

## ADDENDUM TO ONTARIO PERMANENCY FUNDING POLICY GUIDELINES

**Effective Date: September 1, 2011**

<b>Renewed Youth Supports (RYS)</b>	
Eligibility	<p>Any youth whose court-ordered society care or formal customary care was terminated at age 16 or 17 and voluntarily enters into an agreement with the society to receive supports up to age 18.</p> <p>“Court-ordered society care” specifically refers to orders made under the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> (CFSA) for Crown wardship, society wardship or temporary care and custody.</p>
Community Support	Societies are encouraged to work with community partners to assist youth in the RYS program to expand their support network and to make connections to the community, as appropriate.
Financial Assistance	Based on the youth’s individual plan, societies will provide financial assistance to support the needs of youth living independently or in a residential placement, as well as non-financial supports that are comparable to those provided by CASs to children and youth in care.
Decision Making Criteria	<p>In determining the assistance to be provided, societies should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the youth’s needs.</li> <li>• supports required by the youth.</li> <li>• availability of community and other resources.</li> <li>• that financial assistance (where applicable) must be provided within the society’s current funding envelope.</li> </ul>
Rationale	Under Part III of the CFSA, youth whose court-ordered society care or formal customary care was terminated at age 16 or 17 are no longer eligible to receive services from a society. The intent of this program is to enable this group of youth to re-engage with their CAS to receive services and supports to assist them to achieve improved educational outcomes and transition smoothly to emerging adulthood.
Accountability	<p>Eligibility criteria have been met.</p> <p>Decision making criteria have been applied.</p> <p>RYS agreement has been signed by the youth, CAS worker and Executive Director (or designate).</p> <p>Individual plan has been developed with the youth. Plan is based on the youth’s needs and goals and describes the supports to be provided to meet those needs and goals.</p> <p>CAS workers will meet with youth at minimum every three months to assess the youth’s progress in meeting his/her goals and address any challenges experienced by the youth.</p> <p>Societies are required to track and report on funds in relation to this program.</p>
Record Keeping	<p>A file will be created for each youth and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• signed RYS agreement.</li> <li>• individual plan for the youth and any updates to the plan.</li> <li>• case notes recording discussions with the youth, including the youth’s progress in meeting his or her goals.</li> </ul>