

Child, Youth and Family Services Act: Terminology Quick-reference Chart

This chart is intended to provide a quick overview of the key changes in terminology and definitions from the previous Child and Family Services Act (CFSA) to the Child, Youth and Family Services Act (CYFSA). This does not reflect any terminology or definitions that may be in use in other directives, guidelines or ministry documents.

Terms/definitions no longer in use or that have been updated (Child and Family Services Act)	Terms/definitions now in use in the CYFSA
abandoned	no longer in the CYFSA
age of protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ limited to children and youth under 16 years of age (extended to 18 years if the child was already protected under a court order) 	age of protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ includes 16 and 17-year-olds
apprehend apprehended apprehension	bring to a place of safety brought to a place of safety bringing to a place of safety
Crown ward	child in extended society care
dealing with children	dealing with matters
extended care and maintenance	continued care and support for youth
extra-provincial ward	child in care outside of province
Indian Native child/children Native person Native community	First Nations, Inuk/Inuit or Métis child/children First Nations, Inuit or Métis community
N/A	Voluntary Youth Service Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ an agreement between a society and a youth who is 16 or 17 for services and supports to be provided for the youth where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the society has jurisdiction where the youth resides

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the society has determined that the youth is or may be in need of protection ▪ the society is satisfied that no course of action less disruptive to the youth, such as care in the youth's own home or with a relative, neighbour or other member of the youth's community or extended family, is able to adequately protect the youth, and ▪ the youth wants to enter into the agreement
religion	"creed" includes religion
runaway	no longer in the CYFSA
secure isolation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ this phrase led to the public believing that youth in secure isolation were left alone for extended periods of time 	secure de-escalation room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "a locked room...for use for the de-escalation of situations and behaviour involving children or young persons"
"service" means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a child development service ▪ a child treatment service ▪ a child welfare service ▪ a community support service ▪ a youth justice service 	"service" includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ services for children with a developmental or physical disability or their families ▪ community support and prevention services for children or their families ▪ mental health services for children or their families ▪ residential care services for children ▪ child protection services for children or their families ▪ adoption services ▪ counselling services for children or their families ▪ services or programs for young persons, for the purposes of the youth criminal justice act (Canada) or provincial offences act

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society ward	child in interim society care
temporary care and custody	custody during adjournment
wardship	care