Journey to Belonging: Choice and Inclusion



People with developmental disabilities are supported by their communities, support networks and government to belong and live inclusive lives. People are empowered to make choices and live as independently as possible through supports that are person-directed, equitable and sustainable



People receive support based on their needs

Services build on the strengths of people and supports provided by families, support networks and communities

Supports are person-directed and flexible

Supports are proactive and responsive to people's changing needs across the course of their lives

Services are driven by evidence, outcomes and continuous improvement

Services and supports promote health, well-being and safety

The system is sustainable

Path Forward:

Over 8 -10 years, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) will work in partnership with people with developmental disabilities, families and service providers as well as other ministries and sectors on the key reform commitments in Journey to Belonging:

Putting People First

- ✓ A person-centred funding model to enable more choice and flexibility
- ✓ Better planning and earlier intervention for people, more culturally relevant supports, and reducing barriers to mainstream services

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2024

Improving Service Experience

- ✓ Improvements to the application and assessment process
- ✓ Supporting the DS sector to share and adopt best practices and innovations
- 3 Improving Quality and Accountability
- ✓ Introducing a performance measurement approach and a service quality framework
- ✓ Collaborating with the sector on a workforce strategy to support a skilled, diverse, and professional workforce

2021

Design and Build 2021-2023 Design the key commitments outlined in the plan

Test and Transition 2024-2027 Begin to test new approaches and help people and providers to transition to changes

Provincial Roll-Out 2027-2031 Roll-out changes provincially, with support for people, families and sector partners

Where we are now: Design and Build 2021-23

MCCSS is talking to stakeholders, researching, looking at what other jurisdictions and places do, and examining different options as we design the reform commitments. Recent stakeholder engagements have focused on:

DS Costing Study



Study of costs of developmental services, to build an evidence base for a new funding model and framework. Results from the study will be shared in Spring 2023



Workforce Strategy

2027

Engagement with a range of partners, including academics, service providers, families/caregivers and individuals with developmental disabilities to develop a workforce strategy for the DS sector that meets current and future needs

Key Progress 2021-22:

MCCSS has made progress on immediate actions to improve services for people and families. Key achievements include:



Application



Passport



Life Transitions



Workforce



Awareness

partners

Three initiatives to Social media education support the workforce, and awareness in collaboration with DS campaign, with a second phase planned

Improved communications

Ongoing virtual option and piloting of online booking tool Clearer guidelines and tools to help with online claim reimbursement

Investment in supports to help people find housing and live independently

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