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Implementing Foundry: A cohort study describing the regional and virtual expansion of a youth integrated service in British Columbia, Canada

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The specific learning objectives are to:

- **1. Describe the Foundry Model**
- 2. Describe the outcomes of service utilization and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all during the Foundry Phase 2 expansion.

### **Context: Foundry Vision**

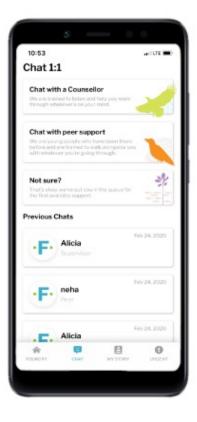
Our vision is to transform access to health and social services for youth and families.

We aim to make British Columbia the best place in the world for young people to grow up



Foundry offers young people ages 12-24 health and wellness resources, services and supports – through integrated youth service centres, foundry virtual and Foundrybc.ca







### **Foundry Locations across BC**



#### Open

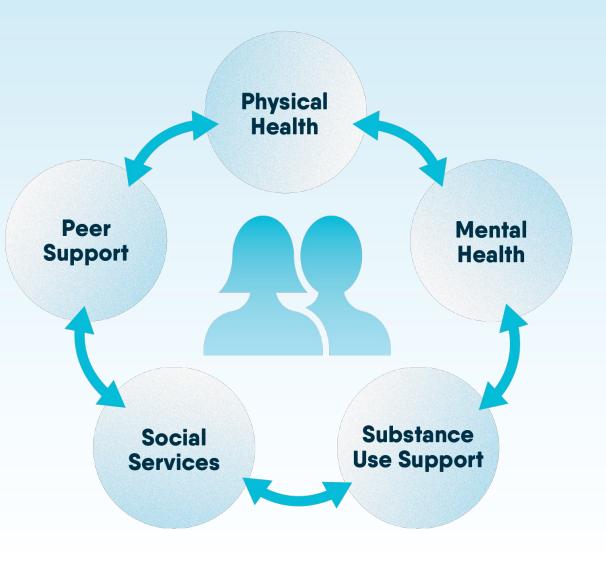
Campbell River Comox Valley Kelowna Langley North Shore Prince George Vancouver-Granville Abbotsford Victoria Penticton Ridge Meadows Richmond Terrace

#### **Coming soon**

Burns Lake East Kootenay Fort St. John Kamloops Port Hardy Sea to Sky Surrey Tri-Cities Cariboo Chilcotin

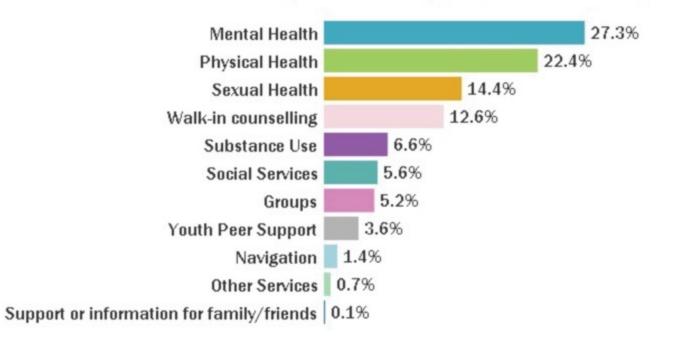


Foundry's core services are present at each centre and are described in our service model guide



# Who is Coming to Foundry?

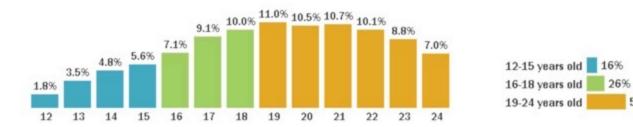
#### Services Accessed by Service Type (n=236,473)





# Who is Coming to Foundry?

#### Age at last visit (n=32,449)





Caucasian (White)	68.0%
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- Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) 12.5%
  - Chinese 6.5%
- South Asian (e.g. East Indian, Pakistani, Punjabi, Sri Lanka 5.0%
  - Filipino 4.0%
  - Latin American 3.0%
  - I don't identify with any of these options 2.6%
  - Black (e.g. African, Haitian, Jamaican) 2.4%
    - Prefer not to answer 2.0%
  - Southeast Asian (e.g. Indonesian, Vietnamese) 1.7%
    - West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Iranian) 1.6%
      - Japanese 1.2%
      - Korean 0.8%
        - Arab 0.7%

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58%

# Who is Coming to Foundry?

#### Sexual Orientation (n=20,411)

- Heterosexual 54.9% Bisexual 20.6% Prefer not to answer 7.0% I don't identify with any of these options 5.4% Questioning 5.3%
  - Gay or Lesbian 5.1%
    - Asexual 1.8%

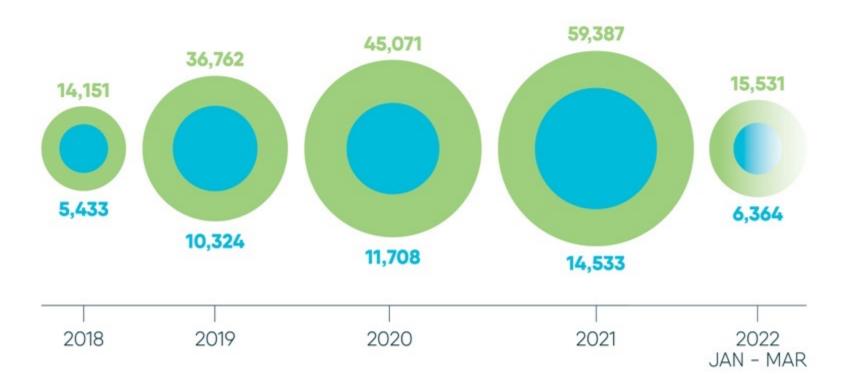
#### Gender Identification (n=21,624)

Female 61.2% Male 26.1% Non-Binary 4.0% Not Sure / Questioning 2.4% Trans male 2.4% I don't identify with any of these options 1.6% Trans female 0.9% Prefer not to answer 0.8% Two-Spirit 0.3% Agender 0.3%

Youth are accessing support through Foundry more than ever.

170,902 Visits

**31,770** Unique Youth A unique youth could have visited in one or more year.



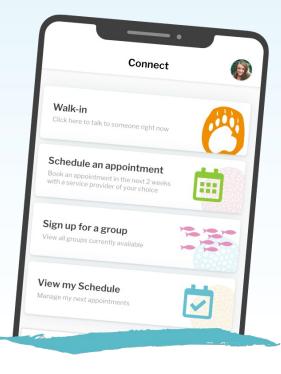
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Toolbox Data including Foundry Centres and FVBC: April 2018 to March 2022

## Foundry BC app

- Young people and their caregivers
- Video, audio and chat options available







## Closing the gap with Foundry Virtual BC



Youth



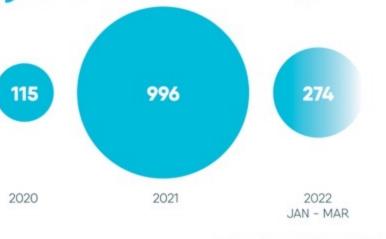
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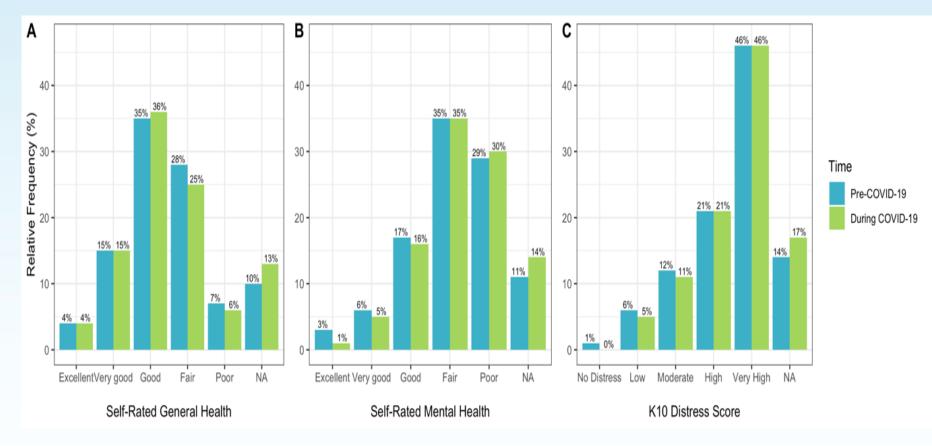
Families



1,385 New Family Member Registered



## Impact of COVID



### Impact of COVID

- Over 77% of youth scored "high" or "very high" for distress and 64% had a self-rated mental health of "poor" or "fair" with similar percentages seen for all services and virtual services.
- These ratings stayed consistent (nearly identical) before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the longstanding need for mental health and substance use services.



## Thank you Questions?