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Provincial & Territorial Autism Funding Resource



Summer 2021

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Source: [Canada Revenue Agency](#)

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Autism Funding under Age 6

Ministry: Children and Family Development

Eligibility: Children under age 6

Description: Funding helps families pay for services that promote skill development for their child – communication, social-emotional, academic and life skills. Only specific services and therapies qualify for funding.

Funding: Families can access up to \$22,000 per year per child to help pay for eligible autism intervention services and therapies.

Source: [Government of British Columbia](#)

Source: [Province of BC Autism Funding](#)

Source: [Government of British Columbia - A Parents Handbook: Your Guide to Autism Programs](#)

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Autism Funding Ages 6 - 18

Ministry: Children and Family Development

Eligibility: Children ages 6-18

Description: To assist families with the cost of purchasing eligible out-of-school autism intervention that will promote their child's communication, social-emotional, academic and functional life skills development.

Funding: Families of children aged 6 to 18 with a diagnosis of ASD can receive up to \$6,000 per year towards eligible intervention services that are outside of the child's school or educational program. Up to 20 percent of the annual funding may be used to purchase training, travel and equipment related to autism intervention.

Source: [Government of British Columbia - A Parents Handbook: Your Guide to Autism Programs](#)

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Transition Planning for Youth & Young Adults

Ministry: Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities (STADD)

Eligibility: Between 16-24 years old with a developmental disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Description: If you're a young person with a developmental disability, moving to adulthood can be a challenge. If you're the parent, guardian, or caregiver of a young person with a developmental disability, helping them move towards adulthood can be just as challenging. A Navigator can help you and your family with this transition.

Source: [Government of BC - Transition Planning for Youth and Young Adults](#)

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Community Living BC

Ministry: Community Living BC (Crown Agency)

Eligibility: Youth and adults with limited adaptive functioning and either a developmental disorder or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Description: Various community-living supports, including skills development, employment assistance, and supported living as well as mental health services and assessment.

Funding: N/A

Source: [Community Living BC](#)

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Disability Assistance

Ministry: Family and Social Supports

Eligibility: Above 18 years old who meets financial eligibility to receive assistance. Must have a several physical or mental impairment that is expected to continue for 2+ years and requires assistance with daily living activities.

Description: Financial assistance for people diagnosed with disabilities

Funding: Maximum of \$1,183.52 per month for a single person; \$2,073.06 if part of a couple where both individuals have a Persons with Disabilities designation; \$1,609.08 for a single parent with two children.

Source: [Government of B.C. - On Disability Assistance](#)

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Family Support for Children with Disabilities

Ministry: Children's Services

Eligibility: Child must be with a disability under 18, Canadian citizen/permanent resident, person applying for the program must be a parent, and child must reside in Alberta.

Description: Includes a wide range of services and supports to children and families, such as autism therapy, respite service, child care, and school support.

Funding: Funding per child based on assessed need.

Source: [Family Support for Children with Disabilities brochure](#)

Source: [Government of Alberta Family Support for Children with Disabilities](#)

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AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped)

Ministry: Community and Social Services

Eligibility: 18 or older with a permanent disability that limits the ability to earn a living and an income and assets below a certain threshold.

Description: Financial support and access to additional medical, dental, pharmaceutical, optical, and living-support benefits.

Funding: Maximum of \$1,685 per month, modified for residents of approved medical or supportive living facilities. Additional dependent child benefit is possible.

Source: [AISH - What You Get](#)

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PDD (Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program)

Ministry: Community and Social Services

Eligibility: IQ < 70 Severely impacted on daily living skills in 6 out of 24 areas, Onset of the above 18 years old

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Description: Funds four kinds of staffing supports based on an individualized service plan: Community Living Supports, Employment Supports, Community Access and Specialized Community Supports.

Funding: Funds are allocated to agencies to pay for the staff supports that individual's need or funds are provided through a Family Managed Services agreement where an individual with a developmental disability, their family, or a close friend can directly hire staff or a service provider.

Source: [PDD - What You Get](#)

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Children Autism Services

Ministry: Ministry of Health

Eligibility: Families with children under the age of 6

Description: Funding to purchase services that best suit their child's individual needs. This will give parents the flexibility and freedom to choose from a range of therapeutic interventions and supports that will most benefit their child.

Funding: TBD

Source: [Government of Saskatchewan Autism Services](#)

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Cognitive Disabilities Strategy and Supports

Ministry: Ministry of Social Services

Eligibility: Cognitive disability with limitations and impairments that are present from an early age, Canadian citizen

Description: The Cognitive Disability Strategy (CDS) is a process where ministries and service providers work together to support people with cognitive disabilities who have unmet needs.

Funding: An income-tested financial benefit that individuals and/or families can access to address an identified unmet need. Benefit levels are determined based on financial need and assessed level of disability impact.

Source: [Government of Saskatchewan Cognitive Disability Strategy \(CDS\) Support](#)

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Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID)

Ministry: Ministry of Social Services

Eligibility: Saskatchewan resident, 18 years or older; Lack financial resources to provide for your basic needs; and have a significant and enduring disability that is of a permanent nature, substantially impacts daily living activities, and which result in a person requiring assistance in the form of an assistive device, assistance of another person, a service animal, or other accommodation.

Description: The Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) is an income support program for people with significant and enduring disabilities.

Funding: TBD

Source: [Government of Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability](#)

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Alternative Funding Sources

Source: [ASD Alternate Funding Sources - Saskatchewan](#)

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Special Needs Funding

Ministry: Education

Eligibility: School-aged children

Description: Classroom adaptations for students with moderate to severe barriers.

Funding: \$9,500 - \$21,130 per year.

Source: [Government of Manitoba Student Services](#)

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Employment and Income Assistance For Persons with Disabilities

Ministry: Department of Families

Eligibility: Age 18 or older with a disability that will likely last longer than 90 days and insufficient income or assets to meet basic needs.

Description: Financial support and access to additional medical, dental, and living-support benefits.

Funding: You may be eligible for assistance if the total cost of your or your family's monthly basic needs and shelter costs are more than your total financial resources. Your financial resources are based on your income and assets.

Source: [Province of Manitoba Employment & Income Assistance for Persons with Disabilities](#)

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Special Needs - Legislative Authority

Ministry: Department of Families

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Funding: You may be eligible for assistance if the total cost of your or your family's monthly basic needs and shelter costs are more than your total financial resources. Your financial resources are based on your income and assets.

Source: [Province of Manitoba Special Needs Legislative Assembly](#)

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Ontario Autism Program — Childhood Budgets

Ministry: Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Eligibility: Families that are on the waitlist. Available for all children with a diagnosis of autism under the ages of 18.

Description: Funding provided to families, so they can access a broader range of eligible services that they believe are most helpful for their child and family.

Funding: Children under the age of 6 eligible to receive \$20,000 annually in direct funding. Ages 6+ eligible to receive \$5,000 annually.

Source: [Ontario Autism Program](#)

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Special Services at Home

Ministry: Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Eligibility: Families with children who have a developmental or physical disability, live in Ontario; and, need more support than most families can provide. The child must be living at home with their family, or if they are not living at home with their family and are not being helped by other residential services.

Description: Helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home as long as the child is not receiving support from a residential program.

Funding: Funding depends on the type and amount of service the child needs, what other help is available in the community and what kind of support the family is already receiving.

Source: [Province of Ontario Special Services at Home](#)

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Ontario Disability Support Program

Ministry: Community and Social Services

Eligibility: Age 18 or older with a disability likely to last a year or more and financial need.

Description: Financial support and access to additional medical, dental, and pharmaceutical benefits. Assistance acquiring and maintaining employment.

Funding: Funding by the cost of basic needs and housing.

Source: [Ontario Disability Support Program](#)

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Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities

Ministry: Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Eligibility: Children under the age of 18.

Description: The Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) program provides financial assistance to parents to help with the extraordinary costs related to their child's severe disability. It is a direct funding program for low and moderate income families.

Funding: The amount of financial assistance is determined based on your yearly extraordinary expenses and your gross family income. Minimum monthly payment is no less than \$25 per month and no more than \$455.00 per month.

A drug card (includes prescriptions drugs)

A Dental card (basic coverage)

Vision and Hearing Services

Items related to vision and hearing services

The consumer contribution for an Assistive Device under the Assistive Devices Program (provided through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care).

The cost of an assessment for an assistive device and the cost of batteries and repairs necessary for mobility devices.

Source: [Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities](#)

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Passport Program

Ministry: Disability Services Ontario

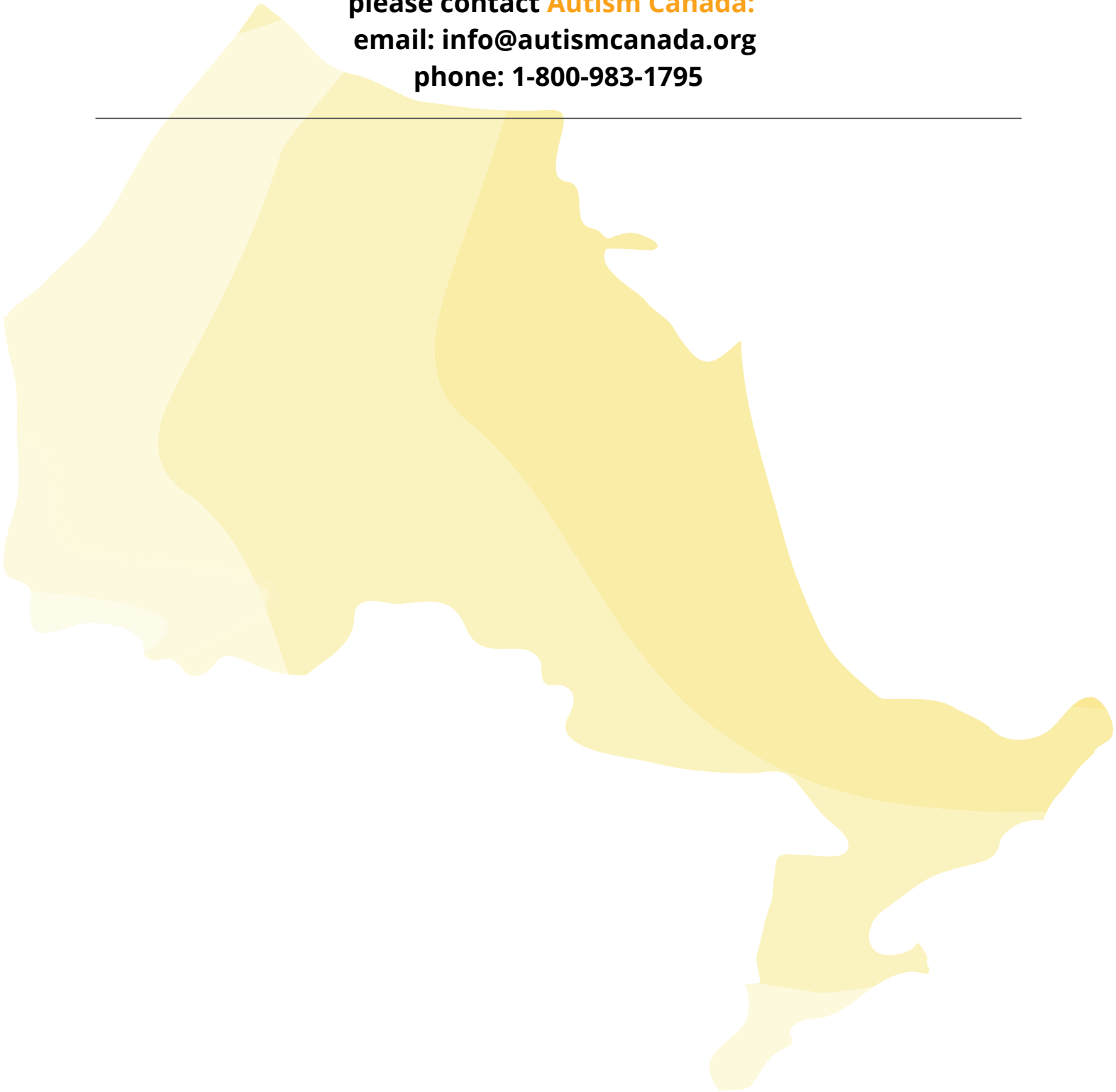
Eligibility: The Passport program is for people with a developmental disability who are 18-years-old or older and need support to participate in the community while they are still in school or; have left school and are living on their own, with family or independently in a supportive living arrangement.

Funding: You can get funding to pay your eligible worker \$3 per hour on top of their existing hourly wages, for all hours worked within the eligibility period.

Source: [Help with Daily Living: Passport](#)

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Services for Persons with a Physical or Intellectual Disability or an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Ministry: The Ministry of Health and Social Services

Eligibility: Physical disability programs and services, as well as intellectual disability, and autism spectrum disorder (ASD) programs, and services, are for people of all ages (children, adults, and seniors) as well as their families and loved ones.

Description: Services to assist persons with a physical, intellectual disability or ASD. These include specific services, specialized, and subspecialty services and services for a close relatives.

Funding: Families with disabled children can receive compensation for respite care, emergency assistance, and daycare services.

Source: [Services for Persons with a Physical or Intellectual Disability or an Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\)](#)

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Integrated health and social services centres (CISSS) and Integrated university health and social services centres (CIUSSS)

Ministry: Health and Social Services Resources Directory

Description: Integrated health and social services centres (CISSS) and integrated university health and social services centres (CIUSSS) ensure accessibility, continuity, and quality of services for people in their territory. They are reference points where people can go in case of health or psychosocial problems. There, they can receive appropriate services or be directed to another resource of the territorial services network.

Source: [Integrated Health & Social Services](#) (Please note these resources are in French)

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Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Ministry: Education and Early Childhood Development

Eligibility: Preschool children (between the ages of 0-5) diagnosed with ASD are eligible for 20 hours per week of intensive early intervention.

Description: Funding Assistance for Evidence-Based Services, including autism therapy. Training and Clinical Supervision Strategy for autism specialists, professionals, paraprofessionals and parents, as well as Community Support Initiatives.

Funding: Payment per child will cover all associated costs of delivering up to 20 hours of face-to-face early intensive behavioural intervention per week with the child.

Source: [Services for Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\)](#)

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Family Supports for Children with Disabilities

Ministry: Social Development

Eligibility: Age 19 or under with a severe lifelong disability

Description: Social work support and financial resources to families to assist with the care and support required to meet the special developmental needs of their child with a disability.

Funding: Service options provided to eligible families depend on the assessed unmet needs of the child and family and the resources available.

Source: [Government of New Brunswick Family Supports for Children with Disabilities](#)

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Disability Support Program

Ministry: Social Development

Eligibility: 19-64 years old with a long term disability

Description: Provides personalized, flexible disability supports for persons with disabilities in the development of their personal disability support plans. It allows for the provision of independent facilitation and the use of person centered approaches to planning and designing disability supports.

Funding: A financial assessment to determine your contribution towards the cost of approved disability supports will be completed. Your income will be considered in determining your financial contribution.

Source: [Government of New Brunswick Disability Support Program](#)

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Tuition support

Ministry: Education and Early Childhood Development

Eligibility: Student diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, ASD, or Learning Disability and secured a placement in a special education provide school.

Description: Access specialized programming and services outside the framework of the Nova Scotia public school system (PSP). The intent of the TSP is to provide students with the opportunity to develop strategies and skills which will support their successful transition back to their neighborhood school, post-secondary learning and/or community.

Funding: For the school year students may receive up to a maximum of \$8,500

Source: [Government of Nova Scotia Tuition Support Program](#)

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Direct Family Support for Children

Ministry: Community Services

Eligibility: Dependent child with a disability aged 19 or below, the family meets financial need criteria.

Description: Funding for at-home support for dependent children with disabilities. Funding Maximum of \$2200 per month.

Source: [Government of Nova Scotia Autism Support for Caregivers](#)

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Disability Support Program

Ministry: Community Services

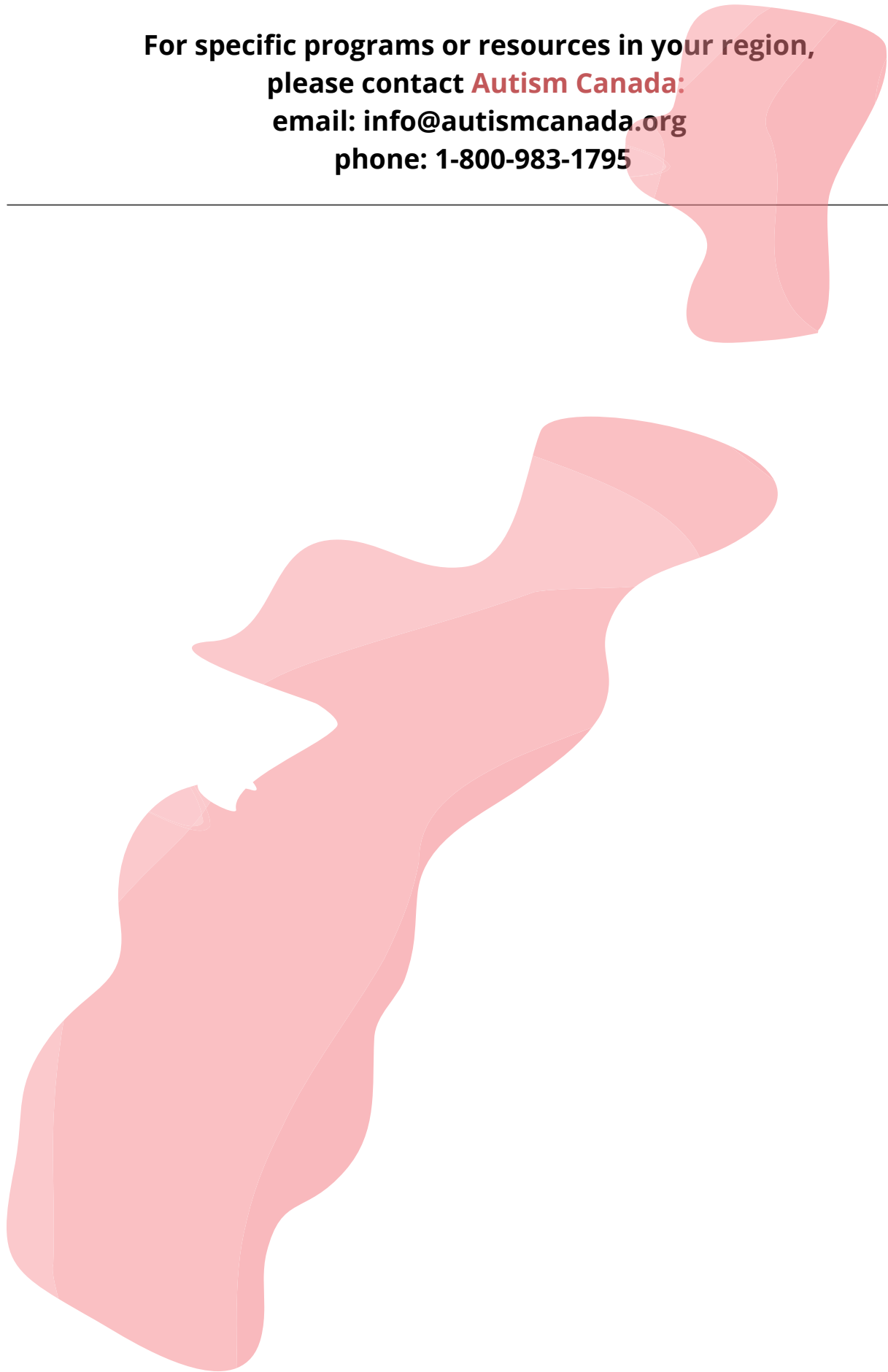
Eligibility: The Disability Support Program (DSP) serves children, youth, and adults with intellectual disabilities, long-term mental illness, and physical disabilities in a range of community-based, residential, and vocational/day programs.

Description: These are voluntary programs designed to support people at various stages of their development and independence.

Source: [Disability Support Program \(DSP\) Policy](#)

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Autism Early Intervention Program: Preschool

Ministry: Education, Early Learning, and Culture

Eligibility: Preschool children

Description: Up to 25 hours, most receiving between 20 hours. IBI can be delivered at home or in daycare. The cost of an Autism Assistant is covered up to \$13.18 an hour.

Funding: See description

Source: [Government of Prince Edward Island Autism Funding Guidelines](#)

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Autism Early Intervention Program: School-Aged

Ministry: Education, Early Learning, and Culture

Eligibility: School-aged children

Description: School-Age Autism Funding is specifically intended for PEI-based home or community supports outside of school hours or during school vacation periods.

Funding: \$ 6600.00 per school-aged child.

Source: [Government of Prince Edward Island Autism Funding Guidelines](#)

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Accessibility Supports

Ministry: Social Development and Housing

Eligibility: Needs-based

Description: Personal Supports, Housing Supports, Community Supports, Caregiver Supports and Financial Supports for Islanders living with disabilities.

Funding: Financial supports on a case-by-case basis.

Source: [Government of Prince Edward Island AccessAbility Supports](#)

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Autism Services for Children and Youth

Ministry: Government of Prince Edward Island

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Eligibility: Parents and licensed early childhood centers can access preschool autism funding to hire an Autism Assistant for children receiving I.B.I. support. Parents and designated community-based organizations can access school-age autism funding to offset the costs of hiring one-on-one tutors and aides in-home and group settings.

Description: Autism services are offered to preschool and school-age children and youth in Prince Edward Island. Early Years Autism Specialists provide services to young children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders before entering school. An integrated approach between professionals and the school boards ensures a smooth transition into the school system, where support continues with school-based Autism Consultants.

Funding: Preschool children with a diagnosed autism spectrum disorder, who are enrolled in the Early Years Autism Service, may be eligible for preschool autism funding. School-age children (until the day of graduation) with a diagnosed autism spectrum disorder, who are enrolled in a public or private school, may be eligible for school-age autism funding. The child must require the support of an adult to access community-based activities and/or tutoring outside of school hours.

Source: [Government of Prince Edward Island Autism Services for Children & Youth](#)

Social Assistance Program

Ministry: Social Development and Housing

Eligibility: Needs-based

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Description: Funding for basic needs including food, shelter, pharmaceuticals, basic dental, and glasses.

Funding: Based on income, the number of children, and if a person owns or rents a home.

Source: [Government of Prince Edward Island Social Assistance Program](#)

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The Way Forward - Autism Action Plan 2019 - 2022

Ministry The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Source: [Autism Action Plan 2019 - 2022](#)

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The Direct Home Services Program (DHSP)

Ministry: Health and Community Services

Eligibility: Preschool-aged children and infants with significant behavioural delays.

Description: Weekly at-home interventions by a child management specialist for 6 months, followed by biweekly home interventions.

Funding: Needs based funding.

Source: [Government of NFLD and Labrador Direct Home Services Program](#)

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Programs funded through the Department of Health and Community Services

Ministry: Health and Community Services

Eligibility: By functional and financial need

Description: The following programs may be accessed by Persons with Disabilities who meet program eligibility criteria and funded through the Department of Health and Community Services: Special — Child Welfare Allowance Program
Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program
Special Assistance Program — Medical equipment and supplies
Intervention Services
Provincial Home Support Program

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Residential Options
Cooperative Apartment Program
Alternative Family Care Home Program
Board and Lodging Supplement
Individualized Living Arrangements
Shared Living Arrangements

Funding: Based on the level of need and individual

Source: [Government of NFLD & Labrador Health & Community Services](#)

Intensive Applied Behavioural Analysis Program

Ministry: Health and Community Services

Eligibility: Children up to grade 3

Description: Applied behavioural analysis is an evidence-based, best-practice approach to early intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder. Applied behavioural analysis utilizes well studied learning principles in a systematic way to teach skills that are meaningful for the child and the family.

Funding: Eligible preschool-aged children may receive up to 30 hours per week of intensive intervention, and children in Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 may receive up to 15 hours and 10 hours per week, respectively.

Source: [Government of NFLD & Labrador Government Supports & Services](#)

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Income Assistance

Ministry: Education, Culture, and Employment

Eligibility: 19 or older with need greater than income. (Disability is an exemption from some other requirements.)

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Description: Financial assistance

Funding: A set amount for food, shelter, and utilities, and enhanced needs.

Source: [Government of NWT Income Assistance](#)

Learning Supports for Persons with a Disability Funding

Ministry: NWT Disabilities Council

Eligibility: Have a disability that requires supports to overcome barriers to learning. Two letters of support are needed; one must be from a health care professional and describe what supports are needed and why. The second letter can:

- be from a health care professional or an educator, disability organization, tutor, social worker, wellness worker, etc.;
- be applying for a learning activity that will help further an individual's education, increase daily living skills or obtain future employment;
- have a Personal Learning Plan (see application);
- be at least 18 years old and not attending high school;
- be a resident of the NWT;
- be unable to get funding for training supports elsewhere; and,
- complete and submit a LSPD Application for Individuals, using the template provided, which will be evaluated on an individual basis by the committee.

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Description: The Learning Support for Persons with Disabilities (LSPD) fund is designed to help adults with disabilities that live in the Northwest Territories (NWT) overcome barriers so they can reach their learning goals.

Funding: Case-by-case basis.

Source: [Government of NWT Learning Supports for Persons with Disabilities](#)

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Ministry: Social Services

Eligibility: Children up to age 19. Anyone affected by autism including individuals, families, educators, physicians, employers, etc.

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Description: Family supports for children with disabilities provides support to Yukon families to care for their child with a disability (up to 19 years of age).

Funding: Case-by-case basis.

Source: [Government of Yukon Supports for Children with Disabilities](#)

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Ministry: Family Services

Eligibility: 18 or older in financial need. (Disability is an exemption from some other requirements.)

Description: Financial Assistance

Funding: Case-by-case basis.

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