

November 29th marks the 9th provincial Children and Youth in Care Day in New Brunswick

FREDERICTON, November 29, 2022 – Officially proclaimed in 2013, our provincial *Children and Youth in Care Day* offers a chance to recognize and celebrate the lives and achievements of youth in the provincial care system. It serves as an opportunity to raise awareness and reduce the stigma that is too often associated with being in care.

Proclaimed by official decree by Lieutenant Governor Jocelyne Roy-Vienneau, this important recognition came at the heels of a number of key recommendations put forth by members of our *New Brunswick Youth in Care Network* (NBICN). With investment by the Province of New Brunswick and other key donors such as the Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada, the NBICN is a program developed by current and former youth in care and supported by *Partners For Youth Inc.*; that seeks to engage and empower youth in care by involving them in highly supportive projects that focus on elements of self-fulfillment, leadership skills development, and peer-based social action.

“Children and Youth in care day. What does it mean to me? It’s a day that was specifically made for children and youth who lived through the system. It’s a day to make people remember that there is children and youths out there that do not have the privilege of living with their family. It makes it easier for people like me to talk about my experiences in the system and gives me a voice through out the province. A big part of this day is also thanking and helping with the organization Partners for Youth, to help children and youth across the province to get in touch with people that lived the same thing as they did and that the feel understood. This day is important for me and for people in care because it gives us an opportunity to speak and to make sure that our voices are heard.” - Samantha Picard, NB Youth in Care Network Leadership Team

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