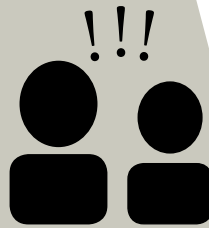


pathways in & out of youth homelessness in greater victoria

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Family conflict and the breakdown of the child-parent relationship.



Lack of employment and training opportunities while in and out of school.

Lack of affordable housing options that are youth-friendly and low-barrier.



Youth 19-24 are under-served and **need appropriate, age-specific supports and services.**

Few services and supports that provide holistic care for youth transitioning out of the child welfare system.



Not enough income and related supports **to stay in school** when living independently.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

OUT

Work with local funders to recreate mobile supports in order to reach the most marginalized and vulnerable youth.



Increase youth access to necessary supports and services through a mobile friendly web application and through leadership programs in schools.

Ensure youth emergency shelter and crisis services are place-based.

Increase housing outreach workers and youth emergency shelter beds across the region so youth don't have to leave their home communities.

Build an emergency youth shelter in the West Shore.



WESTSHORE



Secure on-going funding for youth housing workers to sustain long-term relationships and continue to work with youth until they are fully adapted to living independently.

Assist youth in building financial stability: Work with local funders and financial institutions to develop youth income supports.



Develop regional youth employment development system. Work with local employers and employment support programs, to support youth accessing training and employment opportunities.



MINISTRY RELATED PRIORITIES



1. Work with the provincial government and service providers to **ensure youth are not discharged into homelessness.**
2. Increase low-barrier housing options. Work with MCFD and local service providers to **create more low-barrier, youth- orientated transitional housing** across the region so youth do not have to leave their home communities to access supports.