

## Renewed Youth Supports-Bill 179

The RYS is a new policy that is an addendum to the Ontario Permanency Funding policy Guidelines.

The policy permits CAS's to provide youth whose court ordered society care or formal care was terminated at 16 or 17 with supports until age 18.

The RYS policy came into effect on September 1, 2011.

The youth would not be in care of the CAS and no court application is required.

The intent of this program is to provide the youth with guidance and support that will assist them achieve improved educational outcomes and to prepare them for a smooth transition to adulthood.



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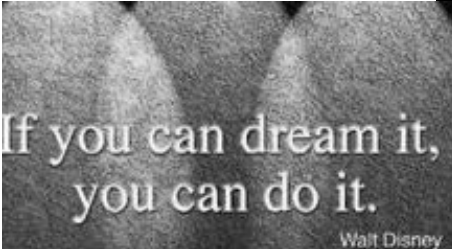
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## Who is eligible?

A youth is eligible for the RYS program if on or after Sept 1, 2011 the youth is 16 or 17 and was subject to a court order (Crown Ward, Society Ward, Temporary Care and Custody Order) or Customary Care agreement that was terminated at age 16 or 17.

## Is it retroactive?

YES-these youth will be eligible for RYS providing they have not turned 18 years old prior to Sept 1, 2011. A youth must be age 16 or 17 to participate in the program.

Each youth who is eligible to participate in the YRS must sign a consent to participate in the program by signing an agreement with CAS.

## What Type Of Supports Can Be Provided To Youth in the RYS Program?

The intent of the program is to provide the youth with guidance and support that will assist them achieve improved educational outcomes and to prepare them for a smooth transition to adulthood.

The program permits CAS's to provide services and supports to eligible youth that are comparable to those services and supports provided to youth in care.

## Are there Supports available to youth in the RYS program once they turn 18 years old?

As of Sept 1, 2011, youth who are eligible for the RYS program, whether they participated or not, will be eligible to enter into an Extended Care and Maintenance Agreement (ECM) to receive supports from age 18 to 21.

## Who Should You Contact For More Information?

For further information on the RYS program please contact

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