

ARE WE SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF BC YOUTH WITH A PHYSICAL OR SENSORY CONDITION?

The 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey included over 4,300 youth who reported a physical or sensory condition i.e., a chronic medical condition, a sensory disability (such as a vision impairment or were deaf/hard of hearing), and/or a physical disability (such as a condition which required the use of a wheelchair).

To read the full report, visit: mcs.bc.ca/pdf/supporting_youth_with_physical_sensory_conditions.pdf.



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Right to education

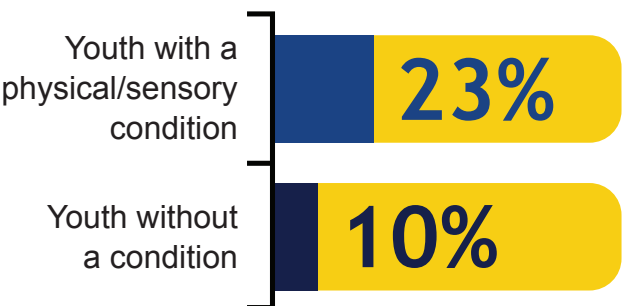
66% of youth with a physical/sensory condition felt safe at school (vs. 78% without a condition) and **53%** felt like part of their school (vs. 65%).

Youth with a physical/sensory condition who missed school because of appointments were less likely to feel like a part of, happy at, and safe at school.



Right to freedom from violence and abuse

Had been physically abused



Right to equal access to health

59% of youth with a physical/sensory condition rated their mental health as good or excellent (vs. 65% without a condition).

21% experienced extreme stress in the past month (vs. 6%).

12% experienced extreme despair in the past month (vs. 3%).



Right to autonomy

Youth with a physical/sensory condition were less likely than those without a condition **to feel they had enough time to do the things they wanted...**

- **With their family** (66% vs. 78%).
- **With their friends** (59% vs. 72%).
- **On their own** (59% vs. 71%).

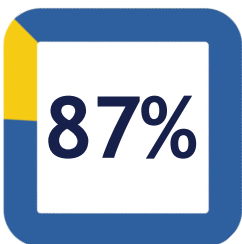


PROMOTING YOUTH'S RIGHTS Among BC youth with a physical or sensory condition...



Youth were more likely to plan to continue their education after high school if they...

Felt safe at school



VS. Did not feel safe at school



Youth were more likely to feel safe in their neighborhood if they...

Had an adult in their community who cared about them



VS. Did not have such an adult



Youth were more likely to report good or excellent mental health if they...

Had an adult in their family they could talk to about their problems



VS. Did not have this type of adult support



Youth were more likely to have had sufficient time on their own if they...

Felt respected by their family



VS. Did not feel respected by their family



Resources:

- BC Centre for Ability (bc-cfa.org/)
- BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (bcands.bc.ca/)
- Foundry (foundrybc.ca)
- Crisis support (youthinbc.com)