

## FAQs for Families New Funding for Transitioning Youth

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This document is designed to help families better understand the new offer of support for all families with transitioning youth.

CLBC is now offering funded supports to all families with transitioning youth who are eligible for CLBC services due to a developmental disability. The type of support is Respite at a minimum level of \$2,800 per year which will be provided through Direct Individualized Funding. The youth and their family may prefer an equivalent amount of money for another service. The funding is available to all families with youth who are turning 19 this year, as well as to those who turned 19 in the previous two years if they are receiving no or limited CLBC-funded services.

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### 1.) How will we get these funds?

Answer: CLBC will be contacting families to discuss options and to learn about how you want to receive this newly offered support. A facilitator will provide you with information about the options and assist you determine which option is best for you. If you choose Direct Individualized Funding, CLBC staff will provide you with the documents and information you will need. Families also have the option of calling their local office directly. The phone number of your local office can be found by clicking [here](#).

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### 2.) What can I use the \$2,800 for?

Answer: The money can be used for respite care or an alternative service like employment support or community inclusion. When these funds are provided through Direct Individualized Funding, there are certain reporting requirements and other information that you will need to know about. You can refer to the "[Managing the Money- Direct Funding Simplified](#)" guideline to learn more about reporting requirements and information on how funding can be spent. This guide and other information about Individualized Funding can be found on the [CLBC website](#).

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### 3.) My son or daughter has higher needs. How does CLBC decide if we will get additional supports and services?

Answer: Supports and services are allocated based on the needs of the person and the support required by the family. Requests for supports and services are prioritized based on needs at the local level. Urgent health and safety-related needs are the top priority.

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**4.) My son or daughter wants to get a job more than anything else. What can CLBC do to help?**

Answer: CLBC staff can work with you to direct the \$2,800 in funding to provide [employment supports](#) through a local service provider who may offer customized and supported employment. If that is the type of support your son or daughter would prefer, CLBC can look into those options for you as well as identify other opportunities that might be available in the community to help support your son or daughter.

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**5.) Why is respite being provided through Direct Individualized Funding?**

Answer: CLBC offers Direct Individualized Funding as it provides youth and their families with flexible, person-centred, self-directed payment options for arranging, managing, and paying for supports and services. Families also still have the option to receive supports from a CLBC contracted service provider if that is what they would prefer.

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**6.) If I choose Direct Individualized Funding, will I receive one cheque for the rest of the year?**

Answer: Once an agreement is signed, you will begin receiving monthly cheques, starting the following month. You will have to submit compliance reports every six months indicating that you have spent the money received during this period on eligible expenses.

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**7.) I am not sure if my family is comfortable with administering funds from Individualized Funding. Is there an alternative?**

Answer: Yes, families may choose to receive supports from a CLBC contracted service provider.

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**8.) Where can I find out more information on Direct Individualized Funding or Youth Transition to CLBC supports?**

Answer: The CLBC website has been developed to provide individuals and families with the information they need to access supports. Local CLBC offices are also good places to find information. If you are interested in finding out more about Direct Individualized Funding, click [here](#), and for Youth Transition, click [here](#). You can find contact information for your local CLBC office by clicking [here](#).

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**9.) Is this part of the funding for transitioning youth the government announced in January?**

Answer: Yes, as part of the plan announced in January, the B.C. government committed \$10-million to support the development of new approaches to day and employment programs for transitioning youth.

This initiative is designed to provide a minimum level of service to all youth with developmental disabilities coming into the CLBC system, or who are already in the system, and who are not otherwise supported. The minimum funding families will receive annually is \$2,800. Some youth will have higher needs and will receive additional services.

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**10.) The government announced \$40 million in new funding in January. Where is that money going?**

Answer: Increased funding of \$40 million was announced by the Premier and Minister in January. The increased funding is for improving and expanding services and to implement recommendations from the [Deputy Ministers' review](#). This is an ongoing funding increase and includes:

- \$18 million to fully implement new services initiated in 2010/11.
- \$10 million to address the needs of transitioning youth and to further develop employment and related supports. This includes the new offer for direct funded respite and other supports and services for transitioning youth.
- \$12 million to address new service requirements for people who require new or additional services.

In total, the Province is providing an additional \$144 million in funding over the next three years, plus \$36 million being held in contingency, to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

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**11.) How many families will be getting this new offer?**

Answer: CLBC estimates that approximately 750 families across B.C. will be eligible for this new minimum level of support.

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