



# Child Welfare PAC's Pathways to Apprenticeships Program Paves the Way for Success in the Skilled Trades

*Child Welfare PAC's new program, Pathways to Apprenticeships, is set to empower former Youth in care, breaking down barriers and highlighting career opportunities in Ontario's construction sector.*

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**ONTARIO, CA:** Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada is excited to announce the launch of Pathways to Apprenticeships (PTA), a program that provides fulfilling career opportunities in the skilled trades to former Youth in care.

PTA is designed to address barriers to employment former Youth in care face in Ontario. Leveraging strategic partnerships, PTA focuses on three key lines of effort:

1. **Generating Awareness:** PTA aims to educate and inform former Youth in care about the abundant opportunities in Ontario's construction sector.
2. **Providing Navigation Support:** The program focuses on creating unique pathways for each individual through an understanding of their personal needs, interests, and skills.
3. **Tailored Advice and Support:** In collaboration with Tomorrow's Trades, and Construction Training and Apprenticeship Ontario, the program will provide advice on training, financial support, and pre-apprenticeships. This includes provincially regulated safety training, the delivery of essential health and safety equipment, and oversight of travel assistance.

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## About Child Welfare PAC

The Child Welfare PAC is a federal charity that represents the interests of children raised by the government.

The advisory committee consists of professionals from academia, law, business, advocacy & public service who have lived experience in child protection systems.

The complete advocacy agenda may be reviewed here:

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*"Empowering foster youth is not just a goal; it's a commitment to unveiling their untapped potential. The Pathways to Apprenticeships Program is more than a roadmap – it's a beacon, illuminating diverse career options and proving that, with support and opportunity, every foster kid can defy statistics and showcase their unique capabilities to the world. As a person with lived experience in the child welfare system I know how valuable that is!"*

**- Nadia George, Actor, Advocate, RSSW, CTIC, PAC lived experience committee advisor.**

For more information on the Pathways to Apprenticeships program, please [click here](#).