The BC Association of Child Development and Intervention (BCACDI) represents 35 Child Development agencies delivering core intervention and therapy services to children/youth and their families across British Columbia.

When the CYSN Framework and Family Connection Centre (FCC) model was first announced we shared our concerns about the use of the current procurement approach with the design and creation of FCCs.

Given that MCFD is engaged in a project exploring procurement reform, it is critical for us to express that the current procurement process (used for the early implementation sites), falls incredibly short in supporting the transformation of a system that delivers services in community to highly vulnerable children, youth and their families.

For more than 50 years, Starbright has been delivering family-centred multi-disciplinary services for children with support needs. The depth of experience and knowledge within their organization is irreplaceable. We are concerned that the inadequate and inappropriate procurement process used by government, as well as lack of meaningful consultation in the communities chosen to be pilot sites, has resulted in an outcome with incredible upheaval and uncertainty. In addition, this procurement process, has a level of permanence and disruption to the services children and families count on that is out of touch with the spirit of a pilot.

 This is leaving a number of unanswered questions not only in the Central Okanagan community, but across the sector, creating anxiety and uncertainty.

BCACDI had recommended government go into communities and work with existing contract holders, families and other stakeholders to facilitate conversations on a CYSN transformation. Unfortunately, that did not happen. We sincerely thank Starbright for their decades of service, and all of the volunteers and donors that helped support them over the years.

For more information regarding the framework please visit:

[Children and youth with support needs - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)](#)