



Bill C-92 ... so what?

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INTRODUCTION TO THE T3YEC

Traditional selection process, files, other roles

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DEVELOPING BILL C-92... so what?

Introduction to the toolkit and purpose

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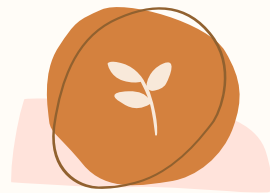
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Restrains of COVID-19, posters, social media release, video



PURPOSE

To translate all the legislation relevant to children in care in the Treaty #3 Nation into a language youth would understand.



RATIONALE

Few resources designed for youth exist and youth may not know where to begin their research in the first place.



OUTCOME

To increase awareness about Bill C-92, and relevant legislation, for youth in care while providing a guide with additional resources.

Developing "Bill C-92... so what?"

What's included?

Bill C-92

An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families

... why should I care?

- because I'm First Nation, Inuit, or Metis and Bill C-92 applies to ALL Indigenous children and youth
- because I'm a youth in care and I need to know my rights to make informed decisions about my care and ensure my needs are being met
- because I want to know how the Federal Government is going to uphold my rights as an Indigenous youth in care
- because I have the right to engage with Bill C-92 to make sure it reflects my best interests

... how is it applied?

- Indigenous laws prevail over provincial/territorial laws
- Indigenous laws prevail over federal laws, except for sections 10-15 of Bill C-92, the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, and section 15 of *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*
- Federal laws prevail over provincial/territorial laws

What if things don't improve?

a cheat sheet on how to file a complaint

What is the Office of the Children's Lawyer?

- The OCL provides legal advice, advocacy, and representation to youth about the options available to them. They independently represent the views and interests of youth.

What is Alternative Dispute Resolution?

- ADR is a disagreement resolution approach between youth and a child welfare agency. It involves family and community in decision-making and planning.

What is the Agency Complaint Process?

- An agency-specific process to resolving issues related to plans of care. You may contact the agency directly, a review board, or the Office of the Ontario Ombudsman

What should I do to access services?

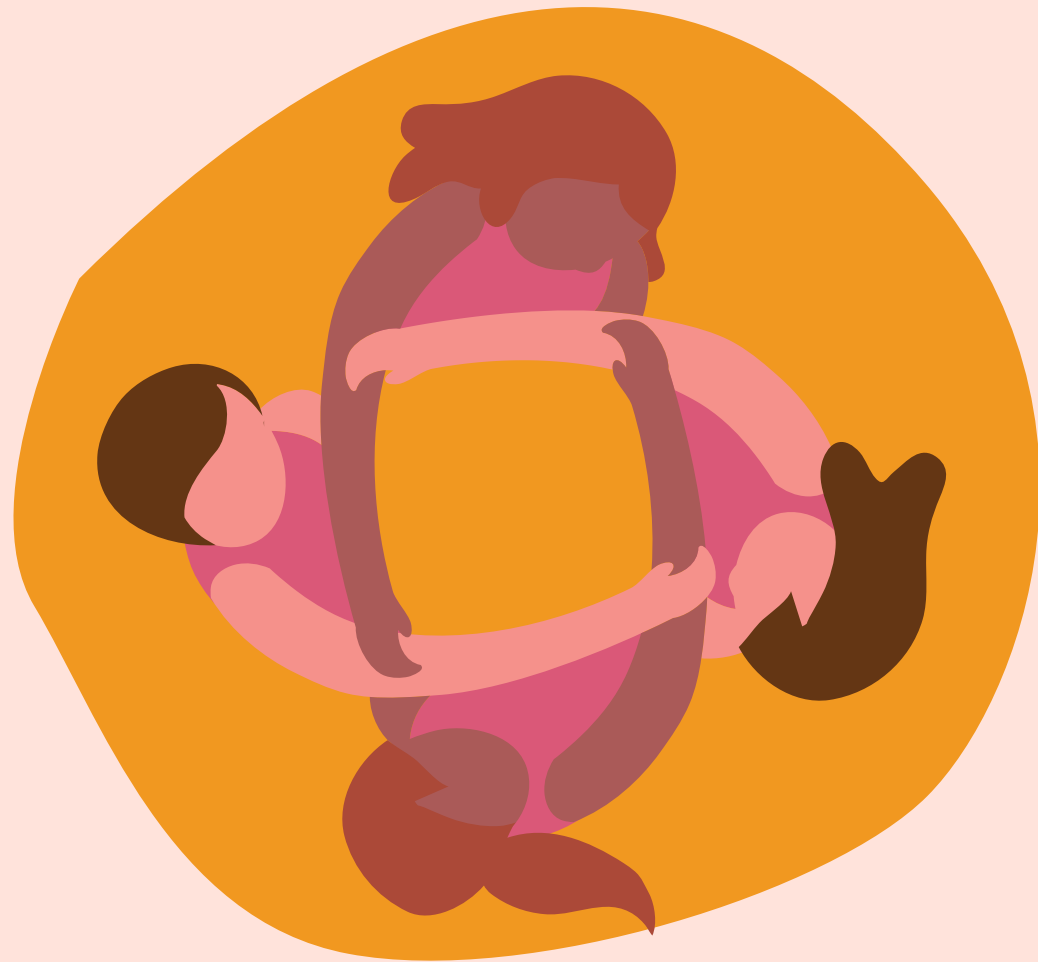
- **Write** down any concerns you have. Be as detailed as possible and provide examples, such as not getting services you need
- **Talk** to a trusted individual about your situation. Research and decide the best course of action for you
- **Think** about what you need to make things easier at the meeting, such as an interpreter or support person
- **Outline** what you want to see and how it will help, such as after-care support until 21, a different worker, or new placement
- **Review** the "Here's a Helping Hand" section of this toolkit to find the contact information you need to file a complaint.

I'm transitioning out of care... now what?

a handy dandy checklist of everything you might need before you leave

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Identification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status Card• Health Card• Social Insurance Number (SIN)• Birth Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Transition Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education goals• Transportation• Living arrangements• Financial planning, credit, and taxes• Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helpful People <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friends• Foster family• Elders• Social and youth worker• Chief and Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Career Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resume and cover letter• Work and school references• Bank account |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer literacy• Budgeting• Goal setting and planning• Building healthy relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional name• Regalia• Smudge bowl and medicines |

The list included within this Toolkit not exhaustive and is intended for informational purposes only. Please consult with your worker, or trusted adult, for additional assistance.



Youth Engagement Strategy

ANSWERING YOUTH WHEN THEY SAY
"SO WHAT?" AND "WHY DO I CARE?"

Posters

Facebook, Website, and Fax

- Released in advance of the toolkit
- Act as a series of "fact sheets"

ATTENTION: TREATY 3 YOUTH

The Youth Executive Council from Grand Council Treaty #3 welcomes youth from across our nation to participate in learning and creating a discussion around Bill C-92, The Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families.



Please follow along with the Youth Executive Council's Facebook page for informational posters, toolkits and future online engagement sessions.

What is Bill C-92?

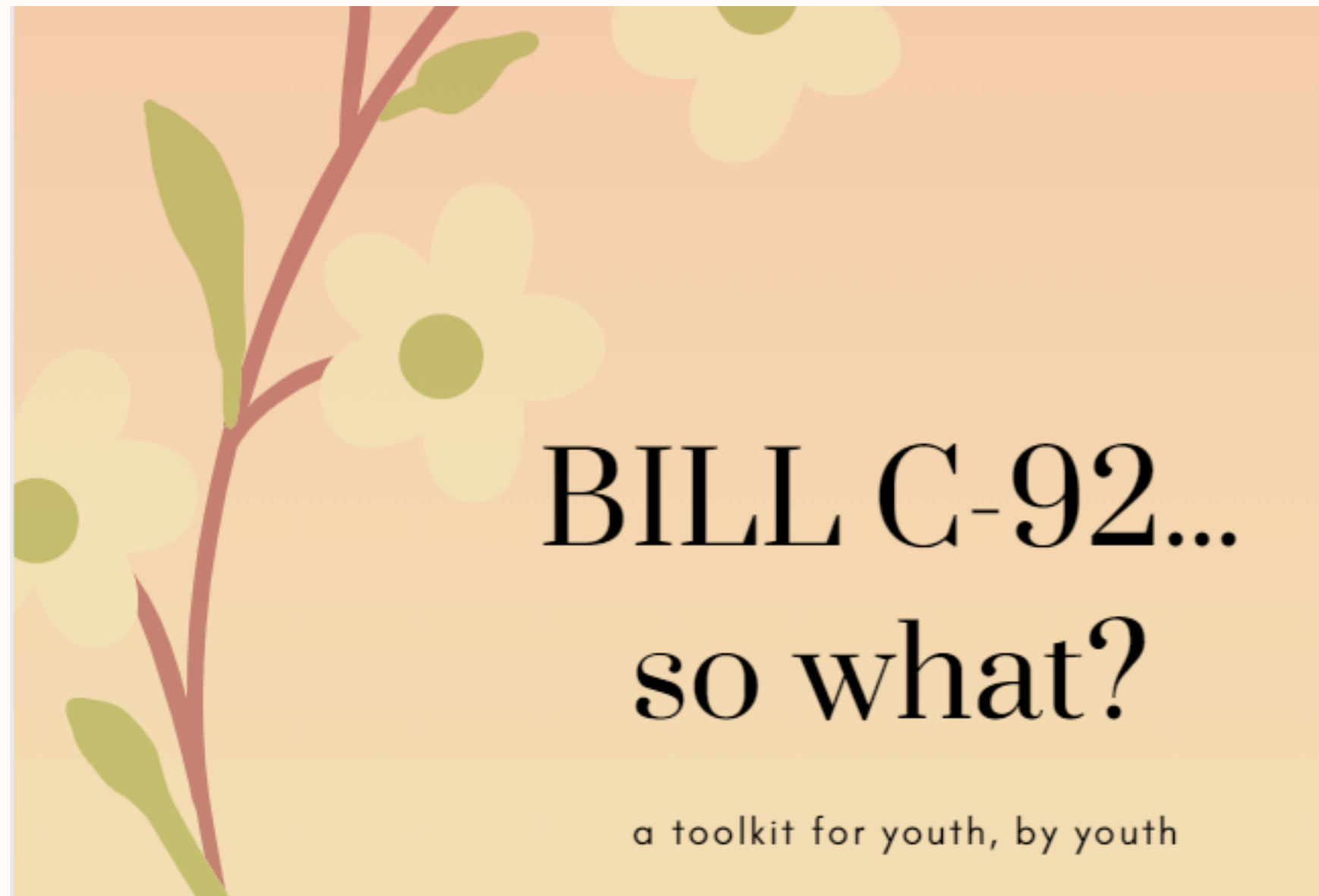
Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019 and came into force on January 1, 2020.

This legislation is an historic step toward comprehensive reform and seeks to change the way that child and family services are being provided to Indigenous children, with the goal of reducing the number of children in care.

First Nations have always had the jurisdiction to create our own laws, the federal government is acknowledging this through this federal bill.

The Act affirms the rights of Indigenous peoples, governments and organizations to exercise jurisdiction (authority) over First Nation, Inuit and Metis child and family services.





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Facebook and Website

- Released following social media campaign
- Expands on the posters initially released
- Colour printed copies to be delivered post-COVID19

Video

Facebook

- Example of youth gathering on youth's terms
- To provide introduction to toolkit and youth resources
- To answer questions youth ask on initial resources





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