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To whom it may concern,

As a follow-up to the announcement in late October about the new Foster Caregivers Caring for Young Adults (FCCYA) initiative in Alberta, that will be delivered through the Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP), I am pleased to provide the following update.

The FCCYA supports will be offered to TAP clients in two phases. The first phase is for current TAP clients and their previous caregivers who meet the FCCYA eligibility, and who are interested in this initiative. They will be grandfathered into the initiative and the financial amounts will be backdated to November 30, 2023, when FCCYA was launched. TAP admission team has already begun connecting with TAP clients to begin this process. The second phase will be ongoing, and involves connecting with prospective TAP clients as part of our admission process, beginning at age 17. This will mean that clients will have time to process these supports with their foster caregivers prior to entering TAP so that supports are arranged and in place for when they join TAP at age 18. In both phases, the first step in our process is with the youth/young adult to confirm their interest in the FCCYA initiative as part of their involvement with TAP.


We are striving to have all grandfathered TAP clients' FCCYA Agreements signed by the end of February 2024.

FCCYA will have dedicated staff to administer the program and to provide support for TAP clients and previous caregivers. Once these new roles are in place, Youth in Transition will be holding virtual town halls to introduce the team, provide a detailed overview of FCCYA supports, and answer your questions.

We greatly appreciate your patience as we move forward in delivering these new supports for the very first time in Alberta.

If you have questions please e-mail CS.TAPProgramquestions@gov.ab.ca.

Regards,


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