



FIREFLY

Healthy People. Resilient Families. Vibrant Communities

FUNDING LINKS AND RESOURCES

Ontario Autism Program (OAP)

The Ontario Autism Program offers support to families, children and youth who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) under the age of 18yrs.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-autism-program>

AccessOAP

AccessOAP is the Ontario Autism Program's Independent Intake Organization supporting everyone to register or who has already registered in the Ontario Autism Program. <https://accessoap.ca/> or 1-833-425-2445.

Autism Ontario

Autism Ontario is a charitable organization that provides supports, resources and advocacy to autistic people and their families across Ontario. They host different virtual and in-person events across the province. There are different groups that facilitate programming based on geographical location. Autism Ontario North covers our region.

<https://www.autismontario.com/>

<https://www.autismontario.com/region/north>

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program (ACSD)

This program provides financial support for low-income and moderate-income families to cover some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistance-children-severe-disabilities-program>

Special Services at Home (SSAH)

Families who are caring for a child with a developmental and/or physical disability can apply to the Special Services at Home (SSAH) program to get funding for:

-primary caregiver relief and related supports

-activities of personal growth or development for the child, including camps and recreational activities, like swimming and music classes.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/special-services-home>

Enhanced Respite Funding

Enhanced Respite Funding is provided to families caring for a medically fragile and/or technologically dependent child living at home, whose care requires ongoing, frequent and time-consuming intervention on a 24-hour basis.

[Services delivered: enhanced respite for medically fragile and/or technology dependent children and youth | MCCSS Service objectives — children and youth services | ontario.ca](#)

Jordan's Principle Funding

Jordan's Principle makes sure all First Nations children living in Canada can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them. Funding can help with a wide range of health, social and educational needs.

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1568396042341/1568396159824> or by calling Jordan's Principle Call Centre: 1-855-JP-CHILD (1-855-572-4453)



Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy (OFCP)

Range of services, resources and programs for individuals with CP and their families as well as professional organizations. These services can range from funding for equipment, education and recreation to housing and life planning.

<https://www.ofcp.ca/programs/>

Kenora Rainy River Districts Child & Family Services Family Respite Program

Respite for families with children and youth up to the age of 18 yrs. old with a developmental disability residing in Rainy River District.

<https://www.krrcfs.ca/family-respite-services>

To request FIREFLY respite programs below complete Respite Services Application located in EMHware Case Data with parent/guardian.

Enhanced Autism Respite

Modest funding dispersed quarterly to families of Children/youth diagnosed with ASD for respite and fees for attending recreational/social programs e.g. camps, swim lessons, cadets etc.

In Home Respite

For Families residing in Dryden or surrounding area with child/youth diagnosed with a developmental disability and/or serious on-going medical condition. <https://www.fireflynw.ca/for-families/>

Out of Home Respite

For highest needs families with potential risk of breakdown unless regular respite is provided. Must reside in the Kenora/Rainy River Districts, be under 18 years of age, living at home with parent/caregiver and have more than one disability related need for which support is required to participate in activities of daily living, school and play.

**Should first apply to funding programs eligible for; SSAH, ACSD, Jordan's Principle and KRRCFS Family Respite Program.*

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

MNO delivers programs and services to its citizens through these branches: [Healing and Wellness](#); [Education and Training](#); [Housing](#); [Lands, Resources and Consultation](#); and [Housing and Infrastructure](#).

Offices located in Atikokan, Fort Frances, Kenora, Dryden

Northwestern Ontario Métis Child & Family Services

Community Programs and Services support Métis citizens with offices located in Kenora, Fort Frances and Dryden.

<https://www.nwomcfs.ca/>

Indigenous Friendship Centre Program

Deliver culture-based programs/services to urban Indigenous peoples and communities. Located in Atikokan, Dryden, Fort Frances, Kenora, Red Lake and Sioux Lookout

<https://ofifc.org/program/indigenous-friendship-centre-program/>

Ontario Works Discretionary Benefits under Special Services, Items and Payments (for OW and ODSP recipients)

If parents/caregivers are ODSP or OW recipients, there may be funding that can be provided to cover one-time exceptional costs for health and non-health related expenses. Discretionary benefits are provided on a case-by-case basis, as assessed by the Administrator. Contact your OW/ODSP worker directly to initiate the application process.

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-works-policy-directives/71-summary-benefits>

KidSport

-supports children who need financial assistance with sport registration fees and equipment costs. KidSport Ontario provides grants of up to \$250 per eligible kid, per year (January 1st - December 31st) towards sport registration fees.

<https://kidsportcanada.ca/ontario/provincial-fund/>

Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

The Disability Tax Credit is a non-refundable tax credit that helps people with impairments, or their supporting family member/caregiver to reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html>

Being eligible for the Disability Tax Credit can also open the door to other federal, provincial or territorial programs such as: Registered Disability Savings Plan, Canada Workers Benefit or Child Disability Benefit.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit/about-dtc.html>

The Disability Tax Credit has a new digital application for medical practitioners that guides medical practitioners through completing Part B of the application Form T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate.

https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/uisp/dtc/ng/entry?request_locale=en

Registered Disability Savings Program

A registered disability savings plan (RDSP) is a savings plan intended to help parents and others save for the long-term financial security of a person who is eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/disability/savings.html>

March of Dimes Canada

Range of services to people with disabilities. Home and Vehicle Modification® Program (HVMP), Assistive Devices Program (ADP) (*Adults), DesignAbility® Program, and AccessAbility Advantage.

Alternative Communication Services (*Adults).

<https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca/programs/Pages/default.aspx>

Easter Seals Ontario

Services to help children with physical disabilities and their families; equipment funding, camps, incontinence supplies, and scholarships.

<https://services.easterseals.org/>

Partners for Planning (P4P)

The Partners for Planning Network provides a wealth of free practical strategies, creative tools and sustainable solutions designed to help families and caregivers take care of the future, today.

<http://www.partnersforplanning.ca/>

Surrey Place

Surrey Place Centre has a great resource section with tips on how to apply for various forms of funding, and what parents/caregivers need to know when applying.

When applying for ACSD <https://www.surreyplace.ca/resources/assistance-for-children-with-severe-disabilities/>

When applying for SSAH <https://www.surreyplace.ca/resources/special-services-at-home-tip-sheet/>

Disability and Special Needs Estate Planning

Kenneth Pope Lawyer for special needs & disability estate planning; site has links to articles and short videos about Wills, Trusts, Estate, Guardianship and financial planning.

<https://kpopelaw.com/>

*resources also available with Partners for planning link above.

Transition to Adult Services:

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)

Developmental Services Ontario manages the application process for all provincially-funded developmental services and supports for adults with a developmental disability in Ontario.

Applications to DSO can begin when a youth is 16 years old.

<https://www.dsontario.ca/>

Passport Program

Passport is a funding program that helps adults 18 years or older with a developmental disability to participate in their communities and live as independently as possible. It also helps caregivers of an adult with a developmental disability take a break from their caregiving responsibilities. Applications for Passport Program is managed through Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/passport-program-adults-developmental-disability>

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

The Ontario Disability Support Program provides income support, benefits for health costs and other disability supports to people over the age of 18 who are financially eligible and meet medical/disability criteria.

Applications for support can begin when a youth is 17yrs 6mos old.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-disability-support-program>

Transition Coordinator Adult Developmental Services

Transition planning for youth with Developmental Disabilities from Long term care with Children's Aid societies transitioning to Adult Services. CAS contacts transition Coordinator when youth is 14 yrs. old to initiate planning process.

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