

2025-2026 Annual Report

JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Legal services for young people in Ontario



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 - York University - Osgoode Hall



Student placements significantly expand JFCY's service capacity while providing future professionals with mentorship in high-standard legal practice. We express our sincere gratitude to this past year's students for their invaluable contributions to our office and clients.

JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We specialize in advocating for the rights, interests, and dignity of young people within the legal, education, social service or mental health systems.

VISION: Advance and protect the legal rights and dignity of children and youth.

MISSION: Provide child-centred legal services that enhance justice and support inclusion for vulnerable children and youth through:

- Specialized legal expertise and representation
- Leadership on systemic law reform and advocacy
- Legal education and outreach



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We offer our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Board Member Dr. Lance McCready for his dedication and sage guidance during his time with JFCY. We look forward to our ongoing connections with him, as he continues with his tremendous work.



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Mortimer,
office mascot

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This report covers the time period: August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026.
Our fiscal year is: April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Message from the Chair and Executive Director

This year was the 48th year of Justice for Children and Youth (“JFCY”). We remained steadfast in our commitment to representing young people in Ontario and advancing their rights and dignity. Our comprehensive approach to this commitment remains at the forefront of our clinic – as we provide legal services, outreach, social work and community support, through an anti-oppression lens, and a developmentally, trauma- and violence-informed approach. Our client representation works hand in hand with our test case litigation, public education, community development and policy advocacy. The combination of client-centered service and systemic advocacy is central to JFCY’s impact: we work to address the immediate needs of young people while also working to change the systems that affect them.

Our Annual Report outlines the hard work done by our lawyers, case managers, clerks, and support staff to support young people and meet their unique and critical needs. We are able to function as the only clinic focused solely on the rights of young people across a range of legal subject areas through the dedication and commitment from all of our staff and volunteers.

We are grateful to the many funders, partners, and supporters who make this work possible, including Legal Aid Ontario, the Department of Justice Canada, Ontario’s Ministry of the Attorney General, the Law Foundation of Ontario, foundations, and individual donors. Our diversity of funders allows JFCY to continue responding to the growing and increasingly complex needs of children and youth. At the same time, our funding remains precarious and does not yet meet the full scope of demand from around the province. Stable, long-term resources are essential to ensuring that more young people can access the legal representation and advocacy they need. We invite our partners and supporters to continue working with us to build that sustainability.

Finally, we thank our volunteers and Board members for their dedication and commitment to standing with young people, challenging injustice, and advancing meaningful change.



Mary Birdsell,
Executive Director



Emma Katz,
Board Chair

Our Work **At a Glance**

Clients

- Advice & Representation
- Wrap Around Support
- Specialized Services

The whole client at the centre

- **Address situations** that create overlapping vulnerabilities
- **Trauma-informed and strengths-based**
- **Intentional recognition** of the client, their agency and their circumstances
- **Multi-disciplinary problem solving**

Systemic Impact

- Test Case Litigation
- Law & Policy Reform
- Research

Community Development

- Public Legal Education
- Collaborations
- Media & Social Media

Client Intakes

1035

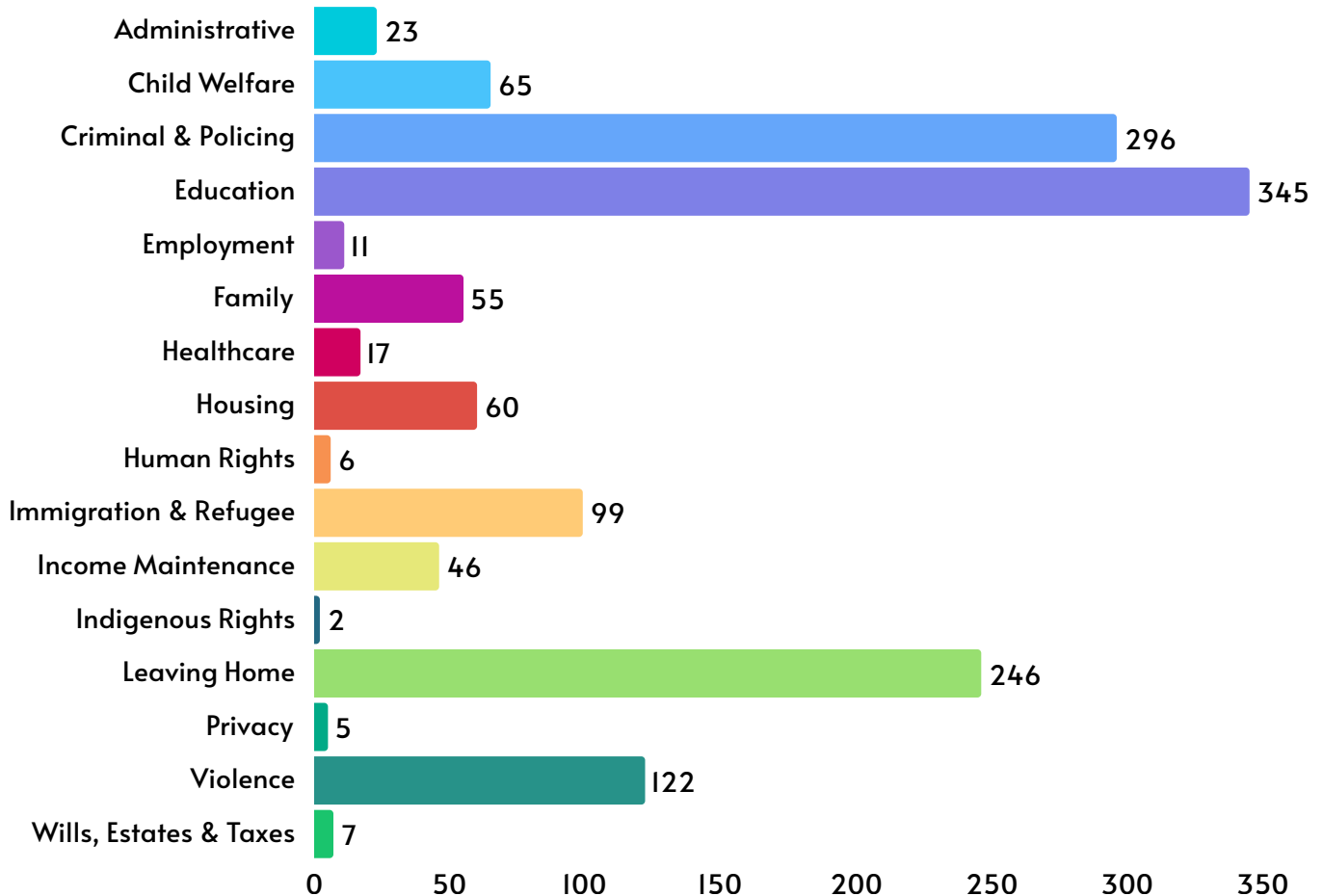
Individual young
people provided
legal services

1404

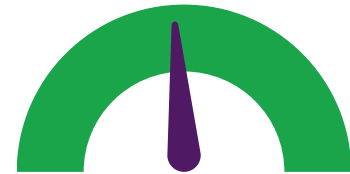
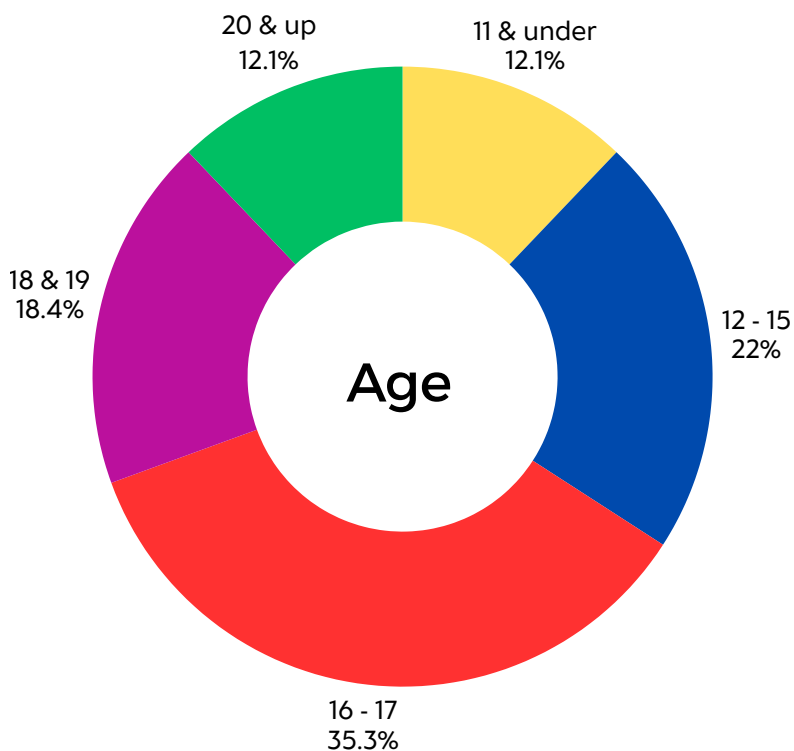
Number of unique
legal issues
addressed



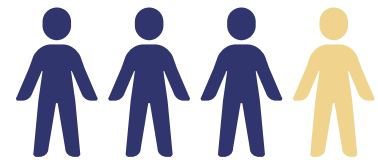
Area of Law



Client Demographics



48% have been involved with a Children's Aid Society



75% identify as BIPOC



16% are part of the queer community

CLIENT STORY

A young person who experienced family violence left home and reached out to JFCY. They faced many of the circumstances that young people face as they flee violence. They needed help from children's aid but were struggling to get it; they had no income or financial security; they were facing school disruption; had been charged with an offence; and, had no where to live. With legal representation and wrap around support this client: had their charges withdrawn; secured income support through Ontario Works, and later obtained a Voluntary Youth Services Agreement from children's aid; and, was able to secure school stability. Subsequently, they were accepted into the Rent-Geared-to-Income housing program with Special Priority Status and so now has a safe place to call home. In addition to ongoing psychiatric care, we assisted this young person to connect with community-based mental health supports. They are now enhancing this safety, independence, and community supports, along with other joyful things. Drawing on their lived-experience, the young person has shared their hope of one day opening a shelter for young people fleeing violence.

Wrap Around Client Support

Our Case Managers are ready to step in to support JFCY's clients - with the flexibility to meet client identified needs, and support the whole-client through challenging times. In 2026, we were fortunate enough to add a second case manager to our team and expanded our student program to include students from the Child and Youth Care program.

232 support
on **232**
unique
social
needs



Major themes of support:

- **Housing** - RGI Applications, SPP Applications, transitional housing applications
- **Leaving Home** - safety planning, transitional planning
- **ID** - replacement applications, name + gender changes, corrections
- **Financial Literacy** - taxes, accessing government benefits + entitlements, claiming insurance funds
- **Social Assistance** - OW, ODSP
- **Warm referrals** to lawyers - civil, insurance
- **Legal Aid** certificates

CLIENT STORY

A young queer, Indigenous person reached out to JFCY for support leaving an unsafe home and navigating precarious housing, all while trying to finish high school. JFCY supported this young person in withdrawing from parental control, securing social assistance, and requesting a VYSA. In addition to this young person's legal matters, JFCY supported this young person in securing RGI housing, replacing their ID, accessing additional financial resources available to them and increasing their circle of care. This young person is now stably (and permanently!) housed and has been accepted to post-secondary school.



Over the past 5 years,

YWF has grown into a strong collaborative of legal clinics working together to improve access to justice for survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV), family violence, and sexual violence.

JFCY's Work with Young Survivors

HOLISTIC, EXPERT SUPPORT

Information, advice, and representation tailored to a young survivors' legal and social needs

LEGAL ADVICE + REPRESENTATION

Support in criminal and family justice matters, as well as
housing • education • employment • child protection
• health care • human rights • and more

SUPPORTING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Helping young survivors understand their rights
• make informed decisions • access justice

ADVOCACY + SYSTEM NAVIGATION

Working with legal system actors • child welfare • schools
• health care • shelters • community services to advocate
for young survivors

With the end of the Department of Justice funding on March 31, 2026, emergency resourcing from The Law Foundation of Ontario has allowed us to continue:

- providing essential, violence-informed legal services to survivors;
- maintaining and strengthening services while demand continues to outpace resources; and
- supporting collaboration among YWF's partner legal clinics, allowing us to share expertise, build capacity, and respond collectively to the complex legal needs of survivors.

The YWF collaborative clinics remain committed to ensuring that survivors can access the legal help they need and to strengthening the capacity of community legal clinics to respond to violence in all its forms. We continue to seek a long-term solution to the sustainability of these critical, dedicated resources.



JFCY DATA

Apr 1, 2025 - Mar 31, 2026

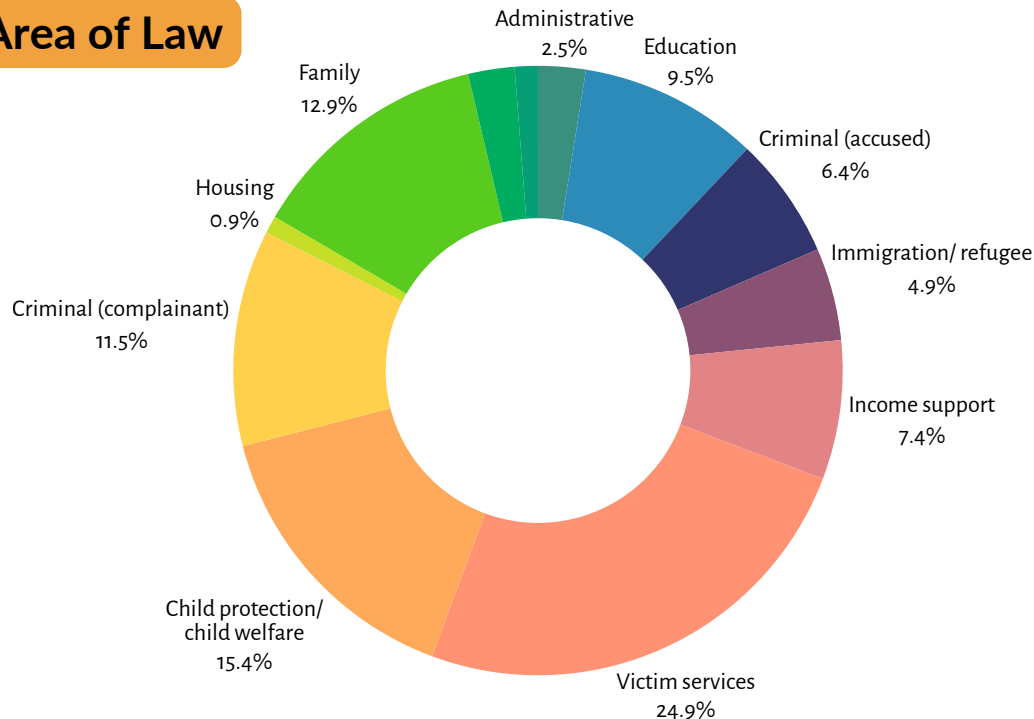
Our third party evaluation tells us this about JFCY's YWF clients:

- Over 70% experienced housing instability
- Nearly 50% had no access to financial support
- More than 50% were involved with child protection
- 2/3 had a history of trauma, prior to current event
- 62% identified as racialized
- Legal services required in an average of 3 areas of law

362

clients provided support related to family or sexual violence

Area of Law



BY THE HOUR

Independent Legal Advice

788
hours

Independent Legal Representation

3,443
hours

System Information

219
hours

Wraparound Navigation

766
hours

The YWF Collaboration



Key Take-Aways from the 5-year Evaluation Report June 2026

01

Collaboration strengthens access to justice

A network of community legal clinics can work collectively while responding to the unique needs and contexts of their local communities.

02

Access to justice requires a comprehensive response

Effective support requires addressing the interconnected legal, social, and practical barriers that affect survivors' ability to access justice.

03

Complex needs require flexible responses

Survivors often experience overlapping challenges, including housing instability, poverty, trauma, safety concerns, discrimination, and difficulties navigating systems.

04

Trauma- and violence-informed practice is essential

Individualized, flexible, and multidisciplinary approaches help survivors engage with legal processes while supporting safety, autonomy, and agency.

05

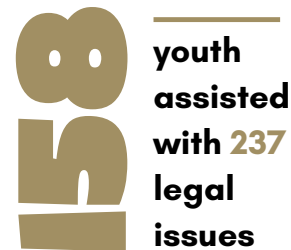
Integrated community legal services improve outcomes

Community legal clinics are uniquely positioned to provide coordinated legal supports that promote meaningful access to justice.

JFCY continues to be the lead clinic for the YWF collaborative, the partner clinics:

- Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario
- Northumberland Community Legal Centre
- Legal Assistance of Windsor
- Peterborough Community Legal Centre
- Community Legal Assistance Sarnia
- Community Advocacy and Legal Centre (Belleville)
- Durham Community Legal Clinic

www.yourwayforward-on.ca



For over 25 years, the SYLS program has offered a unique legal outreach program for young people experiencing homelessness or unstable housing in the GTA. The SYLS lawyer works to prevent and alleviate youth homelessness by offering easier access to legal services, referrals and resources for young people and frontline staff.

Legal issues often precede or underlie a young person's experience of homelessness but are frequently overlooked or left unaddressed. For example, young people who have experienced violence are often unaware of the legal rights and remedies available to them. The SYLS lawyer promotes a rights-based approach to homelessness prevention by offering legal advice and advocacy and connecting young people to legal resources.

In 2025-26, the SYLS lawyers advocacy and outreach had a particular focus on assisting victims of violence. Other activities included:

- Presenting at the Kindex Symposium on promoting a Trauma Informed Justice System, May 2026
- Participating in the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in Montreal, Oct 2025
- Workshops through our community partners, including Covenant House, WoodGreen, YSM Evergreen, and Eva's Initiatives
- Expansion of SYLS lawyer drop-in to YWCA Davenport, in addition to YSM Evergreen, Covenant House, and Native Child NYRC
- Participation in the Young Parents No Fixed Address Network, and the Sex-Trafficking Advisory Committee of Covenant House
- Board Member of A Way Home Canada



SYLS lawyer Claire Milgate, with Miriam Rogers outside the Toba Centre Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC). While attending the Kindex Symposium in Winnipeg, May 2026.



- Connect with youth at drop-ins
- Provide legal rights education and resources
- Engage in community outreach, policy and law reform activities



Access to Justice for
youth experiencing
or at risk of homelessness



CLIENT STORIES

JFCY had a client who was hospitalized with nowhere to go after their parent refused to allow them home. Initially the Children's Aid Society (CAS) refused to open an investigation. Through JFCY's advocacy the CAS not only opened an investigation but the CAS agreed to provide the young person with a Voluntary Youth Services Agreement. JFCY supported the same client in applying for housing and having their criminal charges that resulted from a mental health crisis withdrawn.

JFCY represented a client who was facing an abusive situation in a room and board environment. As a result, they were out of school, had no access to their finances, were unable to deal with their legal issues and faced significant mental health challenges. We supported this young person to find alternative housing, obtain financial support through a Voluntary Youth Services Agreement from their local child protection agency, to return to school and get community support. We also helped them begin the process of applying for community housing with prioritization due to their experiences of abuse.

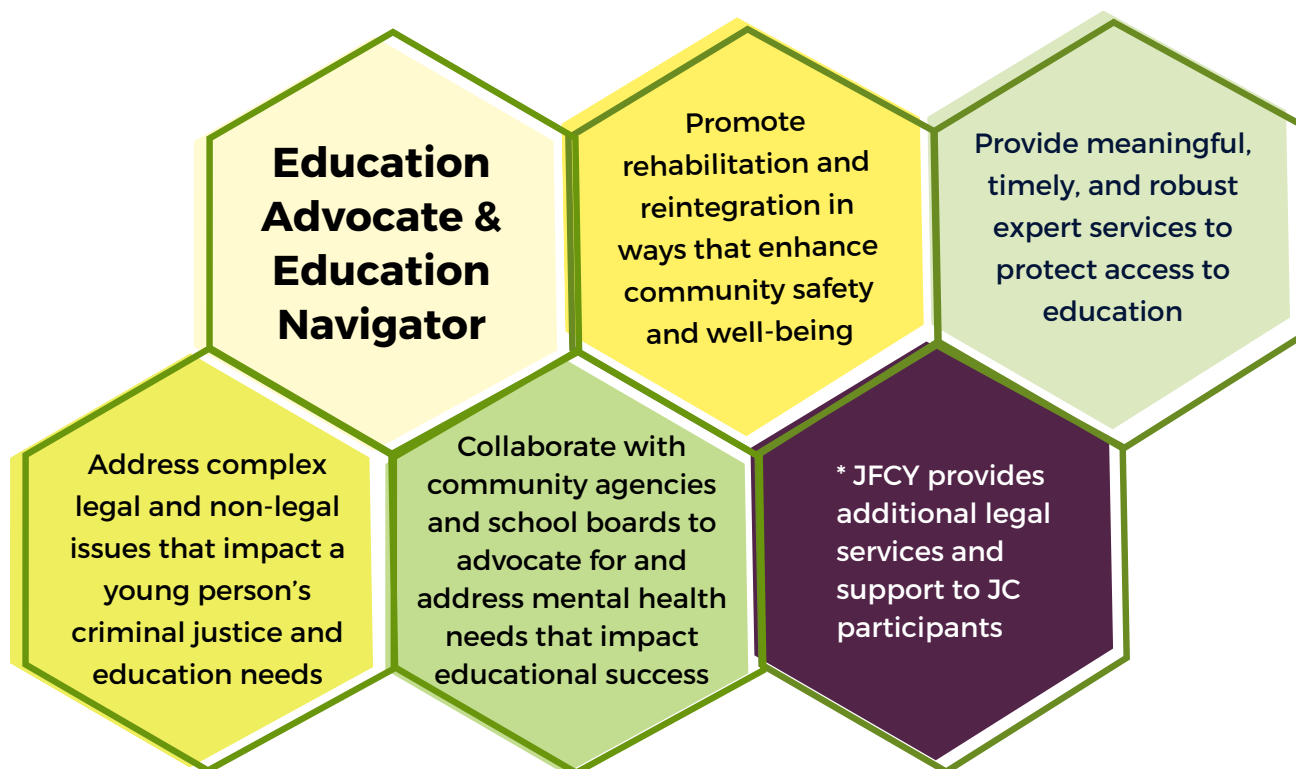


SYLS lawyer Claire Milgate, with Mary Birdsell and Emily Chan. Skating on the Rideau Canal while in Ottawa for the Youth Criminal Justice Knowledge Exchange hosted by the federal government, Feb 2026.

Education Support Program

8 young people
provided services
on **151** unique
legal issues by
the ESP

JFCY's ESP is situated within the Toronto Justice Center (JC) to provide education law supports and services to young people charged with criminal offences. Youth who have been charged often face a range of complex legal, social, and personal issues that can impact their schooling with long-term consequences.



CLIENT STORY

A 14-year-old young person was referred to the Education Support Program after missing a year of school due to severe depression and mental health challenges. The Education Navigator supported the young person in navigating the registration process for a day treatment school program, where they could access mental health support while working toward attaining their high school credits. As they awaited placement, they were also connected with a Peer Support Worker in their neighbourhood for additional case management, community services, and ongoing support.



ESP lawyer Kaffie Abdirashid, with Katherine Long. Presenting in Montreal at the CAPSLE conference, April 2026.

Education Support Program

In 2025, the federal and provincial governments expanded the community-based justice model with wraparound supports - including mental health, education, employment, and housing services - for justice-involved youth across Toronto. The expansion includes satellite locations in Scarborough, Etobicoke, and North York, as well as the Ontario Court of Justice's Toronto courthouse. Collectively, these locations are expected to support more than 2,200 youth cases annually, building on the success of the Toronto Northwest Justice Centre, where JFCY has been integral.

CLIENT STORIES

A 16-year-old former client self-referred to the ESP lawyer. She was barred by her school's administration from returning to her school following the completion of a 20-day suspension. She had been expelled from the school following an altercation with another student. There had been an Expulsion Hearing that the young person and her parent were not aware of. At the Hearing, the school board disciplinary committee had issued a decision to expel the student from all schools of the board. The Education Advocate Lawyer filed an appeal of the decision with the Child and Family Services Review Board. Through a negotiated settlement, the expulsion was rescinded and replaced with a 19-day suspension.

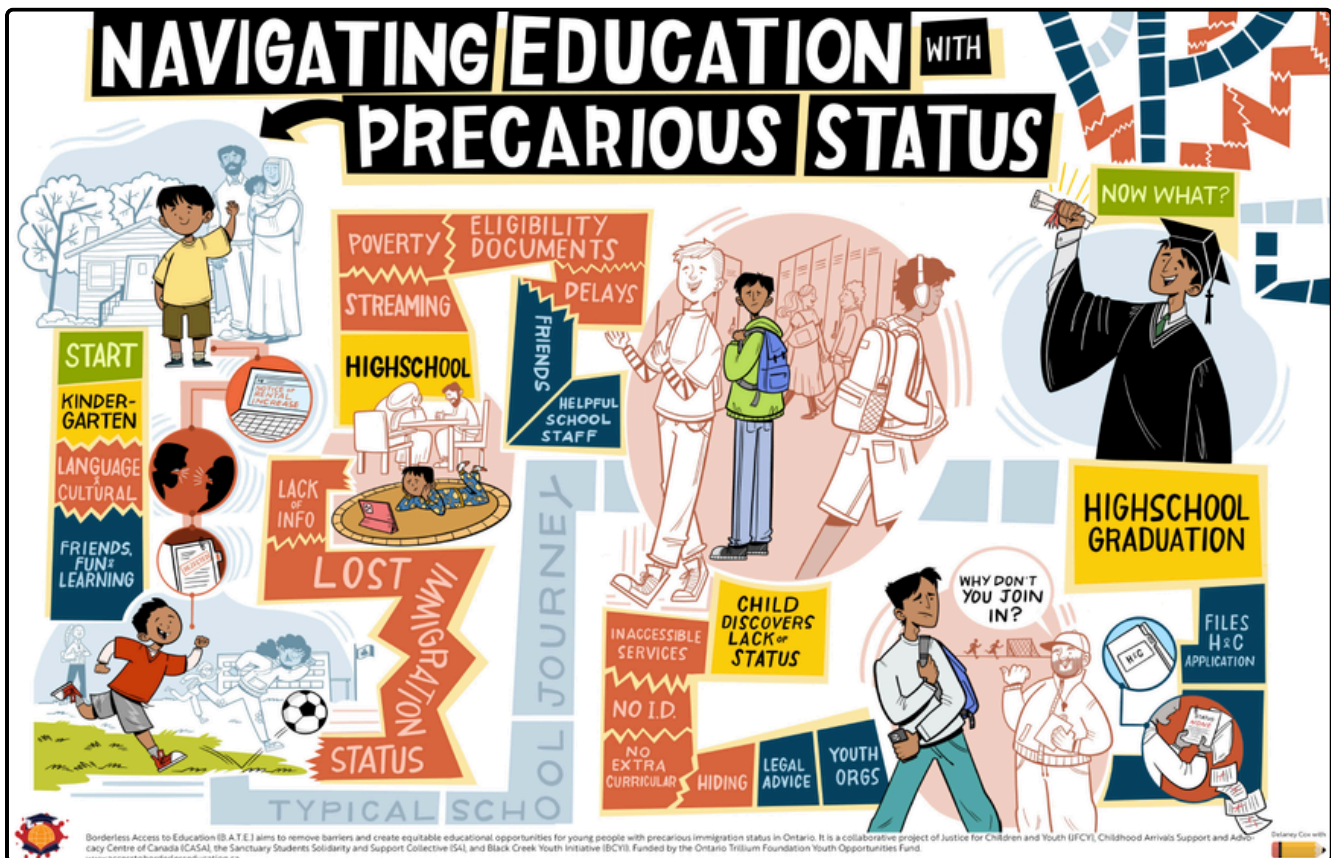
A 17-year old young person in Extended Society Care and no status or support in Canada was referred to the ESP lawyer. She has complex mental health and developmental trauma, including human trafficking. Due to a traumatic breakdown in her foster care placement, she was placed in a youth homelessness shelter. Subsequently, she was moved multiple times and there was a lack of continuous service provision and education programming. She was charged criminally in a number of situations. She was unable to get re-registered and unable to obtain her credits that semester. The ESP lawyer engaged in numerous significant ways, including advocating to the Children's Aid Society to meet her needs. We were able to connect her with mental health support, secure financial support, and start the prarocess for developmental services. Once her placement was stabilized, the ESP lawyer was able to get her registered in an appropriate school program that is meeting her learning needs and is aligned with her occupational interests. Her criminal charges have been withdrawn.



BATE project partners: JFCY, Sanctuary Students Solidarity and Support Collective (S4), Black Creek Youth Initiative (BCYI), and Childhood Support and Advocacy (CASA)

Borderless Access to Education is a collaborative Systems Change Project with youth at the centre. The project goal is to enhance access to education for students with precarious or no immigration status in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The project activities includes research, resource development, knowledge mobilization and the promotion of understanding and human rights respecting systems.

This year's resource development includes the two Journey Maps on these pages. They are visual timelines to illustrate the experiences of a young person as they navigate their place in the community and as they interact with the education and immigration systems.

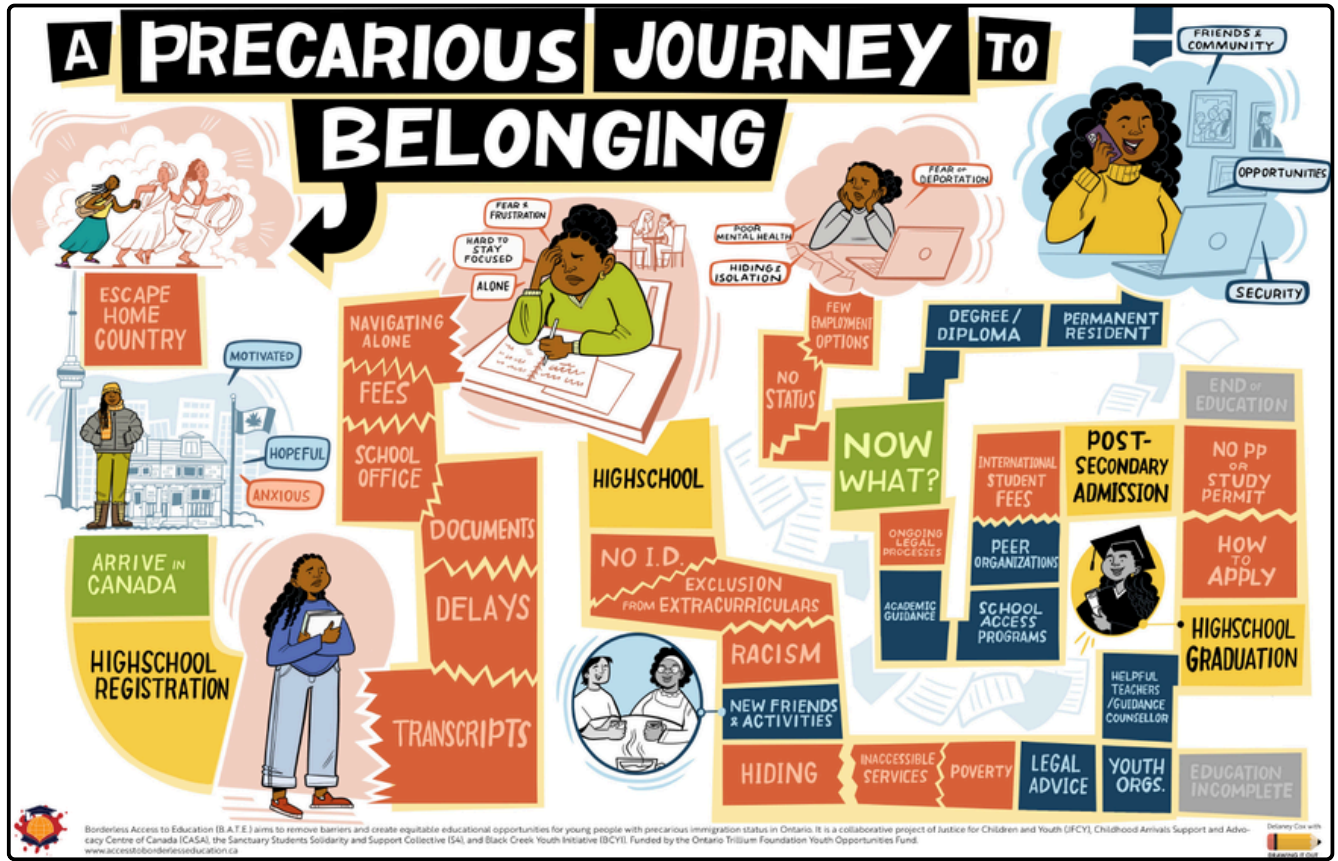


Childhood Arrivals Journey Map



Supported by Ontario Trillium Foundation's System Innovations Fund

B.A.T.E



Teenage Arrivals Journey Map



L to R: Mary Birdsell (JFCY), Destin Betang (BCYI), Brantella Williams and Fatima Mohamed (S4)

Test Case Litigation

JFCY engages in systemic test case litigation where outcomes in the courts, tribunals, and with decision-makers will influence children's equity and rights beyond the individual case. This past year has included the following cases:

INTERVENED

Tort of Intimate Partner Violence

Ahluwalia v Ahluwalia, Supreme Court of Canada, 2026 SCC 16

In a case that reshapes how Canadian law addresses family violence, the Court found that a new tort of intimate partner violence should be recognized to address the harms caused by patterns of coercion and control. Citing our submissions, the Court recognized that parents may be held accountable under tort for violence perpetrated towards children. Justice Kasirer, for the majority, found this abuse preys "on the particular vulnerability of children, who are uniquely and distinctly harmed by domestic violence." In this way, the Court opened the door to future test case litigation on whether a child can sue for family violence and coercive control experienced at the hand of a caregiver, a question central to children's rights in Canada, and a child's ability to realize those rights in Canadian Courts.

INTERVENED

Charter Challenge by Media to the Youth Records Privacy Regime

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation et al v The Attorney General of Canada, 2026 ONSC 4049

Media outlets brought a Charter challenge to some of the key privacy protections contained in the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA). The Court found that while s. 119(1), which limits media from being presumptively entitled access to youth court records, was unconstitutional and violates freedom of expression; it is a limit justified in a free and democratic society. The access provision of s.119(1) remains in full force and effect. The Court also held that s. 129 is unconstitutional and not a justifiable limit; this section is about the disclosure and use of the records and information gained through the YCJA. This decision is contrary to the position argued by JFCY, and is under appeal to the Court of Appeal for Ontario.



Canadian Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee

Test Case Litigation

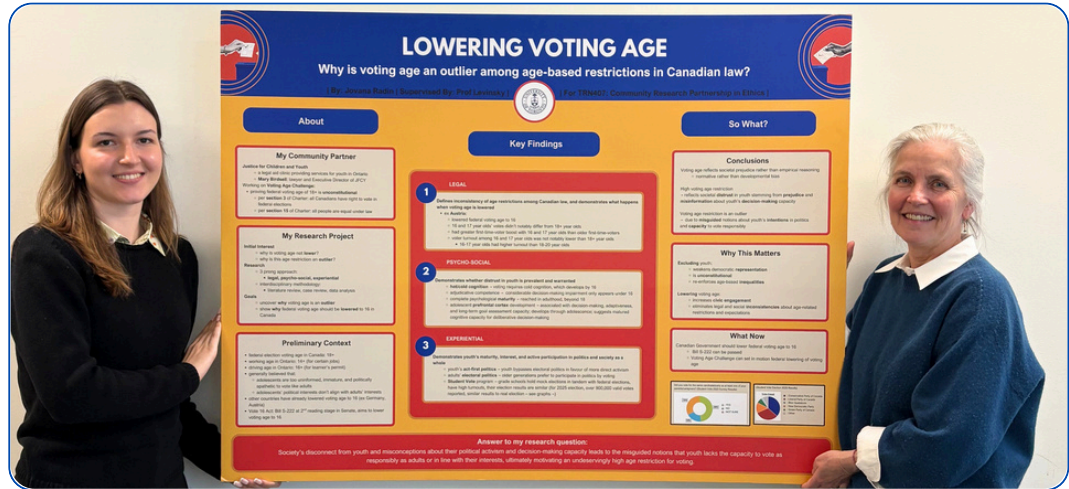
APPLICANTS

Challenge to the Federal Voting Age

LOWERING
THE VOTING AGE



ABAISSE
L'ÂGE DU DROIT
DE VOTE



Penney-Crocker et al v Canada, Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-00673129-0000

JFCY and the David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights is representing 12 clients, and JFCY is a public interest litigant, in a Charter challenge to the Canada Elections Act's minimum voting age of 18. Our clients are young people who reside in various parts of Canada. They seek to have the voting age struck down as in violation of the Charter guarantee of the right to vote to all Canadian citizens (s. 3), and guarantees equality rights (s. 15). We are in the final stages of written submissions and intervention applications. We hope for a early 2027 hearing date.

INTERVENED

"Being of Good Character" Standard to Practice Law

Law Society of Ontario v AA, Court of Appeal for Ontario, 2026 ONCA 47

The Law Society Tribunal had determined that, AA, a person who historically committed sexual assaults on children and diagnosed with pedophilia in remission, met the good character requirement standard to be granted a license to practice law in Ontario subject to the restriction, "that he be supervised in any meeting with a minor". JFCY previously intervened at the Divisional Court in 2025 and that Court upheld the Tribunal's decision. JFCY's argument before the Court of Appeal focused on the requirement for a best interests of the child analysis when making a finding of good character because children are regular subjects and recipients of legal services. The Court concluded that the good character analysis of the Tribunal failed to grapple with the seriousness of the conduct of AA, in part, based on the framework of our submissions. The Court held the Tribunal's decision was unreasonable and remitted the matter back to the Tribunal for redetermination.

Test Case Litigation

INTERVENER

Access to
the Canada
Child
Benefit for
Refugee
Claimants

**Ning Jing Zhang v His Majesty the King et al., Federal Court of Appeal
Court File Number: A-104-24**

Section 122.6 of the Income Tax Act excludes refugee claimants from being eligible for the Canada Child Benefit (CCB), a monthly payment intended to help families with the cost of raising children and alleviate child poverty. The appellant is asking the Court to overturn the Tax Court of Canada's finding that s.122.6 did not violate her right to equality under s. 15 of the Charter. JFCY has submitted that the Court's assessment, of whether the law discriminates against racialized children of refugee claimants, must be contextual and informed by Canada's international legal obligations, the best interests of the child principle, and the intersecting vulnerabilities and disadvantages faced by this group. The hearing date has not yet been set.

INTERVENER

Court
Jurisdiction
on Law
Regarding
Student
Choice of
Name and
Pronoun

Saskatchewan (Minister of Education) v UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity, Supreme Court of Canada, Court File No. 41979

UR Pride brought a constitutional challenge against a Saskatchewan law that requires schools to obtain parental permission before using chosen names and pronouns by students who are under age 16. UR Pride argued that this law violated the Charter rights to equality (s. 15), security of the person (s. 7), and to be free from cruel and unusual treatment (s. 12), of vulnerable and marginalized students. The government argued that the use of the notwithstanding clause insulates the law from any judicial review. The Court of Appeal found that even when the government invokes the notwithstanding clause, the courts maintain the jurisdiction to determine violations of Charter rights. The Government has appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. Hearing date to be set.

INTERVENER

Township
Denied
Request to
Recognize
Pride Month

The Corporation of the Township of Emo et al v Borderland Pride et al, Superior Court of Justice - Divisional Court, Thunder Bay, Court File No. DC-24-0016-00JR

The Court is being asked whether the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (HRTO) was correct in finding that the Township of Emo and its Mayor engaged in discrimination in 2020, when it denied the request of Borderland Pride for a proclamation that June be declared "Pride Month" by the Town, and that it display an LGBTQ2 rainbow flag for a week. As intervener, JFCY seeks to ensure that the court considers the rights and interests of 2SLGBTQIA+ children and young people, impacted by this decision. Hearing date to be set.

Law & Policy Reform



JFCY advances the rights, equity, and dignity of young people through national and provincial law reform, policy advocacy, and regular consultations with governments, legal professionals, academics, schools, and community stakeholders.

This year's activities included:

- Further submissions to Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services on the Challenges under 18-year-old young people face accessing Ontario Works (social assistance)
- Joint submission with the Asper Center to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs Regarding Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and to enact An Act to change the names of certain electoral districts
- Consultation to the Law Commission of Ontario on improving protection orders
- Supported a Charter challenge to Bill 6- Safer Municipalities Act

CLIENT STORIES

JFCY assisted a client who was a survivor of sexual violence. JFCY represented the client as complainant's counsel in two separate criminal proceedings. We worked to ensure they were prepared to testify at trial and to convey the impact of the crimes in a trauma- and violence-informed way. Both matters resulted in findings of guilt against the perpetrator. We also connected the client to community programs and supports, supporting them to gain greater financial and personal independence.

JFCY represented a client who was struggling after facing a suspension pending possible expulsion from all schools of their school board. The parent felt overwhelmed and was frustrated that their child was facing repeated disciplinary consequences despite their advocacy as a parent. The issue was related to an underlying accommodation issue. JFCY worked to resolve the issue by seeking better support for the accommodations to try to avoid disciplinary interventions that would undermine the child's confidence and stability.

Research

JFCY is grateful for the opportunity to work with community partners and academics on a wide range of issues related to children's rights. Below is a sample of our current involvement.



Inclusive Justice Collaborative

**Partner /
Member**

- Transforming how the youth justice system responds to neurodivergent Black and racialized youth.
- Engagement and consultations with youth, caregivers, service providers, and systems leaders.
- Led by Springboard and grounded in community partnerships, youth advisors, and subject matter experts across the province.
- In year two of five; funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Youth Opportunities Fund.

Intellectual Disabilities in the Youth Criminal Justice System

Community Partner

- Academic investigation on the lived experience of young people with intellectual disabilities in the criminal justice system and the extent to which their rights are appropriately protected and advanced.
- Research includes studying the understanding of justice system professionals and the extent to which they address those concerns.
- Project details, articles and other outputs available on our website: jfcy.org/en/intellectual-disabilities-ycj

Border(ing) Practices: Systemic Racism, Immigration & Child Welfare

Community Partner

- Research in partnership with child welfare, immigration, and gender-based violence service providers and advocates in Ontario and British Columbia.
- Project details, articles and other outputs available on the research website: borderingpractices.com

Public Legal Education

Access to Justice

- legal literacy
- legal health
- agency
- empowerment
- civic engagement
- democracy & rule of law
- justice system efficiency

1400

Provided **115** workshops with over **1400** participants



jfcy.org

208K views with **617K** events

21K views to Leaving Home Rights page

10K visits to Education Rights & Contact Us pages

2,800+ visits to our Publications pages

Publications updated:



Collaborations

As part of JFCY's vision and mandate, we are involved with a wide range of community, educational and professional organizations. We continually engage in new initiatives, consultations and partnerships while sustaining our on-going collaborations.



Community

- Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
- Sex Trafficking Advisory Committee of Covenant House
- Trans ID Clinic
- Unaccompanied and Separated Children Network
- Our System, Our Children, Our Responsibility: A Campaign Against the Deportation of Child Welfare Survivors Coalition
- Centre for Refugee Children

Professional

- Ontario Bar Association's section Executive: Child and Youth Law; and Education Law
- Canadian Bar Association's Child and Youth Law section
- Children's Rights Academic Network (CRAN)
- Office of the Children's Lawyer
- Children and Youth Unit of Ontario Ombudsman
- Public Legal Education Association of Canada
- Canadian Network for Equity and Racial Justice

Organizations

- Victim/Witness Assistance Program
- Various School Boards
- Native Child Resource Centre, Y-House, Central Toronto Youth Services Eva's Place, Friends of Ruby, Sojourn House, SKETCH Working Arts
- Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence (Peel CAS)
- Ontario Justice Education Network

Boards

- Canadian Coalition on the Rights of the Children (and Treasurer)
- Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education
- A Way Home Canada

Media

JFCY responds to requests for interviews and consultations regarding our cases and expertise on issues that impact the equity, rights, and dignity of children and youth in Ontario and Canada.

A sample from this past year:

- Toronto-area parents call for action over missing Black boys, Toronto Star
- 'It's very barbaric': Families, advocates decry truancy charges against Ontario teens - The Trillium



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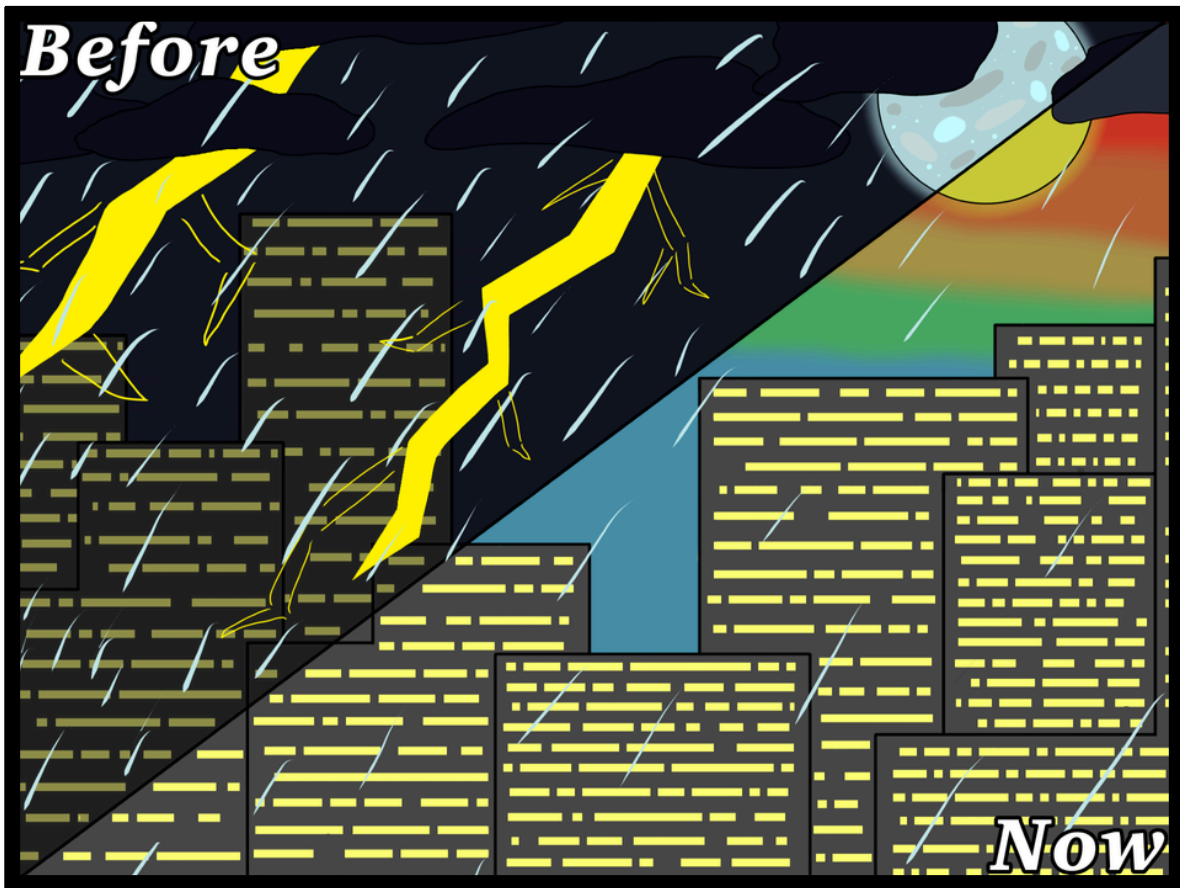


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The Stormy Truth

"The Before was meant to be a few years ago during a dark time for me, a lot of things happening to me that now cause all the trauma and trust issues that I now have.

Meanwhile with Now, I'm in a much better place but not the greatest...Yet.
Good things are happening to me, but so are bad things."

-JFCY client artwork



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