centre at 1-877-267-5552, or visit their website at www.nidus.ca for more information.
- Continue with the personal portfolio that includes work and volunteer experiences, hobbies, contacts and a place to keep written goals and plans.
- Explore Work BC Website for employment and post-secondary support: <http://www.workbc.ca>