



A. Government Funding:

1. Ontario Autism Program (OAP):

- Funding for services provided to child or youth who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by the Ministry Children, Community and Social Services
- Monarch house provides services for families who have chosen the Direct Funding Option (DFO)

For more information:

http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/professionals/specialneeds/autism/oa_p_information_sheet.aspx

2. Passport Funding:

- Funding for adults with developmental disabilities by the Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Funding is aimed at supporting adults to participate and stay integrated within their community
- Services funded can include:
 - o Participation in a community class or recreational program
 - o Respite services for caregiver

Or more information:

https://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/developmental/serviceSupport/passport_agencies.aspx

http://www.dsontario.ca/?_ga=2.179955117.846216156.1531350205-881024537.1531350205

3. The Assistive Devices Program (ADP):

- Funding through the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Provides financial assistance to Ontario residents with long term physical disabilities to obtain assistive devices appropriate for the individual's needs and essential for independent living.
- Devices covered by the program may include: augmentative communication devices

For more information:

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



4. Home and Community Care:

- The local health integration network, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, provides case managers that can organize services such as the following for children and adults:
 - o Occupational Therapy
 - o Speech Therapy (including augmentative therapy for nonverbal children)
 - o Physiotherapy
 - o Personal Support Worker visits (for help with personal care, feeding bathing, dressing etc.)
 - o Nursing
 - o Social Work

For more information:

<http://healthcareathome.ca/central/en/news/Pages/Connecting-you-with-Care.aspx>

5. Special Services at Home (SSAH):

- Financial support provided help to families who are caring for a child with a developmental and/or physical disability
- No income limits/requirements
- Funds for the child's personal development and growth and as well to support the family (e.g., money for summer camp attendance, sports, activities, etc.)
- A family resource worker at the local community living organization can help complete the application

To learn more about the eligibility criteria:

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices/guidelines.aspx#Eligibility>

Application Form:

<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&SRCH=&ENV=WWE&TIT=1915&NO=006-1915E>

6. Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ASCD)

- Provides financial support for low- to moderate-income families to cover some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability
- Funds to supplement the parent's income (means tested- must make \$65,000 or less; higher income allowed if 2 or more disabled children)
- Dental and drug benefits and vision glasses and hearing aids - available to children regardless of family income (if denied challenge the income rule on benefits)



- Pays the amount not covered by ADP (Assistive Devices Program) for specialized equipment such as wheelchairs, strollers, FM systems, etc. (ADP usually pays 75%)

For more information:

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/disabilities.aspx>

To apply, you must contact your local regional office and ask for an application form:

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/about/regionaloffices.aspx>

B. Local Agencies/Organizations

1. Community Living:

- Family relief funds for respite care are usually available
- Family resource and support workers are available who can help with funding applications and mediate with the school if there are problems between the home and school resource teacher support in nursery schools

To learn more:

<http://www.oakcl.org> - Oakville

<http://www.clmiss.ca> - Mississauga

2. Easter Seals (Ontario):

- Incontinence grant - money for diapers if the child wears them both day and night (between 3 and 18 years of age)
- Special camps and funding for family vacations
- Specialized equipment funding for physically disabled children (bikes, walkers, standers, etc.)
- Access2 Entertainment card: <http://www.access2card.ca/>
- Disability Travel Card: <http://easterseals.ca/english/disability-travel-card>

To learn more: <http://www.easterseals.org/services/>

3. March of Dimes:

- provide funding to retrofit your home to make it more accessible and/or safe if you qualify (need an OT or PT to recommend)
- family is eligible for up to \$15,000 through a government grant
- means tested - family income cap of \$60,000

For more information:

<https://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/HomeandVehicle.aspx>



Application Form:

<https://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/HowtoApply.aspx>

4. Autism Ontario:

- One-to-One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement Fund
 - Available to families of children or youth with ASD who retain the services of a one-to-one support worker for their child to attend a community summer camp or summer program.
 - Maximum reimbursements of \$600, per child or youth, (up to 18th birthday) are made to subsidize services purchased between June 25 and September 2

- March Break Reimbursement Fund
 - Available to families of children or youth with ASD who the services of a one-to-one support worker
 - OR who have paid for their child to attend a March break camp program
 - Maximum reimbursements of \$350 per child or youth (18 years or younger) will be made to subsidize services

For more information:

<http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/Durham/Funding+Services?OpenDocument#aof>

c. Foundations/Children Charities

1. Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity:

- assists in funding of hospital and household costs, specialized care, medical treatments and therapies.)
- Family income cap of \$60,000 gross family income

For more information:

<https://jenash.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/March-2018-Application-Form-and-Guidelines.pdf>

2. Reach for the Rainbow (RFTR - summer camps):

- Provide camp placements/recreational programming for children with disabilities
- Camp placements are based on a first come, first served priority
- Family choice, availability of space, gender, age, and the needs of the participant are all taken into consideration



- Priority is given to returning campers, therefore new participants may have fewer options.

For more information: <http://www.reachforinclusion.ca/>

3. Starlight Foundation:

- Provides funded trips/experiences for chronically ill children and their families

For more information:

<http://www.starlightcanada.org/programs/out-of-hospital-programs/>

4. Ceridian Cares:

- Supports individuals or families in need of financial assistance in the form of grants for “Quality of Life” and “Basic Essentials.”

For eligibility criteria:

<http://www.ceridiancares.ca/evaluation>

Application Form :

<https://ceridian.tbscloud.ca/form/>

5. Labatt – Better Together:

- Provides funding to children with disabilities and their families
- Items funded can include:
 - o medical devices
 - o therapies/support services
 - o assistive devices

For more information:

<https://www.labattbettertogether.ca/apply-for-help>

Application Form:

<https://www.labattbettertogether.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/labatt-better-together-application-form.pdf?sfvrsn=4>



6. For the Love of a Child:

- Provides funding to children with special needs and their families within the Durham Region, Ontario
- Items funded can include:
 - o Assistive devices
 - o Camp/recreational programs
 - o Therapies/Support Services

For more information:

<http://www.fortheloveofachild.com/index.html>

Application Form:

<http://www.fortheloveofachild.com/how-we-help.html?tabID=20>