

Invitation to Participate in a Youth-Led Study

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

Background

Since 2019, McCreary Centre Society's Youth Research Academy has been surveying BC youth about their experiences before, during, and after their transition out of care. Youth who are ages 18 to 26 and have been in government care or an alternative to care (e.g., Youth Agreement) in BC are invited to participate in this study.

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.

How the findings will be used

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

What participating in the study involves

Youth who participate in the study will be invited to fill out a first survey which takes about 15-20 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, and strengths and needs.

If interested, youth will be invited to fill out additional surveys every 6 months until age 27. We will reach out to youth directly with a link to the survey when they are eligible to complete another survey (if they are interested).

Participants can choose to receive a \$25 gift card for completing a first survey, and a \$30 gift card for every survey after that.

Participation in the study is anonymous and confidential.

Who to contact

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

- They can contact yicstudy@mcs.bc.ca to request a link to the first survey.

If you have any questions about the study, or wish to request paper copies of surveys, please contact:

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