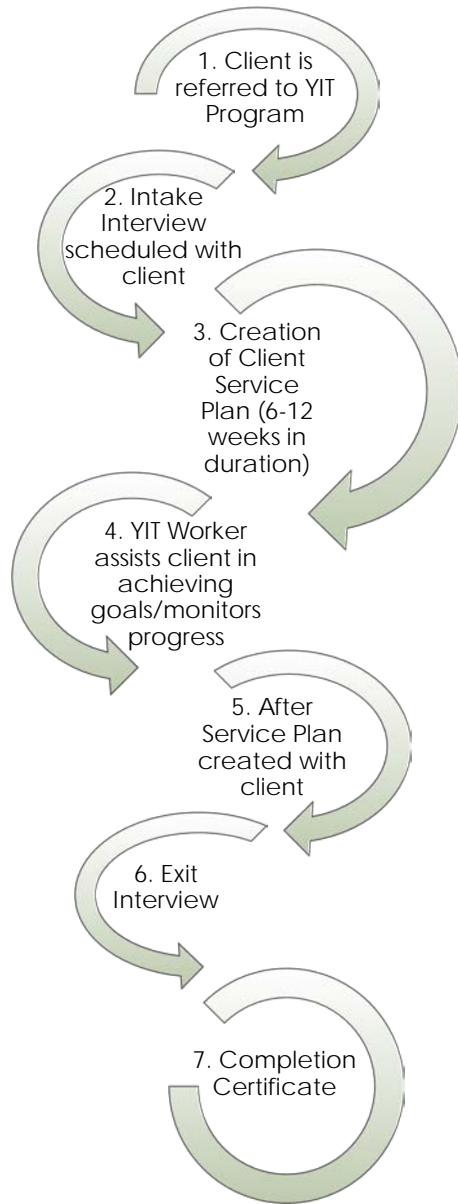


## SERVICE DELIVERY



## DID YOU KNOW?

Of all the children in care under the age of 18, just 16.5% fall into the placement category of living independently. These are 16 and 17 year olds. In contrast, Canadian youth on average begin to live on their own in their mid-twenties. (OACAS, Children in Care and Permanency Survey Fact Sheets, 2010/2011)

Just 44% of youth in care graduate from high school compared to an 81% graduation rate for the general population. (OACAS, An Agenda for Children and Youth Pre-Budget Consultation, 2011)

Numerous reports going back to the mid-1980's recognize that youth leaving care are over-represented in the youth justice, mental health and shelter systems. (OACAS, Annual Report, 2009)

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**YOUTH-IN-TRANSITION**  
**PROGRAM**

The goal of the Youth-In-Transition Program is to support youth in their successful transition out of the child welfare system into adulthood

## WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

Youth are eligible for the YIT Program if they are:

- o **Between the ages of 15-24**
- o **Were subject to either:**
  - a) *Crown Wardship or Customary Care Agreement*
  - b) *Eligibility to receive Renewed Youth Supports (RYS) at ages 16 and/or 17*
- o **Willing to voluntarily commit to the YIT Program and its services**

## OUR SERVICES

- o **Individualized Client Service Plans**
- o **Group based programming focused on:**
  - Life Skills
  - Household Management
  - Employment Readiness
  - Financial Literacy
- o **Linking clients to community resources and supports:**
  - Housing Supports
  - Educational Resources
  - Employment Services
  - Training Resources
  - Health and Mental Health Services

## NANAADAWWINAN VISION

"The Nanaandawewenin Team recognizes that the children and families we work for are first and foremost in all that we do. We are bound by traditional Anishinaabe teachings. For this reason alone, we strive to give to each other from the heart because the heart is a place of truth."



The Youth-In-Transition Program goes hand-in-hand with the **Ontario Child Benefit Equivalent (OCBe)**. The OCBe is a government funded program which provides youth (ages 15 to 18) who have been in care for at least one consecutive year, with financial skills training to help prepare them for independent living, and savings to assist with the costs of their basic needs upon leaving care

## REFERRAL PROCESS

1. **Request for referrals** can be made by a *family member, Case Worker* or by *self-referral*
2. **Completion of referral package** including *Client Profile, reason for referral, Agreement and signature*
3. **Submission of referral package** to the YIT Worker at WFS by email, mail, fax or in-person
4. **Review of referral package** by YIT Worker to determine eligibility

The Youth-In-Transition Worker will provide **group and one-on-one guidance** including **life skills** such as responsible money management. The worker will assist youth in developing and pursuing their individual goals and support them in accessing service systems relevant to their specific needs.