



ARC/RRC Moratorium on Long Term
Placements Effective June 30, 2016

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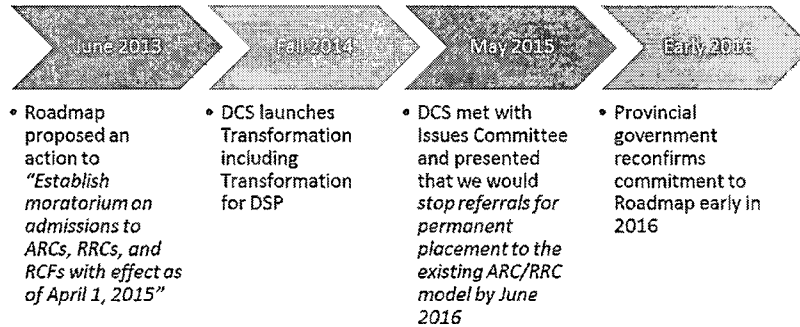
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Background

There is a Moratorium on permanent placements in larger DSP residential facilities (ARC/RRC) set for June 30, 2016

Timeline of Activities



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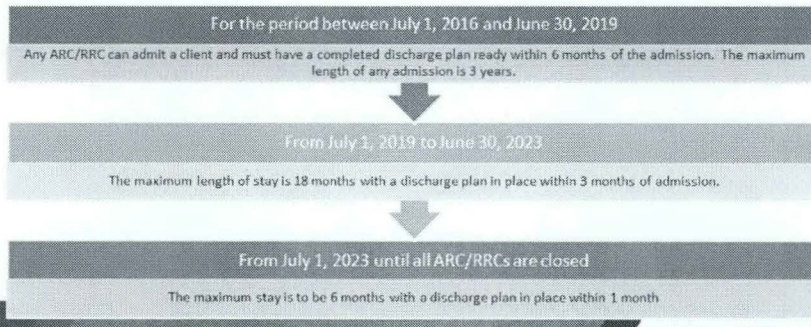
Implementing the Moratorium

What is the Moratorium?

Following June 30, 2016 all ARC and RRCs will only be able to admit clients on a temporary status. There are 5 ARCs and 3 RRCs across the province.

The Roadmap commitment means that overtime with increased community capacity, larger facilities will close and clients will be transitioned to community options

How will it work?



What does this temporary placement plan accomplish?

- ✓ Provides timeline commitments that the disability advocacy is looking for
- ✓ Demonstrates progress towards government's commitment to close large DSP residential programming
- ✓ A phased approach allows for sufficient time to ensure discharge planning capability will be in place in all ARC/RRCs
- ✓ Existing gridlock in the full continuum of residential programming across DHW and DCS will not be adversely impacted meaning clients requiring placement in the absence of community capacity can be placed on a temporary status
- ✓ Strikes a balance between government's commitment to closures and duty to support Nova Scotians in need

What about the existing residents in ARC/RRCs?

As community capacity increases (availability of smaller residential community options) existing clients will continue to have access to temporary placements in ARC/RRCs

A revised placement policy will be created through stakeholder input to ensure fairness and equity

The principle of fairness and commitment to the roadmap will drive the policy's creation

With the roadmap's commitment to close larger facilities overtime all ARC/RRCs will have a discharge plan to transition to community options