

Presentation to:

Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Youth Justice Services

**Strengthening Abilities and Journeys of
Empowerment (SAJE)**



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Specialized Intervention and Youth Justice Services

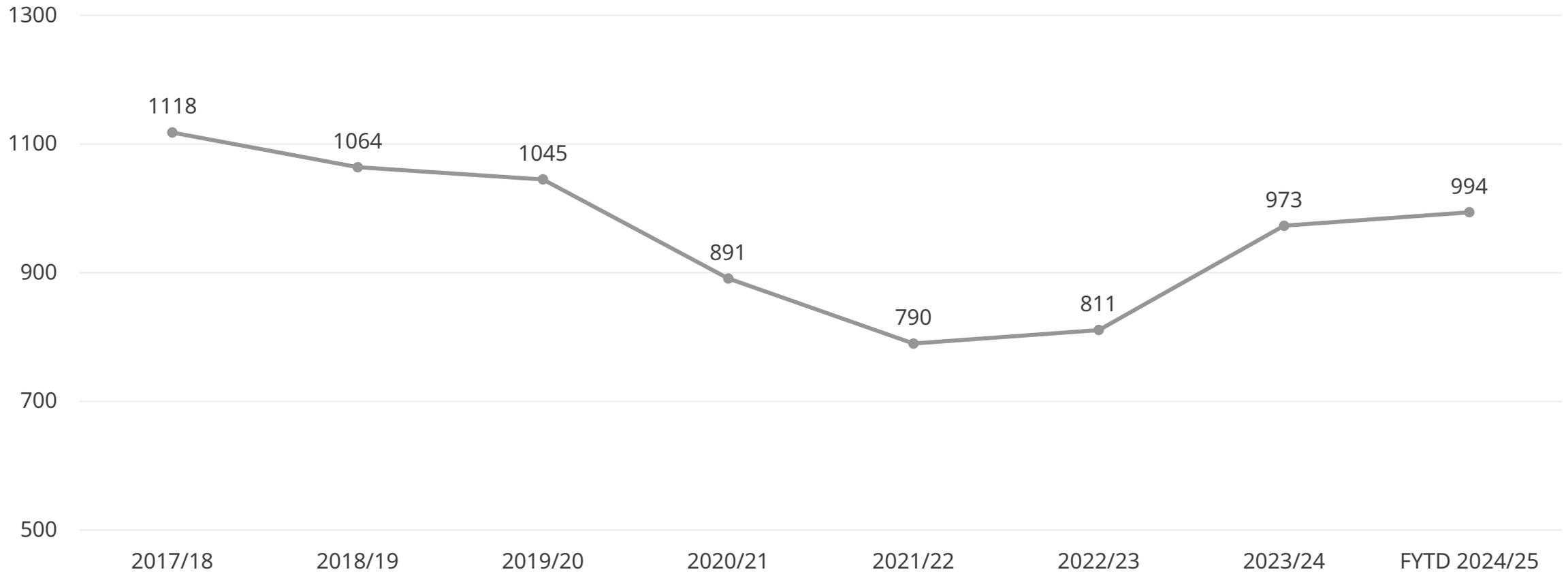
- Community Youth Justice Services
- Youth Custody Services
- Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services

Youth Justice Services

- Intensive Support and Supervision Program
- Full-Time Attendance Programs
- Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services outpatient and in-patient clinics
- Forensic Rapid Access Transition Team
- Individualized programs and support

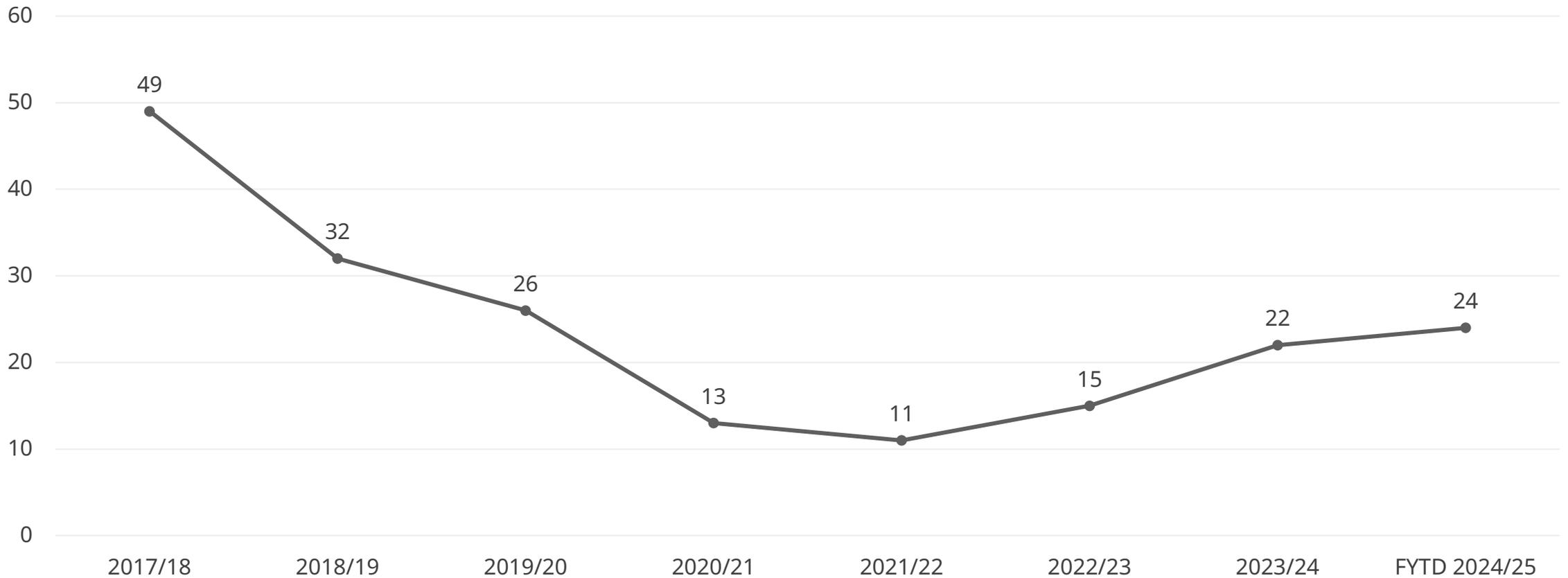
Youth Justice Services

Youth Justice, Average Daily Population
FY2017/18 to FYTD 2024/25



Youth Custody Services

Youth Custody Services, Average Daily Population
FY2017/18 to FYTD 2024/25



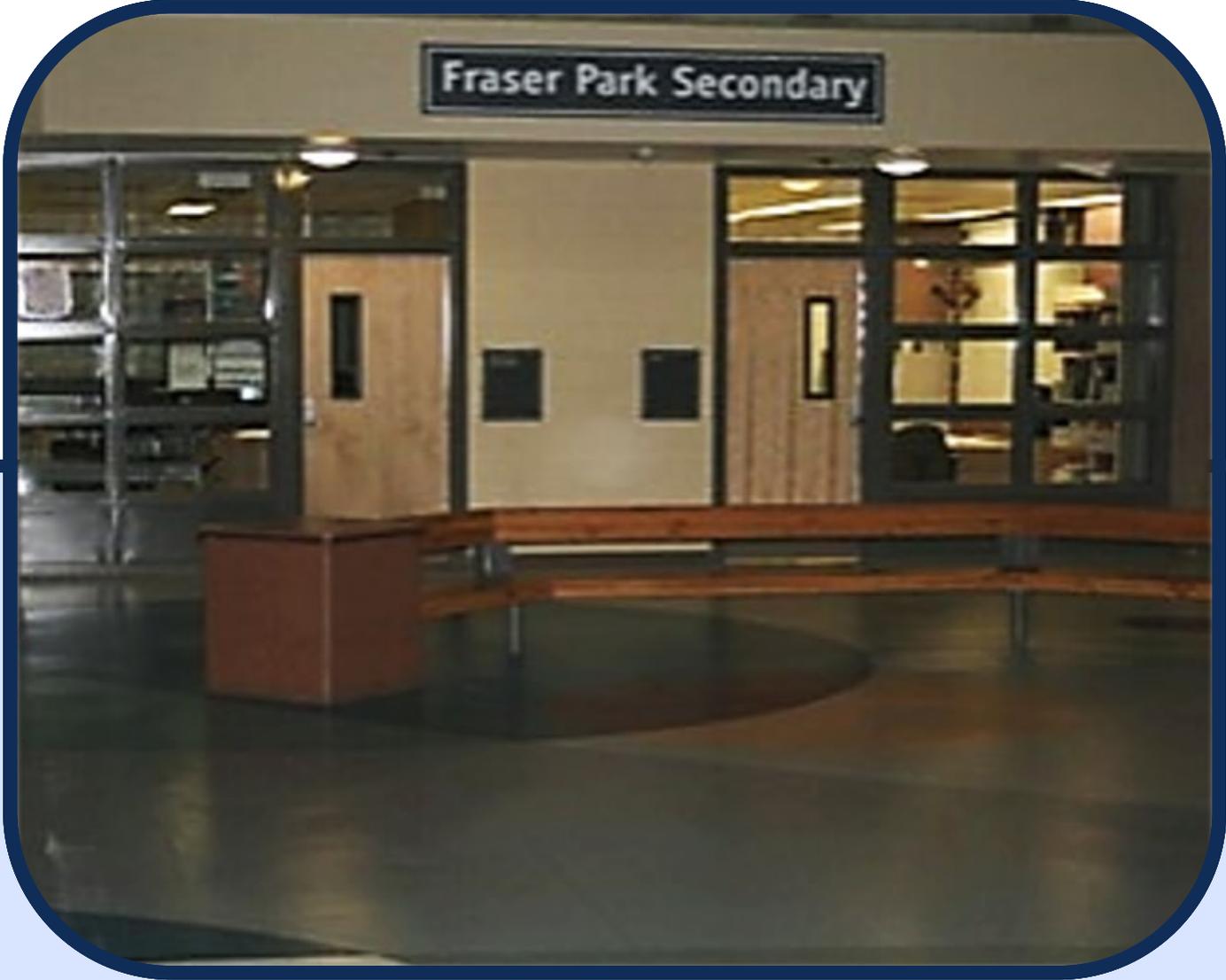
Youth Custody Services

- Skills development
- Counseling and mental health services
- Substance misuse treatment
- Therapeutic interventions
- Recreation and social activities
- Family involvement and support

Cultural and Spiritual Connections



Fraser Park Secondary at Burnaby Youth Custody Services



Closure of Prince George Youth Custody Services

- The closure of Prince George Youth Custody Services was made effective on March 31, 2024.
- Transportation of youth is supported by the BC Sheriff Service.
- The Victoria Interim Holding Unit and the Prince George Interim Holding Unit provide places of temporary accommodation to assist with transportation of in-custody youth.
- Youth Custody Services support the post-custody transportation needs for young people returning to their home community.
- Funding support to travel to Burnaby Youth Custody Services is available to families, Elders, and other positive adults from the youth's community.

SAJE is a program within the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) that supports youth and young adults with government care experience to make strong transitions to adulthood.



Thank you to all the former youth in care who used their voices to advocate for and inform this program

SAJE Program

Youth Supports (before 19th birthday)

Planning with a Navigator

Supporting youth in care and
out-of-care statuses starting
as early as 14 years old

Benefits (after 19th birthday)

Planning with a Guide

Agreements

Benefits

Young adults aged 19 to 26 (up to their 27th birthday) are eligible for SAJE post-majority supports if they:



Reached their 19th birthday while on a Youth Agreement, a Continuing Custody Order or were under the personal guardianship of a director; OR



Achieved permanency between the ages of 12-19 (i.e., adoption after being in care, or under section 54.1 or 54.01); OR



Have 24 months of cumulative time in care between the ages of 12-19, in a range of in- and out-of-care statuses; OR



Were in a comparable arrangement under Indigenous law.

Planning with a SAJE Navigator

Age
14-19

A SAJE Navigator can:

- Support you and your plans for the future, starting at age 14
- Work with you, your worker, and your team to develop a plan to connect you to your community as an adult

What can a SAJE Navigator do for me?

- Explore your dreams and goals with you
- Help you create a plan for your future
- Make sure your voice is heard
- Bring together people who are important to you (family, friends, professionals) to support you in developing your plan
- Provide you with information, guidance and support.

Planning with a SAJE Guide

Age
19 -25

A SAJE Guide can:

- Connect you to supports and services
- Assist you in developing the skills you need to reach your goals

What can a SAJE Guide do for me?

- Guides can help you access SAJE supports and benefits, achieve your goals, and build on skills
- Provide you with information, guidance and support.

SAJE Benefits



SAJE Planning with a SAJE Guide



SAJE Housing Supports

SAJE Housing Agreement
SAJE Support Agreement
Rent Supplement



SAJE Income Support

Unconditional Income Support
Conditional Income Support



Life-skills, Training and Cultural Connections (LSTCC) Funding



Health Benefits

Medical Coverage
Dental Coverage
Optical Coverage



SAJE Mental Health and Counselling Benefit

Connecting with SAJE

- To learn more, visit:
 - www.gov.bc.ca/SAJE
- To check eligibility, fill out:
 - [Request for SAJE Eligibility Check](#)
- To ask questions and request a referral:
 - call 1-866-623-3001
 - email MCF.SAJE@gov.bc.ca



Q&A

