

First of all, what is Foundry?

Foundry offers health and wellness services, supports and resources for youth aged 12-24 and their families through centres in communities across B.C and online through foundrybc.ca! Foundry's approach is different because all of the services are under one roof, so it makes it easy to know where to go for support. The services are made to fit the individual needs of youth and their families, putting their health and wellness at the centre.

Meaningful youth and family engagement at the centre.

Foundry is created with and for young people and their families. In order to make sure we meet the needs of youth, we go to the experts – youth and families themselves. Through meaningful engagement, youth and family are viewed as partners, which improves services in every way. Meaningful engagement has been the foundation to creating Foundry, from the look and feel of the centres, to the design of services, to the development of foundrybc.ca. Foundry expects that all of our centres will engage youth and families in authentic and meaningful ways – at all levels. From the selection of centre locations and participation in hiring staff, to feedback on Foundry centre design and services, youth and family voices are at the centre. Also, each Foundry must develop and maintain a Youth Advisory Council and Family Advisory Council!

Foundry Services

Each Foundry centre includes common services, all under one roof! These services not only work together but are also offered to youth and families on a walk-in basis.

- Mental health services (e.g. psychiatry, counselling)
- Substance use services (e.g. harm reduction, detox, counselling)
- Primary care (e.g. family doctors, sexual health)
- Social services (e.g. employment, educational, housing, income assistance)
- Youth and family peer support services (e.g. youth helping youth, family members helping family members)

Foundry is expanding!

Over the past four years, we've seen Foundry grow from the original Granville Youth Health Centre (now known as Foundry Vancouver-Granville), to eight open Foundry centres and three more in development. We are so thrilled to announce that because of the growing excitement and support, Foundry is looking to partner with a minimum of six more organizations across BC to open and operate a Foundry centre in their community.

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The expansion process is going to look like this:

Step 1

- Communities across the province are going to be able to access the application for becoming a Foundry centre on the Foundry website, starting on October 21st. Either one leading organization or a few organizations applying together can apply on behalf of their community.
- This application is called an Expression of Interest or EOI. The EOI asks organizations questions about their experience related to a few main topics and themes:
 - Meaningful youth and family engagement
 - Providing services to youth and families
 - Managing large projects (because Foundry is one!)
 - Experience supporting the diverse needs of the community
 - Delivering inclusive services and promoting inclusivity
 - Providing services that are committed to cultural safety and humility
 - Organizations they already work with and want to work with in the future
- We also want to hear what a Foundry centre would mean to their community and how their vision for youth well-being is the same as Foundry's vision
- The EOI application is due November 26th
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel made up of youth, families, people involved with Foundry centres, and partners in government and the community.
- Communities will hear the final decision of who moves forward to Step 2 in the middle of December.

Step 2

- Communities who have been invited to move forward into Step 2 will be a part of a Convening phase with Foundry. Convening means people coming together from different experiences, in order to work together. The Convening phase will include youth and families, organizations applying and Foundry staff.
- This process will take part from January 6th to late February 2020.
- Details for this convening phase are still to come.

Step 3

- By March 2020, final decisions will be made and communities will be contacted!

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You and Expansion!

The entire expansion process encourages communities and organizations to involve youth and families from the very beginning because that's the Foundry way of doing things! This means that you may be approached to help write the EOI application or be asked what you think should be included or you might be asked to share your support for your community to get a Foundry centre. Your community might also bring some youth and family members together to get everyone's voices in one room.

We have included some information for organizations and communities to think about when engaging youth and families in the EOI application manual. This information includes thoughts on compensating youth and families for their time, thinking about how we are asking for help (and on what?) from youth and families and what support is available if they are interested in being involved.

Here are some things for you to consider if you're asked to share your thoughts and experiences as part of Foundry expansion:

- How much time are they asking for?
- How would you like to give feedback? How would you like your feedback to be recorded and reflected?
- What do you hope to contribute as part of the group?
- Why do you hope to have a Foundry centre in your community? What is important to you as a youth or family member attending?
- What do you need to feel safe and respected in the room?
- Who would you identify as an ally or support for you?
- Will you be in a room with people you receive service from? How does this feel to you? Who can you talk to about this?

Your voice as a young person or family member is so important because Foundry is about you! We want you to feel safe and valued when you are asked for your opinions.

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