

ADDITIONAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

respite, camps/recreation, entertainment, assistive devices, tax credits, private insurance

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PAY FOR THERAPY SERVICES

<p>WAVES OF CHANGES FOR AUTISM</p>	<p>The funds are intended to provide families that live in Vaughan, Ontario and have a child/children (13 years of age or younger) on the autism spectrum extra financial support to help pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ABA/IBI• Speech and language therapy• Camps (summer or winter)• Occupational therapy• Communication devices• Support equipment <p>*this list is subject to change</p> <p>The amount a family receives depends on the cost of a specific service and the amount of funds Waves of Changes has available during a funding year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications accepted June to September <p>Apply: wavesofchanges.ca</p>
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PARENT SUPPORT (RESPIRE) + CAMPS/RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

<p>SPECIAL SERVICES AT HOME (SSAH)</p>	<p>The funds are intended to allow children access to community programs and a support worker, and to help families receive training and respite support.</p> <p>The amount a family receives depends on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • type and amount of services the child needs • other help that is available in the community • type of supports the family is already receiving and complexity of supports the child requires • availability of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical or psychological assessment required • Check the Government of Ontario website for eligible and ineligible services (e.g. it does not cover ABA or 1:1 support in school) <p>Apply: children.gov.on.ca</p>
<p>RESPIRE CARE (PARENT SUPPORT)</p>	<p>Out of home respite funding: 7 days out of home/year of respite care (babysitting) which can be provided at a location other than the family's home</p> <p>Enhanced respite funding: Provided for families with children that are medically fragile and/or depend on a technological device. Families can be eligible for \$3,500/year in addition to other respite services.</p> <p>To find respite services in your area, visit respiteservices.com</p>	<p>Apply: children.gov.on.ca</p> <p>Additional respite funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided through SSAH • Provided through ACSD • Available to use with the Childhood Budget & Interim-one-time-funding

PARENT SUPPORT (RESPIRE) + CAMPS/RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

<p>MARCH BREAK AND SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT</p>	<p>March Break Reimbursement: maximum \$350 per child (up to 18 years of age) to help subsidize services purchased between March 16 and March 20. Services subsidized: either services of a one-to-one support worker OR tuition of a March break camp or program.</p> <p>Summer Break Reimbursement: covers a portion of the cost to hire a one-to-one support worker to be with your child during summer camp. Visit autismontario.com/camp for more information</p>	<p>Apply: autismontario.com/camp</p> <p>March break: Apply between December 19 and January 24</p>
<p>FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR CHILDREN WITH ASD</p>	<p>This is a lottery-based funding program and uses a reimbursement funding process (funds are reimbursed once you submit valid receipts of payment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite worker • Respite worker at a camp or group • Camp fees • Social groups, recreational groups • Specialized classes, lessons (guitar, swimming, karate) 	<p>Apply: kerrysplace.org/event/flexiblefunding</p> <p>Yearly application; January 1 – February 11</p>

ENTERTAINMENT

<p>TTC SUPPORT PERSON ASSISTANCE CARD</p>	<p>Offers fare exemption for ONE person which accompanies an individual with a disability to use public transportation. If multiple people are traveling with the individual with a disability, they will have to pay the fare.</p>	<p>Apply: ttc.ca</p>
<p>ACCESS TO ENTERTAINMENT</p>	<p>Pays or discounts admission for a support worker to join your child in the community for an event (entertainment, cultural, recreational venues)</p>	<p>Apply: access2card.ca</p> <p>Cost: \$20 for 3 years, or \$30 for 5 years Visit access2card.ca for a list of participating venues.</p>

ASSISTIVE DEVICES

<p>ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES (ACSD)</p>	<p>Helps families to cover some of the extra costs when carrying for a child with a disability. The amount of funding provided depends on the family's income and size of family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to doctors and hospitals • Special shoes and clothes • Parental relief • Wheelchair repairs • Assistive devices • Prescription drugs • Dental care • Eyeglasses • Hearing aids • Hearing aid batteries 	<p>Apply: children.gov.on.ca</p>
<p>ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM (ADP)</p>	<p>Helps families to cover some costs to pay for personalized assistive devices for their child if their child has a long-term disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prostheses • wheelchairs • mobility aids and specialized seating systems • enteral feeding supplies • hearing aids • respiratory equipment • braces • pressure modification devices for burns and lymphedema • visual and communication aids • home oxygen therapy. 	<p>Apply: health.gov.on.ca</p>

MEDICATION COVERAGE & EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

<p>TRILLIUM DRUG PROGRAM</p>	<p>This program offers medication coverage for Ontario residents who have a valid Ontario health card.</p> <p>If you or your family spend a large part of your earnings on medication, the Trillium Drug Program may be able to help with the costs.</p>	<p>Apply: gov.on.ca/health</p>
<p>INCONTINENCE SUPPLIES GRANT PROGRAM</p>	<p>This program funding to help with the cost of diapers and other similar supplies for children three to 18 years old. In order to qualify children must have a condition that causes a lack of control over the bladder for six months or longer. A doctor must complete the medical section of the application.</p>	<p>Apply: 1-800-668-6252</p>
<p>ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM</p>	<p>Helps support individuals over 18 with disabilities through Income Support and/or Employment Support.</p> <p>As your child approaches 18 you may want to contact your regional MCSS office to discuss how the program can benefit your child and their eligibility</p>	<p>Apply: mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/index.aspx</p>

TAX CREDITS + PRIVATE INSURANCE

<p>DISABILITY TAX CREDIT</p>	<p>It is possible to back-file taxes up to 10 years to supplement income and support costs of living. Also, a supporting person can have the Disability Tax Credit claimed or transferred from a child or dependent. This is a great option for parents who care for children with autism. Important: your child's physician must input your child's DOB rather than diagnosis date</p>	<p>For more information, visit: canada.ca</p>
<p>CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX CREDIT</p>	<p>Claim up to \$500/year/child (child must be younger than 16 years of age) for expenses related to physical activity programs. An additional \$500/year/child can be claimed if the child is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit.</p>	<p>For more information, visit: fin.gov.on.ca</p>
<p>PRIVATE INSURANCE</p>	<p>Private therapy is covered under most private insurance and extended benefit plans. Private insurance for therapy operates in the same manner as dental and drug benefits.</p>	<p>Contact your insurance provider to determine coverage specific to your plan.</p>