



## Access Information & Referral for Developmental Services

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### ***Regional Office for Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS):***

Our Region is: **Central Region.**

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Regional offices can answer questions and help you access programs such as the Special Services at Home (SSAH) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) programs.

### **Funding offered by MCCSS for Children with Developmental Disabilities:**

<b>Program &amp; Description:</b>	<b>Eligibility:</b>	<b>What you need at time of Application:</b>	<b>Website/Link for Application:</b>
<p><b>Special Services at Home (SSAH)</b></p> <p>Funding for Community Participation Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a developmental and/or physical disability</li> <li>• Lives in Ontario</li> <li>• Under the age of 18</li> <li>• Needs more support than you can provide</li> <li>• Lives at home with you, or is not living at home with you and is not being helped by other residential services</li> </ul>	<p>At time of Referral (AIR will facilitate this):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custody Agreement if Applicable</li> <li>• Child's Ontario Photo Health Card</li> </ul> <p>At time of Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic documentation</li> </ul>	<p>Apply via self-administration: <a href="https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/indiv/#/">https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/indiv/#/</a></p> <p>Apply through Transfer Pay Agency – Inquire through AIR or KidsAbility for a referral</p> <p>More Information: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/special-services-home#section-0">https://www.ontario.ca/page/special-services-home#section-0</a></p>

<p><b>Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)</b></p> <p>Income dependent funding supplement for families</p>	<p>Child Must be under 18 years old.</p> <p>Your eligibility and the amount of assistance you receive is based on a combination of factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your household income</li> <li>• size of your family</li> <li>• severity of your child’s disability</li> <li>• extraordinary costs related to your child’s disability</li> </ul> <p>See Appendix A for Financial Cut-off</p>	<p>Complete all sections of ACSD Application. Submit with the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of <b>your Canadian citizenship or immigration status in Canada</b></li> <li>• Copy of <b>your child’s Canadian citizenship or immigration status in Canada</b></li> <li>• Copy of <b>your &amp; your child’s health card</b></li> <li>• Copy of <b>child’s diagnostic documentation</b></li> <li>• Copy of <b>2020 Notice of Assessment</b> (showing line 15000) for yourself (if single), or for you &amp; your spouse (if married or in a common-law relationship even if \$0 amount)</li> <li>• Copy of <b>2020 Canada Child Benefit (CCB) Notice</b> for the period July 2021 – June 2022.</li> <li>• <b>SIN Number</b> for you &amp; your spouse</li> <li>• Bank information or a void cheque for direct deposit</li> </ul>	<p>Apply Online: <a href="https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/indiv/#/">https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/indiv/#/</a></p> <p>More Information: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistance-children-severe-disabilities-program">https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistance-children-severe-disabilities-program</a></p>
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<p><b>Assistive Devices Program (ADP)</b></p> <p>Assistance for people with long-term physical disabilities pay for customized equipment, like wheelchairs and hearing aids, specialized supplies, such as those used with ostomies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an Ontario resident</li> <li>• have a valid Ontario health card</li> <li>• have a disability requiring the equipment or supplies for <b>six months or longer</b></li> </ul> <p>We do not consider your income.</p> <p>*See website for who does not qualify*</p>	<p>Application process varies by needs. Please see website for more details</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program">https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program</a></p>
<p><b>Ontario Autism Program (OAP)</b></p> <p>Funding and resource support to all eligible families of children and youth on the autism spectrum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under age 18</li> <li>• Currently live in Ontario</li> <li>• Have a written diagnosis of autism from a qualified professional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASD Diagnostic documentation</li> <li>• Birth Certificate, or</li> <li>• Valid Passport, or</li> <li>• Valid Permanent Resident Card or Permanent Resident Card expired not more than five years</li> <li>• Child’s school report card or transcript, or</li> <li>• Your valid Ontario Driver’s license</li> </ul>	<p>Create an account on AccessOAP: <a href="https://accessoap.ca/">https://accessoap.ca/</a></p> <p>Register for funding through your AccessOAP account.</p> <p>For support with AccessOAP, call 1-833-425-2445 (M-F 8:30am-5:00pm)</p> <p>Have documentation scanned onto computer ready to upload into application.</p> <p>Central Resource Team: Questions specific to your OAP Funding can be directed to 1-888-444-4530</p>
<p><b>Enhanced Respite/Medically Fragile and/or Technically Dependent (MFTD)</b></p>	<p>Be under 18 years of age</p> <p>Live at home</p>		<p>For more information call your local regional office MCCSS Tel: 905-567-7177 or visit <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/family-support-and-">https://www.ontario.ca/page/family-support-and-</a></p>

<p>Children who have an MFTD designation are eligible for additional respite funding along with their Special Services at Home.</p>	<p>Need intensive care and constant monitoring on a 24-hour basis</p> <p>Be medically fragile and/or technology dependent, meeting one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relies on medical and technological equipment, such as mechanical ventilators, apnea monitors, renal dialysis, urinary catheters, colostomy bags</li> <li>• Is administered drugs intravenously</li> <li>• Relies on tracheotomy tube care, suctioning, oxygen support or tube feeding</li> </ul>		<p><a href="https://www.healthcareathome.ca/respite-children-and-youth-special-needs#section-2">respite-children-and-youth-special-needs#section-2</a></p> <p>To inquire about receiving an MFTD Designation, call Home and Community Care and Support Services (Central Region) Contact Information:  Phone: <b>310-2222</b> – no area code required  Email: <a href="mailto:info.referral@hccontario.ca">info.referral@hccontario.ca</a>  Website: <a href="https://healthcareathome.ca/getting-started/">https://healthcareathome.ca/getting-started/</a></p>
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***Incontinence Support (Ministry of Health)***

Program & Description:	Eligibility:	What you need at time of Application:	Website/Link for Application:
<p><b>Easter Seals Incontinence Grant</b></p> <p>Annual grant that supports families with the cost of incontinence supplies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident of Ontario between the age of 3-18 years old</li> <li>• Valid health care</li> <li>• Chronic physical or developmental disability resulting in irreversible incontinence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health card</li> <li>• Contact information</li> <li>• Custody documentation</li> <li>• Signed application from medical professional</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://services.easterseals.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Incontinence-Supplies-Grant-Application-2021.pdf">https://services.easterseals.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Incontinence-Supplies-Grant-Application-2021.pdf</a></p> <p>*Medical Practitioner needs to complete portion of Application to further determine eligibility</p> <p>**Keep all receipts</p>

**Canadian Government Offers Tax Credit/Benefit Programs:**

Program & Description:	Eligibility:	What you need at time of Application:	Website/Link for Application:
<p><b>Canada Disability Tax Credit (CDTC)</b></p> <p>A non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay</p>	<p>Approval of Form T2201</p> <p>Impairment in physical or mental functions that is <u>severe</u> and <u>prolonged</u>, resulting in a marked restriction</p>	<p>A medical practitioner has to certify that the person has a severe and prolonged impairment and provide the effects of that impairment using the T2201 Form</p>	<p>Printable Application T2201 - <a href="https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/cra-arc/formspubs/pbg/t2201/t2201-21e.pdf">https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/cra-arc/formspubs/pbg/t2201/t2201-21e.pdf</a></p> <p>*Take Application to Medical Practitioner</p>
<p><b>Child Disability Benefit (CDB)</b></p> <p>**If family already is getting the CDTC, they will get this automatically**</p> <p>A tax-free monthly payment made to families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions</p>	<p>If you are already getting the CCB for your child who is eligible for the CDTC, <b>you do not need to apply</b> for the CDB. You will get it automatically.</p>		<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/child-disability-benefit.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/child-disability-benefit.html</a></p> <p><a href="tel:1-800-387-1193">Tel: 1-800-387-1193</a></p>

**Savings Planning:**

<b>Program and Description:</b>	<b>Eligibility:</b>	<b>Who to Contact:</b>
<p><b>Henson Trust:</b></p> <p>A trust set up by families for individuals that does not have any influence over their government payments</p>	<p>Diagnosis of Developmental Disability</p>	<p>The first thing to do would be to <b>contact a lawyer/Financial Planner who has experience establishing Henson Trusts.</b></p> <p>Contact: <a href="https://www.guelphfinancial.com/our-team-link">https://www.guelphfinancial.com/our-team-link</a></p> <p><b>Partners for Planning:</b>            290 Carlaw Ave            Suite 207            Toronto, ON M4M 3L1            416.232.9444   <a href="mailto:info@p4p.ca">info@p4p.ca</a></p> <p>For more information:  <a href="https://www.planningnetwork.ca/resources/henson-trust">https://www.planningnetwork.ca/resources/henson-trust</a></p>
<p><b>Registered Disability Savings Plan:</b></p> <p>A long-term savings plan to help Canadians with disabilities and their families save for the future</p>	<p>The beneficiary is the person who will receive the money in the future. They must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be under 60 years of age (if you are 59, you must apply before the end of the calendar year in which you turned 59)</li> <li>• be a Canadian resident</li> <li>• be eligible for the Disability Tax Credit, and</li> <li>• have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)</li> </ul>	<p>Your local Bank Branch, or for more information call Partners for Planning at 416.232.9444</p> <p><a href="https://www.planningnetwork.ca/resources/intro-to-the-rdsp">https://www.planningnetwork.ca/resources/intro-to-the-rdsp</a></p>

**Passes that Allow Support Persons to Enter for Free or Discounted Cost:**

<b>Program/Card Name:</b>	<b>Info:</b>	<b>Application:</b>
<p><b>Access2Entertain Card</b></p> <p>Allows individuals who require assistance of a support person to access venues at no cost</p>	<p>Fee: \$20 for 3 years \$30 for 5 years</p> <p>Section C: must be completed by approved health care professional</p>	<p><a href="https://access2card.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Access-2-Card-Application-Form-2020-EN-1.pdf">https://access2card.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Access-2-Card-Application-Form-2020-EN-1.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Personal Assistance for Leisure (PAL) Card</b></p> <p>Allows individual with a disability to be accompanied by support worker at no additional cost</p>	<p>You need 2 references to verify that the applicant has a disability</p> <p>The references must be 2 individuals who know the applicant and meets the criteria</p>	<p><a href="https://guelph.ca/wp-content/uploads/PAL-cardApplication.pdf">https://guelph.ca/wp-content/uploads/PAL-cardApplication.pdf</a></p>

**Community Supports - Children**

<b>Program/ Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Registration Link</b>
KidsAbility	<p>Offers variety of programs and services for children with developmental diagnosis</p> <p>Ages 4-21: Referrals for children and youth are made through KidsAbility</p> <p>Ages 0-4: Referrals for preschool children are done through Growing Great Generations</p>	<p>Growing Great Generations- <a href="https://www.growinggreatgenerations.ca/en/parents-and-caregivers/child-development.aspx">https://www.growinggreatgenerations.ca/en/parents-and-caregivers/child-development.aspx</a></p> <p>KidsAbility - <a href="https://gccrm-kaccd.goldcareonline.net/kaccdcrmlive/">https://gccrm-kaccd.goldcareonline.net/kaccdcrmlive/</a></p>
Hopewell Children's Homes	Daytime, evening, and/or overnight respite, residential and recreational services for individuals of all ages	AIR Service Coordinator will make referral if applicable

Sunbeam Kids Hub	Short-term respite for children with Developmental Disabilities or are medically fragile or technologically dependent	<a href="https://sunbeamcommunity.ca/respite-care/">https://sunbeamcommunity.ca/respite-care/</a>
Kerry's Place Autism Services	Offers group services, respite services, behavioural services for individuals with autism only	AIR service coordinator will connect with Intake or you may self-refer via their website Website: <a href="https://www.kerrysplace.org/welcome-to-our-services-and-supports/">https://www.kerrysplace.org/welcome-to-our-services-and-supports/</a>
CMHA – Canadian Mental Health Association	Funding for recreation and parent relief – Special Services at Home	AIR Service coordinator will make referral if applicable

### **Respite Info**

<b>Respite Service Providers</b> (Private)	
Barrantes & Associates: Website: <a href="https://barrantesinc.com/">https://barrantesinc.com/</a>	Agency will provide worker
Anchor Support Services: Website: <a href="https://www.anchorrss.com/">https://www.anchorrss.com/</a>	Agency will provide worker
Bartimaeus: Website: <a href="https://www.bartimaeus.com/">https://www.bartimaeus.com/</a>	Agency will provide worker
Respite Services.com: Website: <a href="https://www.respiteservices.com/">https://www.respiteservices.com/</a> For more information or support you may contact <a href="mailto:respite@cmhaww.ca">respite@cmhaww.ca</a>	Workers post their resume and family can hire individuals privately
For OAP providers, the families can go to: <a href="https://www.oaproviderlist.ca/">https://www.oaproviderlist.ca/</a> and enter their city to find Behaviour Therapists in their area.	



**Appendix A:**

<b>ACSD Financial Cut-Off Eligibility</b>		
<b>Family Size (including parents)</b>	<b>Full basic entitlement may be paid to: (gross family income)</b>	<b>You may be eligible for some entitlement up to: (gross family income)</b>
Up to 4	\$42,000	\$66,000
Up to 5	\$43,000	\$67,000
Up to 6	\$44,000	\$68,000
Up to 7	\$45,000	\$69,000

THE INCOME LEVELS WILL BE RAISED BY \$18,000 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD WITH A DISABILITY TO CALCULATE THE NET ENTITLEMENT.