

Invitation to Participate in Research Study

BC youth who will soon transition out of care or who have recently transitioned out of care are invited to participate in a study being conducted by youth in and from care.

Since 2019, McCreary Centre Society's Youth Research Academy has been surveying BC youth in and from government care, or an alternative to government care (e.g., on a Youth Agreement), who are within a year of either side of aging out of care, and at roughly six-month intervals after that.

The Youth Research Academy is a group of youth aged 16–24 with government care experience who are learning research skills and carrying out research projects of interest to youth in and from care and the organizations that serve them. To learn more about them, please visit www.mcs.bc.ca.

The results of this longitudinal study will be used by policy makers and service providers to better support young people transitioning out of care.

For the study, we are currently recruiting young people who:

- **Are 18 years old and are in government care, or an alternative to government care (e.g., on a Youth Agreement), and those who are 19 or 20 and have had their supports extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, or**
- **Are 19 or 20 years old and have aged out of government care, or an alternative to government care, in the past year.**

Youth who participate in the study will be asked to fill out a survey which takes about 20 minutes to complete, and asks about youth's background, health (including mental health and substance use), experiences in care, living situations, education, employment, money, goals, access to services and supports, strengths and needs, and experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Participants receive a \$20 gift card for completing the survey.

Participation in the study is anonymous and confidential.

If you know of any youth who are eligible and may be interested in participating:

For BC youth in care who are 18, and for those who are 19 or 20 and have had their supports extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/I/YouthTransitionTIME1>

For BC youth with care experience who are 19 or 20 and have aged out of care in the past year: <https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/I/YouthTransitionTIME2>

The study will be open through 2023. If you have any questions about the study, or wish to request paper copies of surveys, please contact:

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