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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide was developed by Infant and Child Development to give parents/ caregivers and service providers information about funding opportunities that may be available to families.

The guide includes sources of funding from various levels of government, non-profit organizations, charities and wish foundations.

The contact information is listed for each agency and/or source which provides the funding, with a description of the purpose of the funds, a summary of the eligibility criteria, and instructions on how to apply for or get more information on the funding.

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Any changes or updates to the information in this guide should be addressed by e-mail to beststart@durham.ca.

DISCLAIMER

To the best of our knowledge the information in this booklet is current and accurate. Please check the Best Start Network website for the most up to date funding information.

Some funding sources were excluded because application for their funding is made through service provider agencies.

Tips When Accessing Private Medical Benefits

Families are encouraged to look into their private benefits and insurance for coverage for Nursing, Personal Support Worker (PSW), Psychology (psychological assessments), Therapies, Medication and Equipment. It is important to ask the insurance company if they cover the item and all of the required documentation that will need to be provided in order for the item to be covered.

For **Therapies** the following questions should be asked of the benefit/insurance program:

- What type of therapy is covered (Speech, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychology/Psychological Assessment)?
- What is the amount covered?
- Is the amount covered per year or per life time?
- What medical documentation is required (e.g. Doctor's referral/forms)? Ask for specific criteria that needs to be included.

For **Nursing and Personal Support Worker** the following questions should be asked of the benefit/insurance program:

- What type of nursing care is covered? (Registered Nurse, Registered Practical Nurse)
- What is the amount covered (is there a restriction on the amount per hour)?
- Is the amount covered per year or per life time?
- Is it a requirement to use an agency or is a private service permitted?
- What medical documentation is required (e.g. Doctor's letter/forms)? Ask for specific criteria that needs to be included.

For **Equipment and Supplies** (including wheelchairs, walkers, standers, hospital beds, enteral supplies, elemental formulas, bath seats, incontinence supplies, orthotics) the following questions should be asked of the benefit/insurance program

- Is the specific item covered?
- Medical documentation that is required (ask for specific criteria that needs to be included in the letter)
- Does the child have to be tube fed for formula to be covered?
- Does the formula need to be a meal substitute, replacement or sole source of nutrition?
- Does the product need to be purchased or is renting possible if needed for short-time use (e.g. hospital bed or wheelchair post-surgery)?
- Are the remaining funds covered for items once families have exhausted government funding? (e.g. the additional cost of enteral supplies after ADP or for incontinence supplies after Easter Seals portion is paid)

A Child's Voice Foundation

301-3034 Palstoan Road
Mississauga Ontario L4Y 2Z6
Telephone: 905-275-3434
Toll Free: 1-888-837-3354
Fax: 905-275-3139



Website: <https://www.acvf.ca/>
Email: admin@acvf.ca

This non-profit foundation provides financial assistance to children who are physically and/or mentally challenged, after all other sources have been exhausted. The foundation has two programs: Kids Life-Line and Angel Hair for Kids. It provides assistance for families who are financially disadvantaged.

Kids Life-Line:

This program provides one-time financial assistance for necessary products and services such as transportation costs, limited in-home nursing, counselling or therapy, groceries, parking permits, medication or medical/dental supplies that are not covered by the government or insurance.

Angel Hair for Kids:

This program provides wigs and hair-loss solutions to financially disadvantaged children who have lost their hair due to a medical condition or treatment.

To apply for assistance, a health or social care professional must contact the foundation for an intake request package. This package must be filled out and submitted by the health or social care provider. The foundation reviews each request on an individual basis. To request an intake application email: admin@acvf.ca

Aaron's Apple

258 Wilson Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M3H 1S6
Telephone: 647-430-5933



Website: <https://www.aaronsapple.com/>

Aaron's Apple provides direct funds to the SickKids Patient Amenities Fund for medications, specialized formulas, nutritional supplements, supplies and equipment that are related to medications for children who are seriously and chronically ill.

To be eligible, the child must have a serious illness (e.g. Cancer, Ulcerative Colitis, Liver Transplant, Diabetes, Crohn's), be 18 years of age or younger, have extraordinary costs which are a direct result of the child's illness and has used up all other available financial resources.

Parents, guardians or health care professionals can apply by mail, fax (416-628-1597) or email applications to: mandy@aaronsapple.com

Ability Gives

Mailing address:
RPO PO Box 18515
Etobicoke Ontario M9R 4C8
Telephone: 416-650-6207
Toll Free: 1-866-650-6207



Website: <http://abilitygives.org/>
Email: information@abilityonline.org

Ability Gives (part of the charity Ability Online) is a grant program which helps children with disabilities acquire necessary personal mobility aids, therapeutic equipment and communication aids such as iPads, adapted strollers, specialized seating/feeding chairs, lifts, serial casting/orthotics, walkers, splints and therapy bikes.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria: Be **active** members of Ability Online (read and post messages regularly) for a minimum of 3 months, be 18 years of age or younger, require a device/piece of equipment that will make a significant difference in child's life, be willing to post your child's story and picture on website. Only one equipment request per family.

To apply, write or send a video testimonial email: information@abilityonline.org

Access 2 Entertainment

401-40 Holly Street
Toronto Ontario M4S 3C3
Telephone: 416-932-8382 extension 227
Toll Free: 877-376-6362



Website: <http://access2card.ca/get-your-card/>

Access 2 Entertainment is a non-profit organization that gives individuals with a disability a card that provides a support person with free admission or a significant discount on admission to various entertainment venues in Canada. The individual with a disability will pay regular admission. Venues include movie theatres, Metro Toronto Zoo, Ontario Place, Ontario Science Centre and more. There is a \$20 fee to acquire the card and it will be valid for 3 years and \$30 for 5 years.

To be eligible, a person with a permanent disability must require a support person when attending a movie or other entertainment venues. No age restrictions apply.

Advancing Access to Affordable Recreation

Recipients of Ontario Works can speak with their caseworker to ask about assistance with the cost of participating in municipal recreational programs.

In addition, there are Municipal and Regional programs in Durham Region offering financial assistance for low income residents so that they can participate in recreation programs and services.

For more information please contact your local Municipal Recreation Office in:

Ajax 905-619-2529 extension 7253

Oshawa 905-436-3311

Pickering 905-420-4620 extension 3601

Whitby 905-430-4310

Brock 705-432-2355 extension 243

Scugog 905-985-8698 extension 102

Clarington 905-435-1061 extension 230

Uxbridge 905-852-9181 extension 400



Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

Ontario Ministry of Children & Youth Services
850 King Street West
Oshawa, ON L1J 2L5
Telephone: 905-440-1030
Toll Free: 1-800-722-1196
Fax: 1-855-333-6757



Website:

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

ACSD funding is a benefit that is paid monthly to families with a child with a disability. It is meant to help with the extraordinary costs that families have, due to the disability. Extraordinary costs may include: special clothing and diets, special learning or developmental equipment, babysitting, specialized childcare, special camps, transportation to the doctor, clinic, or hospital, and parent relief. The benefit also provides funds for eye glasses, dental and drug benefits for the child, as well as hearing aids and repairs to hearing aids.

To be eligible, parents or guardians must have a child with a disability who is under the age of 18 years and lives at home. The amount of funding a family may receive is calculated based on the total family income and the ongoing extraordinary costs and difficulties related to the care of the child with the disability.

To apply, contact your local regional office to request an application form. Send your completed form to your local regional office.

Assistive Devices Program (ADP)

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
5700 Yonge Street, 7th Floor
North York Ontario M2M 4K5
Telephone: 416-327-8804
Toll Free: 1-800-268-6021
Fax: 416-327-8192



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

The ADP covers up to 75% of the costs of equipment and other devices that will help people with a long-term physical disability increase their independence and quality of life. Social assistance benefits under Ontario Works (OW), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), private insurance and other sources may cover the additional 25%. Types of equipment covered include: communication devices, diabetes equipment, hearing aids, home oxygen, orthoses, ostomy supplies, prosthetic devices, visual aids, wheelchairs, etc.

To be eligible, Ontario residents must have a valid Health Card and have had a physical disability for six months or longer. There are no limits to funding based on personal income.

A doctor or health care professional will make a referral to a registered authorizer who will approve the assistive device and submit the application.

Assistive Devices Funding Program

See Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy (OFCP), page 41

Autism Ontario

Durham Region Office

P.O. Box 40008
Whitby Ontario L1R 0G2
Telephone: 905-432-5092
Website: <http://www.autismontario.com/durham>
Email: durham@autismontario.com



Provincial Office

004-1179 King Street West
Toronto Ontario M6K 3C5
Telephone: 416-246-9592
Fax: 416-246-9417
Website: <http://www.autismontario.com/>

Autism Ontario provides funding through the March Break Reimbursement Fund and the One-to-One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement Fund to families with children who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The March Break Reimbursement Fund:

This program provides up to \$350 for families who either retain the services of a one-to-one support worker or pay for a March Break camp/program for their child/youth with ASD. To be eligible, an individual must be 18 years or younger and have an official diagnosis of ASD. Applications are accepted for a limited time period between December and January.

The One-to-One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement Fund:

This program provides up to \$600 to Ontario families of children with ASD who attain the services of a one-to-one support worker for their child to attend a community summer camp or summer program. To be eligible, a child must be under the age of 18 years and have a documented diagnosis of ASD by a professional. Applications are accepted for a limited time period in Spring.

All application forms can be obtained [online](#).

Please note: Autism Ontario does not accept applications all year for these programs. Please refer to their website for specific dates and deadlines to apply.

Baeumler Family Foundation (BFF)

3416 Fairview Street
Burlington, ON L7N 2R5
Phone: 904-630-1554



Website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-baeumler-family-foundation/>

This program provides funding for renovations for children and families in need of accessibility, safety, and security in the home.

Anyone can refer a child for funding however the child's parents or legal guardians must communicate their interest for support, directly to The Baeumler Family Foundation.

To apply, send a Letter of Interest which includes the specific request within the home and the child's history related to their physical, emotional and mental health. If chosen for further consideration, the individual will be invited to submit a Full Proposal that will consist of a more detailed application.

Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

Canada Revenue Agency
Post Office Box 20000, Station A
Sudbury Ontario P3A 5C1
Toll Free: 1-800-387-1193
Website: [Canada Child Benefit](#)



Canada Revenue Agency
Agence du revenu du Canada

The CCB (formerly known as the "Baby Bonus" and also replacing the Universal Child Care Benefit) is a tax-free benefit paid monthly to help eligible families with the costs of raising and meeting the daily needs of a child. It is targeted to those who need it most.

To be eligible, you must be a Canadian Citizen and primarily responsible for the care and upbringing of a child who lives with you and is under the age of 18 years. The benefit a family may receive is calculated based on the total family income and number of children in your care.

You should apply when: your child is born, you become a Canadian Citizen, and/or a child begins living with you. If you are a mother of a newborn, you may apply through the Automated Benefits Application when you sign your child's birth registration. Otherwise, you must fill out **Form RC66** (Canada Child Benefits Application) and return it to your local tax office. This form can be obtained [here](#).

Canada Disability Savings Grant

Canada Disability Savings Program
140 Promenade du Portage, Phase IV, Mailstop: Bag 4
Gatineau Quebec K1A 0J9
Toll-Free: 1-800-622-6232
Website: [Disability Savings Grant](#)



Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

Website: [Grants and Bonds](#)

The Government deposits money into your RDSP. Matching grants of up to 300%, depending on the amount contributed and the Beneficiary's Family Income, may be provided. The maximum is \$3,500 each year, with a limit of \$70,000 over your lifetime.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria: make contributions to your RDSP, be 49 years of age or under, be a Canadian resident, have a Social Insurance Number and be eligible for the Disability Tax Credit. Parents/guardians opening an RDSP for their child (under 18 years of age), must have filed their taxes for the past 2 years and all future years.

You must apply for the RDSP, Canada Disability Savings Bond and Canada Disability Savings Grant at a participating Financial Organization where you want your RDSP to be opened. The application forms are completed by your Financial Organization or Advisor. For more information please go to the following link:
http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/savings/grants_bonds.shtml

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity

Canadian Tire
2180 Young Street, 10th Floor
Toronto Ontario M4P 2V8
Toll Free: 1-877-616-6600



Website: <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/content/microsites/jumpstart/en.html>

Canadian Tire Jumpstart[®] is a community-based charitable program that helps children in financial need participate in organized sports and recreational activities. Funded activities can include scouts, girl guides, hockey, dance, soccer, swimming, yoga etc., but do not include summer or day camps. A maximum of \$300 per

submission (\$600 maximum per year) per child may be supported. Costs for equipment and transportation can also be covered in addition to the registration fees.

To be eligible, a child must be between the ages of 4 and 18 years. A financial assessment, including details about your family and desired choice of activity, may also be required.

Applications are accepted between January 15th and November 1st, with the goal of the funding to be equitably distributed over spring/summer and fall/winter activities.

Call 1-844-YES-PLAY for more information or find the application online:

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/content/microsites/jumpstart/en/apply.html#wanttoapply>

Ceridian Cares

675 Cochrane Drive, North Tower

Markham, Ontario L3R 0B8

Telephone: 905-947-7200

Fax: 905-947-7004

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



The mission of Ceridian Cares is to improve the quality of life in our communities. It provides grants to any family in need. Grants typically range from \$200 to \$4000.

To be eligible, the child must be a Canadian resident and meet eligibility criteria based on total household income as listed below. There are two types of grants:

Basic Essentials Grant:

This grant will fund items such as: clothing, footwear, food and basic household needs, prosthetics, eyewear, medical equipment, special therapies, home adjustments for barrier free living, respite services, braille materials, counseling services and physiotherapy. The family's annual household income must be at or below the "Low Income Cut Off before tax" level as defined by Stats Canada:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75f0002m/2014003/tbl/tbl02-eng.htm>

Quality of Life Grant:

This grant will fund: children's programs, camp, art supplies, books, athletic programs. The family's annual household income must be at or below the "median total income in their province or territory" as defined by Stats Canada:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/famil108a-eng.htm>

To apply complete the application form: www.ceridiancares.ca/application

Child Care Subsidy

Children's Services Division,
Durham Region Department of Social Services
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby Ontario L1N 6A3
Telephone: 905 666-6238
Toll Free: 1-800-387-0642
Fax: 905-666-6220
Website:



<https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/child-care-fee-help-subsidy.aspx>

Subsidy is available to eligible families who are either attending school, working, receiving Ontario Works, or have a child who has a special need. Subsidy is available only in child care programs that have a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham and meet all provincial licensing requirements.

Eligibility for subsidy assistance is based on income, residence in Durham Region, and the eligible amount of hours of child care. An appointment with a Caseworker is necessary to confirm eligibility and amount of subsidy.

To apply for subsidy, phone the number provided above, to be placed on the waitlist.

If the child has a special need, a social need or the parent is unable to care for the child due to illness or disability a **Recognized Need for Childcare Subsidy** form should be completed and submitted by a professional.

Child Disability Benefit (CDB)

Canada Revenue Agency
Sudbury Tax Centre
P.O. Box 20000, Station A
Sudbury Ontario P3A 5C1
Toll Free: 1-800-387-1193
Website: [Child Disability Benefit](#)



Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

The Child Disability Benefit (CDB) is a tax-free benefit, paid monthly, for families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in mental or physical functions. The impairment must last, or is expected to last, for a continuous period of at least 12 months.

The amount is determined based on family net income.

To receive the CDB, you must apply for the Disability Tax Credit by completing and submitting form **T2201** to your local Revenue Canada office.

Children's Respite Flexible Funding
See Kerry's Place Autism Services - page 33

Children's Wish Foundation of Canada

350-1101 Kingston Road
Pickering Ontario L1V 1B5
Telephone: 905-839-8882
Website: <http://www.childrenswish.ca/>
Email: nat@childrenswish.ca



This foundation is dedicated to fulfilling wishes for children suffering from a life-threatening illness. Examples of wishes may include: trips, computer equipment, meetings with celebrities or athletes, and a new puppy.

To be eligible, children must be between the ages of 3 and 18 years at the time the request is received. They must be residents of Canada and have an illness that is deemed life-threatening; including serious genetic and neurological disorders.

Anyone can make a referral for a child they know is eligible. However, the child's parents or legal guardians must communicate their interest in their child's wish being fulfilled. Please call to make a referral at 905-427-5353 or [email: on@childrenswish.ca](mailto:on@childrenswish.ca)

Compassionate Care Benefits

Toll Free: 1-800-206-7218
Website: [Compassionate Care Benefits](#)



Compassionate care benefits are Employment Insurance (EI) benefits paid to people who have to be away from work temporarily to provide care or support to a family member who is gravely ill and who has a significant risk of death. A maximum of 26 weeks of compassionate care benefits may be paid to eligible people.

To be eligible, a person can receive compassionate care benefits for a variety of family members—both yours and those of your spouse or common-law partner.

To **apply**, use any computer with Internet access and visit the Service Canada website. You can apply at home, at a public Internet access site, such as a public library or at one of the local Service Canada Centre Internet kiosks listed below;

200-274 Mackenzie Avenue
Ajax Ontario L1S 2E9

200 John Street West
Oshawa Ontario L1J 6G5

2-29 Toronto Street
Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1V9

Credit Canada

Satellite Office
322 King Street West, Lower Level
Oshawa Ontario L1J 2J9
Telephone: 905-231-1252
Website: <https://www.creditcanada.com/>



Credit Canada®

Professional counsellors provide a detailed financial assessment (free of charge) to identify possible solutions to your financial concerns. CCS programs include money management counselling, debt management programs, and help with resolving creditor problems.

There is no eligibility criterion for receiving the free financial assessment. The counsellor will look at an individual's level of income, debt, and monthly living expenses.

Critically Ill Child Care Benefit

Toll Free: 1-800-206-7218
Website: [Critically Ill Child Care Benefit](#)



Employment Insurance (EI) provides a benefit for up to 35 weeks for a parent, step-parent, foster parent or legal guardian to provide care or support to a critically ill child. It is a special benefit called Parents of Critically Ill Children (PCIC). A qualified health practitioner must issue a certificate stating the period during which the child will require care or support.

A critically ill child is a child who has a life-threatening illness or injury, that can include various acute phases of illness and for which continued parental care or support is required. This does not include a child with a chronic illness or condition that is their normal state of health. There must be a significant change from the child's normal or baseline state of health at the time they are assessed by a specialist medical doctor.

To **apply**, use any computer with Internet access and visit the Service Canada website. You can apply at home, at a public Internet access site, such as a public library or at one of the local Service Canada Centre Internet kiosks listed below:

74 Mackenzie Avenue
Ajax Ontario L1S 2E9

200 John Street West
Oshawa Ontario L1J 6G5

2-29 Toronto Street
Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1V9

Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

Canada Revenue Agency
Sudbury Tax Centre
P.O. Box 20000, Station A
Sudbury Ontario P3A 5C1
Toll Free: 1-800-959-8281
Website: [Disability Tax Credit](#)



Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that reduces the amount of income tax paid.

To be eligible, a person must have a severe and prolonged mental or physical impairment that greatly restricts his or her activities of daily living. Impairments may include a cognitive, vision and/or hearing impairment, motor restrictions, and the need for life sustaining therapy. The impairment must last for a continuous period of at least 12 months and be certified on a DTC Certificate (form T2201) by a qualified medical practitioner.

To receive the tax credit, you must complete Form T2201. The applicant completes Part A of the form and a doctor or qualified professional completes and signs Part B of the form. If a disability is permanent, it is not necessary to re-apply each year. The file is reviewed every three years.

Here is a direct link to [Form T2201](#):

Completed forms can be mailed to the address listed above.

Disability Travel Card

Easter Seals Canada
401-40 Holly Street
Toronto Ontario M4S 3C3
Telephone: 416-932-8382
Toll Free: 1-877-376-6362
Fax: 416-932-9844

Website: <https://easterseals.ca/english/our-impact/programs-and-services/#ma-dtc>
Email: infor@easterseals.org



The Disability Travel Card provides an identification card to a person with a permanent disability, which will allow an adult attendant, travelling with the person with a disability, to travel at no cost by train or bus. (For airline travel, contact the airline in which you wish to travel with and inform them that the individual has a disability and will require the support of an attendant). The person with the disability pays regular admission. An attendant is an individual who accompanies a person with a permanent disability who cannot travel independently.

Only persons with a permanent disability who require a support person when travelling can apply for the card. There are no age restrictions. (**Please note:** Via Rail only provides a discount for people with a disability over the age of 13. Anyone under the age of 13 would not be allowed to travel without an attendant).

The person with a disability will apply for the Disability Travel Card by completing and mailing in a following application [form](#).

Upon approval, an identification card will be issued authorizing the reduced fare.

Dreams to Memories

131 Gilmore Road
Fort Erie Ontario L2A 5N1

Mailing address:

Box 313

Fort Erie Ontario L2A 5N1

Telephone: 905-994-9777

Fax: 905-994-9393

Website: <http://www.dreams2memories.org/>

Email: wishes@dreams2memories.org



This is a non-profit, charitable organization that assists terminally ill parents with an opportunity to have a family last wish experience. Although the primary recipient is an adult, these dreams directly involve children through a parent's last wish to create a memory for their loved one(s).

Children of the recipient parents must be under the age of 15 years and live in the same home as their parent(s).

An adult can complete the application form:

<http://www.dreams2memories.org/wish-application.pdf>

Durham Partners in Service

907 Dublin Street

Whitby Ontario L1N 1Y9

Fax: 905-430-7962

Email: durhampartnersinservice@gmail.com

Durham Partners In Service provides people with special needs within the Region of Durham, with financial assistance through the support of various Social Agencies, Service Clubs, Public/Private Sector Organizations. Financial assistance is provided for equipment, medical supplies, home or vehicle renovations when all other sources have been exhausted.

To be eligible the family must live in Durham Region. There is no age limit and no specific income cap. Each application is assessed on an individual basis.

An application form must be completed by the family. Two quotes for the item and a letter from a third party outlining the specific needs of the child/family and the reason for the request are also required. To request an application please contact:

durhampartnersinservice@gmail.com

Easter Seals

Easter Seals Ontario
700-1 Concorde Gate
Toronto Ontario M3C 3N6
Telephone: 416-421-8377
Fax: 416-696-1035
Toll Free: 1-800-668-6252
Website: <http://www.easterseals.org/>
Email: services@easterseal.org



Easter Seals provides funding to children and youth with physical disabilities across Ontario for “Access 2 Entertainment (see page 11), “Camps”, “Disability Travel Card” (see page 24), “Financial Assistance”, “Hospital Bed Funding Program” and “Incontinence Supplies Grant”.

Applying to “Camps”, “Financial Assistance” and “Hospital Bed Funding Program” is a two-step process. Families must first apply to be members of Easter Seals Ontario by completing and submitting the following application form at: <http://www.easterseals.org/services/client-registration/eligibility-criteria/> by fax, mail or email. Families will also need to complete and submit an application specific to the funding request.

Camps

Easter Seals of Ontario provides partial funding for a variety of camping options at their facilities. Easter Seals Camps include Family Camp (1-18 years), Discovery Camp (6-12 years) and Individual Camp (8-18 years). For more details and criteria see the link below.

Children and youth who are eligible are under the age of 19 years, have a valid Ontario Health Card, are registered with Easter Seals, and have a physical disability. Families must first register their child with Easter Seals Ontario before applying for camp.

To register for a camp, complete the application form and either mail, fax or email it to Easter Seals Ontario. The application form can be found at: <http://www.eastersealscamps.org/>

Financial Assistance

This program provides up to \$3000.00/year of financial assistance for equipment. Current eligible equipment includes: ramps, lifts for home and van, bath and toileting aids, wheelchairs, specialized strollers, specialized carseats, walkers, standers, orthotics, communication boards, speech and voice aids, computers and trays.

Children and youth who are eligible are under the age of 19 years, have a valid Ontario Health Card, are registered with Easter Seals, and have a physical disability. Families must first register their child with Easter Seals Ontario before applying for “Financial Assistance”.

To apply for financial assistance, follow this direct [link](#) to the full application guide and form. Please note that applications must be submitted between January 1st and September 30th of each year.

Hospital Bed Funding Program

This program provides funding for a hospital bed and specialized mattress for those children who qualify. Requests are for basic need and/or safety, not for upgrading. This is an annual, time limited program. Funds are available until committed each year. This funding does not extend to cribs, enclosed cribs/ enclosed bed systems.

Children and youth who are eligible are under the age of 19 years, have a valid Ontario Health Card, are registered with Easter Seals, and have a physical disability. Families must first register their child with Easter Seals Ontario before applying for "Hospital Bed Funding".

To apply complete the Hospital Bed Application including a current quote and letter of support for a qualified professional. For more information please visit <http://www.easterseals.org/new-hospital-bed-funding-program/>

Incontinence Supplies Grant Program

Website: <http://www.easterseals.org/services/incontinence-supplies-grant/>

This program administers grants to help offset the cost of toileting supplies.

There are 3 levels of funding:

Level A: \$400/year for diapers (3 to 5 years), intermittent catheters (3 to 18 years), reusable garments (3 to 18 years)

Level B: \$900/year: diapers (6 to 18 years), male external catheters

Level C: \$200/year: bowel management supplies (3 to 18 years)

To be eligible, an individual must be 3 - 18 years of age and have a chronic disability resulting in irreversible incontinence lasting longer than 6 months. Some children under the age of 3 may be eligible, depending on their diagnosis (for example, Spina Bifida or Prune Belly Syndrome). Children must be an Ontario resident and have a valid Ontario Health Card. Families are responsible for retaining all receipts for the supplies they purchase.

To apply, complete the application form and mail it to the address listed above. (Part of the form must be completed and signed by a doctor or nurse). Here is the direct [link](#) to the application form.

Employment Insurance

Toll Free: 1-800-206-7218

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>



Employment Insurance (EI) provides temporary financial assistance to unemployed Canadians. There are several types of benefits:

EI Regular Benefits:

for individuals who have lost their job at no fault of their own

EI Maternity or Parental Benefits:

for individuals who are pregnant, caring for a newborn, adopting a child

EI Sickness Benefits:

for individuals who are unable to work due to an illness, injury, or quarantine

EI Critically Ill Child Care Leave: see page 20

for caregivers who need to provide care or support to a child who has a life-threatening illness or injury

EI Compassionate Care Benefits: see page 19

for individuals who had to leave work to care for a family member who is terminally ill

You must apply online through the Services Canada Website. The following is a direct link to the online application form:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-apply-online.html>

Applications can also be submitted at a public Internet access site (e.g. public library) or at one of the local Service Canada Centre Internet kiosks listed below:

200-274 Mackenzie Avenue
Ajax Ontario L1S 2E9

200 John Street West
Oshawa Ontario L1J 6G5

2-29 Toronto Street
Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1V9

Enhanced Respite Funding

Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)
(formerly Community Care Access Centre [CCAC])

Website: <http://healthcareathome.ca/centraleast/en>

Ajax Branch (Head Office)
Harwood Plaza
204A-314 Harwood Avenue South
Ajax ON L1S 2J1
Tel: 905-427-5497
Toll Free: 1-866-804-5446
Fax: 905-427-9659



Whitby Branch
920 Champlain Court
Whitby Ontario L1N 6K9
Telephone: 905-430-3308
Toll Free: 1-800-263-3877
Fax: 905-430-3297

Enhanced Respite Funding is a grant paid for respite to eligible families who are caring for a child who is medically fragile and/or depends on a technological device. Examples of medical and technological equipment include: mechanical ventilators, apnea monitors, renal dialysis, urinary catheters, colostomy bags, intravenous drugs, tracheotomy tubes care, suctioning, oxygen support or tube feeding. Families may be eligible for up to \$3,500 per child, per year. There are no restrictions on the type of respite a family may purchase. Funds may be used flexibly to purchase in-home or out-of-home services or a combination of in-home and out-of-home services.

To be eligible, a child must be 18 years or younger and have care requirements resulting from medical or physiological condition(s) that require ongoing, frequent or time-consuming caregiver intervention and monitoring on a 24-hour basis for survival. In addition, children must fall into one of the categories of care requirements.

Note: Children with behavioural disorders alone are not eligible.

A family must be involved with the Central East Local Health Integration Network and apply through their Care Coordinator.

Enhanced Staffing Support

Resources for Exceptional Children and Youth (RFE CY)

865 Westney Road South

Ajax Ontario L1S 3M4

Telephone: 905 427-8862

Toll Free: 1-800-968-0066

Fax: 905-427-3107

Email: info@rfecydurham.com

Website: <http://www.rfecydurham.com/programs-and-services/enhanced-staffing>



Enhanced Staffing is a program provided by RFE CY which supports the inclusion of children with special needs in licensed child care centres or camp programs. The program provides staff with additional support to ensure the safety, well-being and inclusion of children with high needs.

To be eligible, a child must be between the ages of 0 – 12 years and in attendance at a licensed child care centre or day camp. Applications are reviewed, observations are completed and decisions are made based on criteria and availability of funding.

To apply for Enhanced Staffing, a family must first complete an intake with RFE CY. This can be arranged by calling the phone number listed above. Parents/guardians can then submit the form if the child is attending a day camp. If the child is attending a licensed child care centre, the staff must submit the form at: <http://rfecydurham.com/Enhanced-Staffing-Support-App.pdf>

Family Caregiver Leave

Ministry of Labour

400 University Avenue; 14th Floor

Toronto, Ontario M7A 1T7

Telephone: 1-416-326-7160

Toll Free: 1-800-531-5551

TTY: 1-866-567-8893

Website: [Family Caregiver Leave](#)



The Family Caregiver Leave is an unpaid, job-protected leave of up to eight weeks per calendar year per specified family member. It is taken to provide care or support to certain family members who have a serious medical condition. The leave can be taken consecutively or separately.

To be eligible, the employee can be working part-time or full-time, permanent or contract and be covered by the Employment Standards Act (ESA). The family member must have a serious medical condition; a qualified health practitioner must

complete a medical certificate confirming the serious medical condition Please see the website above for more information and eligibility requirements.

To arrange the leave, an employee must speak with their employer and provide a copy of the medical certificate to the employer.

Family Medical Leave

Ministry of Labour
400 University Avenue; 14th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1T7
Telephone: 1-416-326-7160
Toll Free: 1-800-531-5551
TTY: 1-866-567-8893
Website: [Family Medical Leave](#)



The Family Medical Leave is an unpaid, job-protected leave of up to 8 weeks in a 26-week period. It is taken to provide care or support to certain family members and people who consider the employee to be like a family member, who has a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death occurring within a period of 26 weeks. The leave can be taken consecutively or separately.

To be eligible, the employee can be working part-time or full-time, permanent or contract and be covered by the Employment Standards Act (ESA). The family member must have a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death occurring with a period of 26 weeks. A qualified health practitioner must complete a medical certificate confirming the serious medical condition and risk of death.

Please see the website above for more information and eligibility requirements.

To arrange the leave, an employee must speak with their employer and provide a copy of the medical certificate to the employer.

For The Love of a Child

784 Taunton Road East
P.O. Box 78039
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7K5
Telephone: 905-725-7411
Email: fortheloveofachild@durham.net
Website: <http://www.fortheloveofachild.com/>



For The Love of a Child is a charitable organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with special needs and their families. It helps bridge the gap between government funding and private insurance, for items that are not fully covered. Examples of costs that may be covered include: assistive devices not fully covered by ADP or private insurance, education pertaining to a child's special needs, therapies, equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, chairs, day camps, recreation and leisure activities for therapeutic use.

To be eligible, the family must complete the application form and send a doctor's note confirming the diagnosis as well as submit at least one quote for the item/camp/therapy being requested.

Application forms can be completed on line at:

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

Paper copies can be printed and mailed to the organization at the address provided above.

Give a Miracle a Chance

85 Elizabeth Street
Sutton West, Ontario L0E 1R0
Telephone: 416-603-9991
Toll Free: 1-877-603-9991
Fax: 416-603-9991

Email: linda@giveamiracleachance.com

Website: <http://giveamiracleachance.com/>



Give A Miracle a Chance (G.A.M.E.) supports children living with Cerebral Palsy. Funds are provided to support children towards independent therapies and treatments and provide life management counselling, therapy programs, camps and other support services to enable children to become more independent in their lives and in the community. There are two funding streams, financial assistance and life management therapy.

Children with Cerebral Palsy are eligible to apply for assistance.

To apply for assistance, complete the application forms located on the [website](#).

or contact the Family Liaison Director. Applications can be emailed, faxed or mailed.

Hard to Serve Funding

Co-ordination Services for Children and Youth (CSCY)
865 Westney Road South
Ajax Ontario L1S 3M4
Telephone: 905 427-7207
Toll-Free: 1-866-427-7207
Fax: 905-427-3107



This program provides short term, crisis assistance to children/youth with complex needs and their families. Measureable goals must be developed. The funds are only provided in situations that require supplementary resources beyond the capacity of the system and when all other routes of service planning have been exhausted.

A child/youth must be between birth and 18 years of age with a complex need. A complex need is recognized as being severe or chronic in nature (emotional, developmental disability or terminal illness) and beyond the capacity of the family and local services, requiring an integrated service approach that may cross sectors, and needing immediate measures to decrease the risk of the immediate health and safety of the child/youth. The child must reside and be accessing services within Durham Region.

To apply, a professional must request an application form by calling the phone number listed above. The completed application form can be mailed or faxed to the Co-ordination Supervisor at the address above.

Healthy Smiles Ontario

Durham Region Health Department – Oral Health Division
P.O. Box 730

210-1615 Dundas Street East

Whitby Ontario L1N 2L1

Telephone: 905 723-1365, extension 4569

Toll Free: 1-866-853-1326

ServiceOntario INFOLine toll-free at 1-844-296-6306

Fax: 905-723-9482

Website for Durham:

<https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/dental-and-oral-health.aspx>

Website for Ontario: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care>



Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) is a free (government-funded), basic dental program for children and youth. Services covered include: regular check-ups to a licensed dental provider (e.g. dentist or dental hygienist), dental services including cleaning, fillings, xrays, scaling and urgent or emergency oral health issues.

To be eligible, your child must be 17 years of age or younger, an Ontario resident and members of the household meet the income eligibility requirement. Children are automatically eligible and are enrolled when they or their family receive Ontario Works, Temporary Care Assistance, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities or the Ontario Disability Support Program. Families that have other dental insurance are not automatically excluded.

To access the program, contact your dentist to see if they participate in the HSO program. If you do not have a dentist, contact the Durham Region Health Department, Oral Health Division at 1-866-853-1326 or at the above website.

To enroll for dental coverage through the Healthy Smiles Ontario Program, applicants (the child or parent/guardian) must complete and submit an application to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The Durham Region Health Department can help with enrollment.

Healthy Smiles Ontario
33 King Street West
PO Box 645
Oshawa ON L1H 8X1

Please Note: If families apply online, a consent form must also be printed and submitted by mail.

Once enrollment has been confirmed you will receive a Healthy Smiles Ontario dental card which must be presented to your dental provider at each visit.

Holland Bloorview Family Support Fund

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
Family Resource Centre
150 Kilgour Road
Toronto, Ontario M4G 1R8
Telephone: 416-425-6220 extension 6303
Toll Free: 1-800-363-2440
Fax: 416-425-6376
Website: [Holland Bloorview Family Support Fund](#)



The Holland Bloorview Family Support Fund offers up to \$1000.00 of financial support to families of Holland Bloorview during a time of transition or stress. Funds may support accommodations at Holland Bloorview, transportation to Holland Bloorview, equipment, recreation and life skills programs, camp, Outpatient Music Therapy at Holland Bloorview, modifications to home or car, medications or respite. Funding decisions are based on how it will impact the client's physical safety, emotional well-being of the family and the family's financial need.

To be eligible, the child must be under the age of 19, be a registered client of Holland Bloorview and have had a clinical appointment with Holland Bloorview in the two years prior to the date of the application.

Home and Vehicle Modification Program See March of Dimes – see page 34

Housing Stability Program

Community Development Council Durham (CDCD)
4-458 Fairall Street
Ajax, Ontario L1S 1R6
Telephone: 905-686-2661
Toll Free: 1-866-746-3696
Fax: 905-686-4157
Website: <http://www.cdcd.org/housing/housing-stability/>
Email: info@cdcd.org



The Community Development Council of Durham provides low income Durham residents with assistance related to housing stability including: emergency-related hydro or gas arrears, rental arrears and last month's rent. This is a short-term program assessed on a case-by-case basis. Tenants must live in a unit that is usually affordable to them.

The CDCD will require identification from all household members occupying the unit, proof of rental arrears/utility arrears/need to move or obtain last month's rent, copy of most recent bank statement and a signed housing Stability Application. In the case of rental arrears the landlord will be contacted. Financial eligibility is based on the LICO (Low Income Cut-Off) chart and requires the applicant to exhaust all other opportunities for financial assistance.

Application forms can be sent to the mailing address provided above or you can begin the process by contacting CDCD. A direct link to the application form is:

<http://www.cdcd.org/housing/housing-forms/>

Icing Smiles

4-14 Hoffman Street

Kitchener Ontario N2M 3M4

Telephone: 519-576-3364

Website: <http://www.icingsmiles.ca/>

Email: icingsmiles.cn.families@gmail.com



Icing Smiles is a non-profit organization that provides custom celebration cakes and other treats to families impacted by the critical illness of a child. The goal is to create a custom cake for the ill child, or their sibling, that provides a temporary escape and creates a positive memory during a difficult time.

To be eligible, children must be 18 years of age or younger, have a life-threatening medical condition that is considered progressive, degenerative or malignant and are within 2 years of their last treatment. Children who require frequent or extended hospitalizations and are within 2 years of their last inpatient stay are also eligible. All children who are hospitalized on their birthday, regardless of condition are served.

To apply for Icing Smiles fill out the application online at this link:

<http://www.icingsmiles.ca/family-application>

Income & Employment Support

Department of Social Services of Durham Region

Central Intake

605 Rossland Road East

Whitby Ontario L1N 6A3

Telephone: 905-428-8982

Toll Free: 1-877-678-6333

Website: <https://www.durham.ca/en/regional-government/social-services.aspx>



Income Support Program:

This program provides financial assistance through Ontario Works. Income Support (Ontario Works) helps with the costs of basic needs (e.g. food, clothing, shelter). It also assists eligible families with housing, dental care fees, drug card for prescribed medication, prescribed equipment, etc.

To be eligible for Income Support (Ontario Works), you must live in Ontario, need money right away to help pay for food and shelter, and be willing to take part in activities to find a job.

Health-related mandatory benefits include: prescription drug coverage, vision care (child), dental care (child), diabetic supplies, surgical supplies/dressings, medical transportation costs \$15 and over, consumer contribution for assistive devices,

batteries and necessary repairs for mobility devices, Guide Dog Benefit, and advance (up front) child care.

Health-related discretionary benefits may be provided to eligible recipients. These include: dental and vision care for adults, prosthetic appliances, funerals and burials, heating payments and payments for low-cost heating energy conservation measures. As well, non-health-related benefits may include: vocational training and retraining, travel and transportation that is not for health-related purposes, moving expenses any other special service, item or payment authorized by the Director.

To apply for Income Support, call the Central Intake office at 905-428-8982 or toll-free at 1-877-678-6333 and a caseworker will set up an interview with you to complete your application and discuss what income support is available to you.

Employment Support

This program helps candidates with the entire process of preparing for, finding and keeping a job. Financial assistance is provided for job-search related expenses such as travel costs, child care, interview attire, grooming, and criminal reference checks.

To obtain Employment Support, please call the main office number at 1-800-372-1102 or visit the following website:

<https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/employment-support.aspx>

Incontinence Supplies Grant Program

see Easter Seals - page 23

Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity

10800 Concession 5

Uxbridge Ontario L9P 1R1

Telephone: 905-852-1799

Fax: 905-852-0124

Website: <http://jenash.org/>

Email: generalmail@jenash.org



JACC provides support to children who are seriously ill or have a permanent disability. Eligible requests for assistance may include: emergency financial relief directly related to the child's disability, hospital and medical costs, 1:1 respite worker for a predetermined period of time, speech/occupational/physical therapy, sibling care, special formula, prescription medication, disposable medical and feeding supplies.

To be eligible the child must be 18 years of age or younger and have a serious illness and/or have a permanent disability. The following diagnoses qualify for funding:

physical disability, severe medical issues (that cannot be controlled by medication and disrupts the life of the child and family and/or **mental health disorders**.

Extraordinary costs must be present which are incurred directly as a result of the child's diagnosis. The family's combined gross annual household income must be \$60,000 or less. An exception to income will only be considered if there is more than one child with special needs in the family.

To apply complete the application and mail or fax to the address above. Applications are available online at: <http://jenash.org/get-help-now/application/>

Kerry's Place Autism Services

Children's Respite Flexible Funding

34 Berczy Street, Suite 201

Aurora Ontario L4G 1W9

Telephone: 905-713-6808 extension 360

Fax: 905-841-1461

Website: <http://www.kerrysplace.org/childrens-respite-flexible-funding/>

Email: info@kerrysplace.org



This funding is available for the following: respite worker at home or camp, camp fees, fees for social or recreational groups, classes or lessons. Please note that this is a **reimbursement funding process**; therefore, parents/guardians must pay for the service or camp first, and then submit a receipt. Funds are limited. Approval is needed before reimbursement is provided.

Eligible children are 17 years of age or younger and have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. The family must be registered with Kerry's Place.

To apply, parents must register with Kerry's Place through the following link:

<https://secure.kerrysplace.org/reff/ReFF/ValidateEmail.aspx>

Once registered an application for respite funds can be submitted online through the website.

L.E.A.P (Learning, Earning and Parenting)

Department of Social Services of Durham Region

605 Rossland Road East

Whitby Ontario L1N 6A3

Telephone: 905-428-8982

Toll-Free: 1-877-678-6333

Website: [Learning, Earning and Parenting](#)



L.E.A.P. provides support to young parents receiving Income Support (Ontario Works) to complete high school, develop parenting skills and prepare for and find work. The program offers funding for transportation, registration fees, school supplies, and parenting activities. For individuals who successfully complete the program, L.E.A.P. provides a \$500 incentive towards the participant's post-secondary education or towards their child's future education.

To be eligible, custodial parents must be between the ages of 16 and 25 years, have not earned their Grade 12 diploma and are receiving Income Support (Ontario Works).

To apply for L.E.A.P., individuals must first apply for Income Support (Ontario Works) by calling (905) 428-8982. A meeting will then be arranged with a caseworker to determine eligibility for Income Support (Ontario Works) and L.E.A.P.

Life Enriching Activity Fund (LEAF) See Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy – page 41

March of Dimes

Home & Vehicle Modification Program (HVMP)
291 King Street, 3rd Floor
London Ontario N6B 1R8
Toll Free: 1-877-369-4867
Fax: 519-432-4923
Website:



<http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/HomeandVehicle.aspx>
Email: hvmp@marchofdimes.ca

The HVMP provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications. The program funds up to \$15,000 lifetime maximum for home modification and up to \$15,000 every ten years for vehicle modifications.

To be eligible, an individual must be a permanent Ontario resident and have a substantial impairment expected to last one year or more. The impairment must impede mobility and result in substantial restriction in activities of daily living such as personal care or functioning in the community. The full guide to eligibility can be accessed [here](#).

Applications can be submitted online, by fax, or by mail. The application forms are available at this direct link:

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

Make A Wish Foundation

520-4211 Yonge Street
Toronto Ontario M2P 2A9
Telephone: 416-224-9474
Toll Free: 1-888-822-9474
Fax: 416-224-8795
Website: <https://makeawish.ca/>
Email: nationaloffice@makeawish.ca



Make A Wish[®] Canada grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

To be eligible, a child must be between 3 and 17 years of age with a life-threatening medical condition. The child must not have received a prior wish from any wish-granting organization and the child's physician deems the child medically able to participate in the wish.

A referral can be made by medical professionals, parents/guardians or a potential child. (Referrals from other sources should ask the family to contact the national office at: wishreferral@makeawish.ca or 1-888-822-9474).

To refer a child for his/her wish, fax, mail or email: programs@makeawish.ca the printable [application](#).

Referrals can also be submitted online at the following link:
<https://makeawish.ca/refer-child>

Medical Expenses Claim

Canada Revenue Agency
1050 Notre Dame Avenue
Sudbury Ontario P3A 5C2
Toll-Free: 1-800-959-8281



Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

Website: [Medical Expenses Claim](#)

This is a tax credit associated with the extraordinary costs directly related to a disability. Items may be claimed as medical expenses on one's yearly income tax return. Examples of medical expenses may include: prescribed medications, home renovations, glasses, hearing aids, meals and transportation to appointments, artificial limbs, orthotics, medical supplies/equipment, therapies (e.g. ABA, physiotherapy, osteopathy, occupational therapy, speech therapy), hospital services, etc.

To claim this tax credit, you must fill out **Line 330 and 331** of your Schedule One, Federal Tax form. Please see the website listed above for a list of eligible medical expenses.

Medical Supplies and Equipment

The following organizations provide available supplies and equipment for children with Special Needs. Some items are free of charge (shipping at a cost), some are for purchase.

Other Medical Supply and Exchange programs are often found on social media sites. By searching 'medical supply exchange', 'equipment exchange' and/or 'formula exchange' families can be linked to other families donating or selling products and supplies.

Please be aware that it is an individual's responsibility to exercise caution when purchasing and/or obtaining items.

For the Needy not the Greedy

6934 Kinsmen Court
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6S5
Telephone: 289-296-8079
Fax: 289-296-6697
Email: fortheneedynotthegreedy@cogeco.net

For the Needy not the Greedy is a warehouse in Niagara Falls that provides equipment and supplies for families and organizations in need. Medical equipment for children is free-of-charge. They offer a large variety of equipment including wheelchairs, beds, walkers, standers, toileting, bathing, feeding supplies, diapers etc. Items have been donated to the organization so stock varies. Drop-in hours of operation are limited (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm).

Parker Lee Project Inc.

3230 Irving Blvd.
Dallas, Texas, USA
75247
Telephone: 469-441-1485
Email: megan@theparkerleeproject.org
Website: <http://www.theparkerleeproject.org/>

The Parker Lee Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the families of children with medical needs obtain the supplies, equipment, education and support they need. Supplies may include: enteral (feeding bags, extensions), trach, diabetic and incontinence supplies, formula, general wound care supplies (e.g. gauze), syringes, NG Tubes, G Tube buttons (Mic-key and Mini-One), suction catheters and tubing, plus other items and equipment.

To apply for assistance, families must complete and submit the on-line request for supplies form found on the website:

<http://www.theparkerleeproject.org/requestform.html>

The Oley Foundation

43 New Scotland Avenue MC28
Albany Medical Centre
Albany, New York, USA 12208
Telephone: 518-262-5079
Toll Free: 800-776-6539
Fax: 518-262-5528
Website: <http://oley.org/>

The Oley Foundation connects families in need of enteral formula, feeding bags, pumps, tubing, IV poles, syringes and other related supplies with families who have items to donate. Supplies vary daily based upon what's been donated and what's been shipped. The person requesting supplies must pay for shipping prior to any products being shipped from the donor; but this should be the only cost associated with the products. Supplies are shipped from individual to individual.

Requests for supplies or equipment are made online through the Oley Foundation store: <https://oley.site-ym.com/store/default.aspx> where available items are listed. The procedure for requesting and receiving items can be found online at: http://oley.org/?page=Equipment_Exchange

Zach's List

Barbara & Simon

Telephone: 416-419-8917

Website: <http://www.zachslist.ca/>

Email: barb@zachlist.ca

Zach's List is an online community that gives parents and caregivers access to used pediatric equipment and supplies. Families can sell, donate or purchase previously used equipment from other families in the community. Items may include bath seats, bicycles/riding toys, books, cars and accessories, communication aids, feeding tubes, positioning devices, ramps, stair lifts, seating, small motor/sensory toys, standers, walkers, gait trainers, strollers/wheelchairs, swim aids and exercise equipment.

To sell, donate or purchase equipment, families must register with Zach's List [online](http://www.zachslist.ca/) at: <http://www.zachslist.ca/> For more information please email: barb@zachslist.ca.

Million Dollar Smiles



Website: <http://www.milliondollarsmiles.ca/home>

Million Dollar Smiles is a non-profit organization that provides support for families with children facing adversity from life threatening illnesses. There are two types of support offered: the Summer Playground Build Program and the Holiday Bear Drive.

The Summer Playground Build program entails teams of 20+ volunteers building playgrounds over a weekend in the backyard of a child registered with Million Dollar Smiles.

The Holiday Bear Drive runs every December. Over 200 volunteers deliver 4-foot Teddy Bears (each with \$100 Toys R Us gift certificates) to children.

To be eligible, children must be under the age of 18 and have a life threatening illness.

To apply for support, families, friends or professionals can send an email to the following link: <http://www.milliondollarsmiles.ca/refer-a-child>

The eligibility requirements and referral questionnaire will then be provided.

Motor Vehicle Gasoline Rebate

Canada Revenue Agency
Summerside Tax Centre
275 Pope Road
Summerside, Prince Edward Island C1N 6E7
Toll-Free: 1-877-432-5472
Website: [Motor Vehicle Gasoline Rebate](#)



Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

The Motor Vehicle Rebate allows you to claim a refund on gasoline at the rate of \$0.015 per litre or \$0.0015 per kilometre when transporting an individual with mobility issues. Gasoline cannot be for personal use unless you are an individual with a mobility impairment that is permanent.

To qualify, you or your child must have an permanent mobility impairment and cannot use public transportation.

To apply, fill out the form which can be obtained at the website provided above.

Motor Vehicle Purchase or Modification

GST/HST Rebate
Canada Revenue Agency
Summerside Tax Centre
275 Pope Road
Summerside Prince Edward Island C1N 6A2
Toll-Free: 1-800-959-5525
Website: [Motor Vehicle Purchase or Modification](#)



Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

This rebate is for the GST/HST one has paid on the purchase of a new or used qualifying motor vehicle or modification (parts and service) to a vehicle. A “qualifying motor vehicle” has a device which places a wheelchair in the vehicle without having to collapse it.

You must apply for the rebate within **4 years** after the day you paid the tax or the tax became payable. Attach all of your original receipts and invoices for the purchases recorded with this rebate application. The application is available in electronic format and can be viewed and printed from the link listed above. Send the application to the address listed above.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada (MDC)

Ontario & Nunavut Regional Office
2345 Yonge Street, Suite 901
Toronto Ontario M4P 2E5
Telephone: 416-488-2699
Toll-Free: 1-800-567-2873
Fax: 416-488-0107
Website: <http://www.muscle.ca/>
Email: <mailto:infoontario@muscle.ca>



The MDC Equipment Program provides financial assistance for the purchase of a mobility aid for someone with a neuromuscular disability. The Equipment Program can provide a maximum of \$2640.00 per item. Families must contribute \$200.00 per item. Aids and devices include wheelchairs, walkers, lifts, bathing items, specialized beds/mattresses, communication devices, ramps, breathing aids (e.g. ventilators/CPAP machines).

To be eligible, you must first be registered with Muscular Dystrophy Canada at the following this [website](#):

There is no charge to register, however you must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and have a confirmed diagnosis of a neuromuscular disorder under the MDC umbrella.

Once you are registered, you may print the application form for financial assistance through the Equipment Program and fax or mail it to the address provided above. Here is a direct link to the application [form](#).

Ontario Child Benefit (OCB)

Ministry of Children and Youth Services
77 Wellesley Street West
PO Box 156
Toronto Ontario M7A 1N3
Toll-Free: 1-866-821-7770
Fax: 416-212-1977
Website:



<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/english/financialhelp/ocb/index.aspx>

Email: mcsingo@mcys.gov.on.ca

OCB provides financial support to working and non-working, low-income families. Payments are based on the number of children under the age of 18 years in the family as well as the family's adjusted net income.

To be eligible, you must be a permanent resident of Ontario and the primary caregiver for a child under 18 years of age. You must have filed your previous income tax return and have registered your child for the federal Canada Child Benefit.

There is no application form for OCB. Once you and/or your spouse/common law partner have filed your income tax returns, the Canada Revenue Agency will automatically review your eligibility. If you are eligible, your payments will be included with the **Canada Child Benefit**.

Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/ Craniofacial Dental Program

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab

150 Kilgour Road

Toronto Ontario M4G 1R8

Telephone: 416-425-6220 x 3466

Toll-Free: 1-800-363-2440

Hospital for Sick Children

555 University Avenue

Toronto Ontario M5G 1X8

Telephone: 416-813-5882

Website: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/child/cleft.aspx>

This program covers up to 75% of the pre-approved dental specialist treatment costs not covered by private dental insurance. Patients are entitled to funding for only one treatment.

To be eligible, a child must be 17 years of age or younger, have a valid OHIP number, and have a diagnosis of cleft lip and/or palate, craniofacial anomaly, or any other severe dental dysfunction.

To obtain financial assistance, an individual must have a screening assessment done first at a designated clinic (Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab and the Hospital for Sick Children). The Dental Director and Assessment team at the clinic will determine eligibility. All requests for reimbursements must be sent to the Hospital for Sick Children.

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Ministry of Community and Social Services

850 King Street West

Oshawa, Ontario L1J 2L5

Telephone: 905-440-1030

Toll-Free: 1-800-772-1196

Fax: 905-433-7650

Website: <https://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/social/odsp/>



Income Support

ODSP provides financial support to adults with a substantial physical or mental disability to help with the costs of basic needs (e.g. food, clothing, shelter). It also assists eligible families with housing, dental care fees, drug card for prescribed medication, prescribed equipment. Additionally some individuals may qualify for Discretionary Benefits as listed below:

Website: [Income Support](#)

To be eligible, you must live in Ontario and be 18 years of age or older. You must have a substantial physical or mental disability that is expected to last more than a

year and that interferes with your ability to care for yourself. Your impairment, its duration and restrictions must be verified by an approved health care professional. The amount of funding you receive depends on your financial situation.

To apply, call your local ODSP office and set up a meeting with a representative to determine your financial eligibility. If you are on Ontario Works your financial eligibility has already been determined. If you qualify, the Ministry will send a Disability Determination Package. This package must be completed within 90 days and sent to the Disability Adjunction Unit of the Ministry at the following address:

Ontario Disability Support Program
Disability Adjunction Unit
Box B18
Toronto Ontario M7A 1R3

Employment Support

This program helps candidates with the entire process of preparing for, finding and keeping a job. Financial assistance is provided for job-search related expenses such as software and mobility devices that can help you do your job, interpreter or intervenor services, transportation assistance, assistive devices and training to use them, special clothing, specialized computer training.

To be eligible for employment supports, you must be at least 16 years of age, an Ontario resident, legally allowed to work in Canada and have a substantial physical or mental disability that is expected to last a year or more, and makes it hard for you to find or keep a job. You do not have to be receiving income support from ODSP to be eligible for employment supports.

To obtain Employment Support, call/visit the office at the address listed above to request a package or print out the [Application Package](#). You must also complete the [Verification of Disability/Impairment](#) form.

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy (OFCP)

104-1630 Lawrence Avenue West
Toronto Ontario M6L 1C5
Telephone: 416-244-9686
Toll-Free: 1-877-244-9686
Fax: 416-244-6543
Website: <https://ofcp.ca/>



The OFCP provides funding for people with Cerebral Palsy (CP) through the “Assistive Devices Funding Program” and the “Life Enriching Activity Fund”. Applying to these funds is a two-step process. Families must first apply to be members of OFCP. To become an OFCP member, complete the application form found at this link: http://www.ofcp.ca/pdf/OFCP_Individual_Application_Form.pdf Mail the completed form to address provided above. Families will then need to complete and submit an application specific to the funding request.

Assistive Devices Funding Program

Email: adfp@ofcp.ca

This program provides financial assistance for equipment. Categories of equipment that are funded include: communication and reading/writing aids, orthotics, wheelchairs, walkers, standers, positioning aids, ramps, lifts, hospital beds, car seats, bathroom aids and modification to electronic aids for daily living. A full list of funded equipment can be found at

<http://ofcp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2015-ADFP-EQUIPMENT-LIST.pdf>

A maximum of \$2500 may be funded per person per year.

To be eligible, a person must have Cerebral Palsy, be a member of the OFCP and have a valid Ontario Health Card.

To apply for the Assistive Devices Funding Program, you must print and complete an application form. Information about the program, guidelines and applications (when available) can be found at: <http://ofcp.ca/programs/funding/assisted-devices/>

Mail the completed form to the OFCP **prior** to ordering or purchasing the piece of equipment. Please note that applications are accepted annually for a limited time beginning **September 1st**.

Life Enriching Activity Fund

Email : activity@ofcp.ca

The **Life Enriching Activity Fund** is an opportunity for members to access financial assistance to enrich, enhance or augment an activity the member currently participates in or is interested in. Examples include: class trips, program fees (e.g. yoga, swimming, music, art classes), sports equipment, camps, accommodation and passes to amusement parks/concert/sports events.

To be eligible the child must have cerebral palsy, be a resident of Ontario and be a member of the OFCP. The maximum amount of funding is \$500/year.

There are two funding periods, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The application period changes each year and lasts for 2 weeks after opening. Please check the website at the following link for more information, guidelines and application (when available): <http://ofcp.ca/programs/funding/leaf/>

A health professional letter is required for requests for sports equipment.

Ontario Works

See Income and Employment Support page 31

Private Medical Benefits

Families may have benefits through their employer which may fully or partially cover the costs of medications (e.g. prescription drugs), equipment (e.g. bath seats, orthotics, hospital beds, mobility aids), services (e.g. Physiotherapy, Personal Support Worker, Nursing, Speech/Language Therapy, Osteopathy) and/or specialized, prescription formula.

Families should inquire about and exhaust their extended health benefits before pursuing funding from other sources.

See page 11 for “Tips When Accessing Private Medical Benefits”

Registered Disability Savings Plan See Canada Disability Savings Grant - page 16

Rotary Club of Bowmanville Summer Respite Program

P.O. Box 217

Bowmanville Ontario L1C 3K9

Website:

<http://www.bowmanvillerotaryclub.org/sitepage/summer-respite-care-program>

Email: lgoodin@sympatico.ca

Email: hellobonnieseto@gmail.com



The Summer Respite Care Program is offered by the Rotary Club of Bowmanville to support children with special needs and their families. This program connects families with a student respite care provider who will provide educational and recreational activities during the summer months when children are not in school. The Rotary Club strives to provide between 4-8 hours of respite care per week per family at a cost to families of \$2.00/hour.

To be eligible the family must reside in Clarington (Courtice, Bowmanville, Newcastle and Orono) and be between the ages of 3-20.

To apply go to the link and complete the application form. Completed applications can be mailed or emailed:

Shine Through the Rain

12-1211 Gorham Street

Newmarket, ON L3Y 8Y3

Phone: 905-477-7743

Toll Free: 1-866-753-0303

Fax: 905-477-4251

Email: info@shinethroughtherain.ca

Web: <http://shinethroughtherain.ca/>



This organization provides support to children, adults and families affected by life threatening illnesses.

Rainy Day Fund

Individuals receiving active treatment for their illness may qualify for a maximum of \$1,000 per year. Funds may cover grocery gift cards, hospital transportation, parking costs, mortgage and utility bills. Applications are due on the 15th of each month. A copy of the application can be downloaded [here](#).

Rainy Day Gifts for Children

The Foundation delivers gift bags containing board games, hand-held games, dolls, cards, coloring books, stuffed toys and puzzles to children who are affected by cancer.

A copy of the application can be downloaded [here](#).

Camp Scholarship Program

This program allows children 7 – 18 years of age who are in remission to access funding to attend a camp (specific camps are listed). Maximum funding per child is \$500. A copy of the application can be downloaded [here](#).

Special Services at Home Program (SSAH)

Ontario Ministry of Children & Youth Services

850 King Street West

Oshawa, Ontario L1J 2L5

Telephone: 905-440-1090

Toll Free: 1-800-722-1196

TTY: 905-433-3950

Fax: 1-855-333-6757

Website:

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

SSAH supports individuals with developmental and physical disabilities to live as independently as possible with their own families. This program provides financial assistance to purchase family relief (respite) or developmental programming services.

To be eligible, individuals diagnosed with a developmental or physical disability must live at home, be a resident of Ontario and need more support than most families can provide. The disability and resulting ongoing functional limitation must be documented by a medical practitioner.

To apply, contact your local area office and request a SSAH application or download the [application form](#).

Starlight Children's Foundation of Canada

Ontario Office

200 Consumers Road, Suite 809

Toronto Ontario M2J 4R4

Telephone: 416-642-5675

Toll Free: 1-800-880-1004

Fax: 416-642-5667

Website: <http://www.starlightcanada.org/>

Email: info@starlightcanada.org



Starlight provides opportunities in the form of activities, tickets, events and wishes to children who are seriously ill. There are 3 facets to their funding:

Starlight Escapes:

This program provides families with children who are seriously ill (of any age) with opportunities to attend fun events together such as movies, cruises, picnics and sporting events. Family members will have the opportunity to meet with others who are facing similar challenges at these events.

Starlight Day Brighteners:

This program allows a seriously ill child to experience a fun outing such as a concert, sporting event, museum and attractions away from the hospital, treatments and therapies. Children who are part of the Starlight Escapes program are automatically invited to participate in the Brightener program.

To apply to the Starlight Escapes and Day Brighteners programs, complete and submit an application to be part of the “Starlight Family” by email, fax or mail. Applications can be found [here](#).

Starlight Wishes:

This program grants dreams to children by providing a once-in-a-lifetime experiences such as a family vacation, computer, shopping spree or meeting with a favourite celebrity.

To be eligible a child must be between the ages of 4 and 18 years and have a serious, chronic, or life-threatening medical condition. The child must not have had a wish granted by any other wish-granting organization in the past.

To apply, or if you know a child who would benefit from a wish, please complete the application form and submit to the Program Coordinator at the above address. Applications can be found at:

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

Sunshine Foundation of Canada: Dream for Kids

300 Wellington Street, Suite 100

London Ontario N6B 2L5

Telephone: 519-642-0990

Toll-Free: 1-800-461-7935

Fax: 1-800-461-7475

Email: dreams@sunshine.ca

Website: <http://www.sunshine.ca/>



This organization makes dreams come true for children with severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses. Wishes may include: vacations, new equipment (i.e. specially made tricycle), meetings with celebrities/heroes, etc.

To be eligible, a child must have a severe physical disability or life-threatening illness, be between the age of 7 and 18 years of age, be able to formulate and communicate his/her dream, and have not previously received a dream or wish from a similar organization.

Medical or health care professionals and parents/guardians can make referrals on behalf of a child. To make a referral, complete a request form at

<http://www.sunshine.ca/sites/default/files/Refer%20a%20Child%202015.pdf>

Send the completed request form to the address provided above and the Foundation will send the full application if the child’s eligibility is confirmed.

Trillium Drug Program – Ontario Drug Benefit

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

P.O. Box 337, Station D

Etobicoke Ontario M9A 4X3

Telephone: 416-642-3038

Toll-Free: 1-800-575-5386

Fax: 416-642-3034

Website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs>

Email: trillium@ontariodrugbenefit.ca

Ontario Drug Benefit

This program provides Ontario residents with financial assistance if they have high prescription drug costs in relation to their net household income. The program helps cover the cost of prescription drug products listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug Index. Drug products that are not listed on the Formulary will be considered through the Ministry's Exceptional Access Program on a case-by-case basis.

To be eligible, you must be a resident of Ontario, have a valid Ontario Health Card, and do not qualify for drug coverage from another Ontario Drug Benefit source. Also, you must not have private insurance coverage or if you do, the private insurance does not cover 100% of your prescription drug costs.

Please note: You will pay a set amount of your prescription drug costs each year. The amount of your deductible is based on your household income and equals about 4% of your household's combined net income. Payments are split into four equal amounts over the year starting on August 1st. You pay your deductible by purchasing ODB approved prescription drug products at your pharmacy. Once you have purchased enough of these products to equal the amount of your deductible, then the ODB program pays for most of the cost of your drugs.

To apply, obtain a Trillium application kit at your local pharmacy or by calling 1-800-575-5386. The application form can also be printed from this direct link and mailed in: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs>

Nutrition Products

Nutrition products (formula) may be reimbursed when the cost is exceptional relative to the cost of regular formula.

To be eligible, the formula must be prescribed by the child's doctor and be the sole source of nutrition as the result of one of the following: disorders resulting in esophageal dysfunction, dysphagia, maldigestion, malabsorption or those requiring a chemically defined diet. A "Prescriber" (e.g. doctor) and Pharmacist must complete and sign the application. Application forms can be accessed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs>

War Amps – CHAMP Program

2827 Riverside Drive
Ottawa Ontario K1V 0C4
Telephone: 613-731-3821
Toll-Free: 1-800-267-4023
Fax: 613-731-4092

Website: <http://www.waramps.ca/home/>

Email: champ@waramps.ca



The War Amps CHAMP Program provides financial assistance for artificial and recreational limbs when provincial medical plans or private insurance plans do not cover the entire cost. It also provides funding for travel costs to and from prosthetic centres.

To be eligible, children must be under the age of 18 years and be born missing a limb(s) or have lost a limb(s) due to medical causes or an accident. Enrollment is restricted to children in Canada.

To enrol in the CHAMP Program, print the enrollment form and mail it to the address provided above. A direct link to the [enrollment form](#) available here.