

Funding Supports

Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

The disability tax credit (DTC) is 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.

Being eligible for the DTC can open the door to other federal, provincial, or territorial programs such as the registered disability savings plan (RDSP), the working income tax benefit, and the child disability benefit (CDB).

Information about DTC:

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

Information about CDB:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/child-disability-benefit.html>

Information about RDSP:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rdsp.html>

Special Services at Home (SSAH)

The Special Services at Home program helps families who are caring for a child with a developmental and/or physical disability up to the age of 18. The program helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home.

Funding is used to:

- Help the child learn new skills and abilities, such as improving their communication skills and becoming more independent.
- Provide respite support to the family - families can get money to pay for services that will give them a break, or respite, from the day-to-day care of their child.

Examples include:

- Social programs
- Camps
- Respite
- Some fitness equipment

Information about SSAH and eligible expenses:

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

*****This funding requires the submission of receipts.**

Access Ontario Autism Program (Access OAP)

The Ontario Autism Program (OAP) offers support to families of children and youth on the autism spectrum until age 18.

Children and youth who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) by a qualified professional are eligible for the program. Children receive services and support until the age of 18.

Types of services and supports:

1. **Foundational family services**
 - Resources for families
2. **Caregiver-mediated early years programs**
 - Programs for children who are between 12 and 48 months old
3. **Core clinical services**
 - Funding for core clinical services
4. **Entry to school program**
 - For children who are starting kindergarten or Grade 1
5. **Urgent response services**
 - Learn how to access support if your child or youth has an urgent need.

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

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Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

This program provides financial support for families whose total household income is \$74,760 or less. This funding is to cover some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability up to age 18.

Depending on the income and size of the family, the program may provide between \$25 and \$618 a month to help with costs, such as:

- travel to doctors' appointments, hospitals and other appointments related to the child's disability
- special shoes and clothes
- parental relief such as respite
- assistive devices, including repairs
- laundry costs
- educational and sensory supplies
- Camps and social programs

Website:

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

*****ACSD requires you to keep receipts as families can be audited and asked to present receipts as proof of continued need.**

Easter Seal's Incontinence Grant

The Incontinence Supplies Grant is an annual grant, made in two payments, provided to families to offset some of the costs of diapers and certain supplies for incontinence.

Eligibility starts at age 3 through until 18 years of age.

Incontinence supplies include diapers, pull-ups, attends, swimmers and catheters including straight, foley and drainage bags.

Website:

<https://services.easterseals.org/incontinence-supplies-grant/>

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Easter Seal's Access 2 Card

The Access 2 Card program helps to ensure that entertainment, cultural and recreational opportunities are more available and accessible to all. The Access 2 card is for people of all ages and types of permanent disabilities.

There is a fee to apply for this program. A three-year card is \$20.00, and a 5-year card is \$30.00.

Website: <https://access2card.ca/>



Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

Program's contact:

- CRA:
Toll-free: 1-800-959-8281

Contact for support with applying to the application:

- Lindsay Ferrie, MSW, RSW
Social Worker
Pathways Health Centre for Children
Tel: 519-542-3471 ext. 1697
Email: lferrie@pathwayscentre.org

Special Services at Home (SSAH)

Program's contact:

- Tel: 519-254-5355
- Toll-free: 1-800-419-4919
- Email: FaxOps.WR.SSAH.ACS.D.Windsor@ontario.ca

Contact for support with applying to application:

- Tammee Rivera
SSAH Worker
Family Counselling Centre
1086 Modeland Road, Building 1030, 2nd floor
Sarnia, ON N7S 6L2
Tel: 519-336-0120 x 246
Email: tammee.rivera@familycounsellingctr.com
- Tammee Rivera is the designated specialist in the Sarnia-Lambton for SSAH funding. Tammee can assist with the application process.
- *****Tammee can help manage funds on behalf of the family.**

Access Ontario Autism Program (Access OAP)

Program's contact:

- Email: info@AccessOAP.ca
- Toll-free: 1-833-425-2445
- Your assigned service navigator***

Contact for support with applying:

- Jennifer Howell
Family Engagement Coordinator & Autism Liaison
Pathways Health Centre for Children
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***Contact them to update your expenses or financial situation

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Easter Seal's Incontinence Grant

Program's contact:

- Tel: 416-510-5074
- Email: igprogram@easterseal.ca

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Easter Seal's Access 2 Card Program

Program's contact:

- Tel: 416-932-8382
- Toll-free: 1-877-376-6362
- Email: access2card@easterseals.ca

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