

Snapshot of the Costs of Families Raising a Child with Severe Cerebral Palsy Over Four Years of Early Childhood Services

Mobility & Access

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Convaid Cruiser				
Wheelchair (Mullholland)		\$13,000	\$4,000	\$9,000
Walker – Gator		\$2,500	\$300	\$2,200
Walker – FAS		\$4,000	\$300	\$3,700
Second skin	3	\$2,200	-	\$6,600
Ankle Foot Orthotics (AFO)		\$850	\$850	\$0
AFO socks	5	\$30	-	\$150
Standing frame	2	\$1,500	\$550	\$950
Wedge		\$70	-	\$70
Corner Chair		\$1,500	-	\$1,500
Forearm grasp bars (Rifton)		\$400	-	\$400
Arm wraps	8	\$60	-	\$480
Hip brace	2	\$680	-	\$680
Leg wraps	8	\$80	-	\$640
Access ramps to home (front & back), modifications to deck & bathroom		\$85,000	\$4,400	\$80,500
Specialised car, eg Vito / Volkswagen Multivan		\$66,500	\$10,000	\$66,500
Hoist in car / Tiemans wheelchair lift		\$14,000	-	\$14,000
Medifab Carrot car seat		\$2640	-	\$2640
Service & repairs to wheelchair lift		\$12,200	-	\$12,200
Portable ramp		\$850	\$400	\$450
Parking at RCH over 6 years		\$4,800	-	\$4,800
Excess baggage fees for equipment when travelling		<i>varies</i>	-	
Large vehicle hire when need car hire to accommodate equipment		<i>varies</i>	-	
Additional taxi costs when travelling to accommodate equipment		<i>varies</i>	-	
SUB TOTAL			\$20,800	\$207,460

Communication

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Communication Books	4	\$650	-	\$2600
Mighty Mo electronic communication device		\$5,500	\$4,500	\$1000
Customised Dynavox communication device		\$17,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
Step Communicator		\$250	-	\$250
Crick computer software	2	\$600	-	\$1,200
Head switch mount		\$2,000	-	\$2,000
Mount communication device to chair		\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
Switches	4	\$80	\$160	\$160
Aided Language Displays (ALD)		\$250	-	\$250
Pillow speaker	2	\$50	-	\$100
Grasp bars	2	\$140	-	\$140
Specialised literacy & numeracy software		\$1,100	-	\$1,100
SUB TOTAL			\$13,060	\$18,800

Seating

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Wombat Chair		\$5,300	\$500	\$1,800
Grasp bars	4	\$70	-	\$280
Wood kinder chairs	2	\$120	-	\$240
Mullholand shoulder supports		\$1,000	-	\$1,000
Grippy mats	6	\$10	-	\$60
Foam blocks/pieces/wedges (various)	4	\$250	-	\$250
Ankle weights 500gm	4	\$180	-	\$450
Various velcro straps		\$80	-	\$80
Jenx corner chair & table		\$920	-	\$920
Stool on casters		\$200	-	\$200
Custom wood high chairs	3		-	
SUB TOTAL			\$500	\$5,280

Toileting & Showering

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Blue wave shower/toileting chair		\$2,230	\$90	\$2,140
Toddler bathchair		\$850	\$80	\$770
Change table		\$310	-	\$310
Height adjustable shower head		\$400	-	\$400
Commode chair		\$650	\$500	\$150
Lockable castors for commode chair		\$150	-	\$150
Nappies/wipes/bags (5-6 years supply)		\$6,240	-	\$6,240
Grippy mats		\$55	-	\$55
Grasp bar		\$45	-	\$45
SUB TOTAL			\$670	\$10,260

Sleeping

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Bed – adjustable height		\$6,815	\$2,000	\$4,815
Leg splint		\$150	-	\$150
Mattress protector	5	\$50	-	\$250
Monitor		285	-	285
Waterproof carpet in bedroom		\$2,000	-	\$2,000
Head positioning pillows	3	\$80	-	\$240
Foam		\$50	-	
SUB TOTAL			\$2,000	\$7,740

Eating & Drinking

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Grasp bar double	2	\$140	-	\$140
Specialised suction bowl	4	\$45	-	\$180
Maroon spoon	5	\$4	-	\$20
PEG FEEDING				
Bibs large	5	\$8	-	\$40
Syringes 10ml		\$100	-	\$100
Haberman milk bottle		\$55	-	\$55
High energy foods		\$12	-	\$17,520
Peg Pole home		\$150	-	\$150
Peg pole for wheelchair		\$600	-	\$600
SUB TOTAL			\$0	\$18,805

Kinder Participation

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Textas/paintbrushes modified		\$30	-	\$30
Arm wraps		\$60	-	\$60
Corner chair		\$655	-	\$655
Dycem sticky pad	5	\$10	-	\$50
Black felt display board (CVI)		\$30	-	\$30
Black felt material for displaying communication symbols (CVI)		\$20	-	\$20
Black material to provide contrast (CVI)		\$10	-	\$10
Nappies/wipes/bags		\$3,280	-	\$3,280
Slant board		\$120	-	\$120
Specialised crockery/cutlery		\$375	-	\$375
Height adjustable table		\$320	-	\$320
Customised table top for height adjustable table		\$120	-	\$120
Ankle weights 500gm	2	\$20	-	\$40
Kelly kinder chair		\$1,200	-	\$1,200
Toilet commode		\$750	-	\$750
Folding change table	4	\$755	-	\$755
Additional dynavox charger		\$140	-	\$140
Wheelie stools for aide		\$200	-	\$200
Standing frame		\$1,400	-	\$1,400
Sit to Stand stool			-	
SUB TOTAL			\$0	\$9,555

Recreation

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Swimming flotation device		\$195	-	\$195
Flotation swimsuit		\$125	-	\$125
Saddle & custom adapted reins		\$420	-	\$420
Switch toys		\$220	-	\$220
Educational games & toys		\$2,800	-	\$2,800
Water play tank & stand		\$165	-	\$165
Bicycle with modifications		\$1,800	-	\$1,800
Custom wooden bounce board		\$55	-	\$55
Hand brushes & vibrating cushions for sensory input		\$280	-	\$280
Custom wooden play tables			-	
SUB TOTAL			\$0	\$6,060

Medical

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Medication	48	\$100	-	\$4,800
Asthma pump		\$250	-	\$250
Paediatrician	8	\$60 gap	-	\$480
Orthopaedic surgeon (spine)	8	\$50 gap	-	\$400
Orthopaedic surgeon (hips)	8	\$50 gap	-	\$400
Neurologist	8	\$50 gap	-	\$400
Gastroenterologist	24	\$50 gap	-	\$1,200
Dietician	12	\$50 gap	-	\$600
Ophthalmologist	4	\$50 gap	-	\$200
Early Intervention Program fees	8	\$400	-	\$3,200
Dentist	4	\$100 gap	-	\$400
Point Percussion therapy	48	\$70	-	\$3,360
Hearing Aids			Hearing Aust	\$0
SUB TOTAL			\$0	\$15,690

Clothes

Item	Quantity Required (if > 1)	Cost per Item	SWEP (Gov't) Contribution	Remaining Cost for Families
Bibs/bandanas	80	\$10	-	\$800
Velcro underwear	4	\$10	-	\$38
SUB TOTAL			\$0	\$838

GRAND TOTAL			\$37,030	\$300,488
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