

## B. FINANCIAL/GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

The following resources are examples of government-based programs that may offer financial or other program supports to individuals with disabilities and/or their families/guardians. Please follow up with your jurisdiction for more detail and other programs. Note that these are only examples, hence, this list is likely incomplete.

### **National/Federal (Canada-Wide)**

- Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Benefit; Children's Benefit
  - o Monthly benefit payments for the dependent children of those whose parent/guardian is receiving a disability benefit themselves (which requires one to have contributed enough for CPP)
  - o Child must be under 18 years of age, or between 18 and 25, attending full time post secondary education
  - o Exclusion applies to Quebec where you would instead apply for the Quebec Pension Plan disability benefit
  - o (<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/cpp-disability-benefit.html>)
- Child Disability Benefit
  - o Monthly financial support payments made to those who provide care for a child under the age of 18 living with physical or mental impairment
  - o (<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/child-disability-benefit.html>)
- Disability Supports Deduction
  - o Those with mental and/or physical impairments themselves may be able to have certain medical expenses deducted on their taxes
  - o This can be so that one could go to work, school, or do research
  - o (<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/line-21500-disability-supports-deduction.html>)
- Disability Tax Credit (DTC)
  - o An income tax credit reduction aimed to helping persons with disabilities or their supports/companion with the covering of costs associated with disabilities
  - o Additional supplement available for persons under 18 years of age
  - o (<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html>)
- Employment Works program – training and skills development for those with autism or other impairments aiming to enter the workforce
  - o (<https://employment-works.ca/>)
- Inclusion Canada
  - o A national federation aimed at creating both further and fuller inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities through supports such as income security assistance with employment, etc.
  - o (<https://inclusioncanada.ca/>)
- Ready Willing & Able Employment Program
  - o Connects employers to persons with an intellectual disability/ASD
  - o Provides support throughout the hiring process and ongoing work
  - o (<http://readywillingable.ca/>)
- Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)
  - o Savings plan for long term financial security of individuals who have a disability
  - o (<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rdsp.html>)

## **Alberta**

- Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)
  - o Offers a variety of supports to Albertans who have a long-term disability, chronic, or terminal illness to help pay for appropriate medical supplies
  - o (<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-aids-to-daily-living.aspx>)
- Alberta Works
  - o Employment and transition services
- Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)
  - o Offers both financial and health benefits for those who are eligible and living with a permanent medical condition that is ongoingly preventing them from earning a living
  - o (<https://www.alberta.ca/aish.aspx>)
- Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)
  - o Supports both children and families with access to support(s) from government and community resources
  - o Coordinates these supports and services
  - o Helps with costs related to a child's needs
  - o (<https://www.alberta.ca/fscd.aspx>)
- Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program (PDD)
  - o Aims to help foster independence to those with developmental disabilities
  - o (<https://www.alberta.ca/persons-with-developmental-disabilities-pdd.aspx>)

## **British Columbia**

- The BC Government has created an Autism Support Specialist resource, providing a first point of contact for individuals and their families to get in contact with regarding available supports, and further direction on where to go next regarding additional resources that would be most applicable to their needs
  - o (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/child-behaviour-development/special-needs/autism-spectrum-disorder>)

## **Manitoba**

- Manitoba Government ([https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/imd/fin\\_assist.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/imd/fin_assist.html))
  - o Children's disABILITY Services
    - Helps to offer parents both resources as well as supports to help them care for their child within their own community
    - (<https://gov.mb.ca/fs/cds/index.html>)
  - o Community Living disABILITY Services
    - Provides personalized information to individuals who are eighteen years of age or older and have impairments, on the available supports that may assist them in being able to live more independently
    - Includes resources such as respite, family supports, in-home services, outreach, day services, employment, job-training, rent top-up, etc.
    - (<https://gov.mb.ca/fs/clds/index.html>)
  - o Manitoba Child Benefit
    - Monthly benefit to low-income individuals who also have dependents in care
    - (<https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/eia/mcb.html>)
  - o Manitoba Employment and Income Assistance
    - Offers some monthly benefits to individuals with disabilities requiring additional financial support
    - Goal of helping recipients to find work, but also has funding to provide assistance as needed
    - ([https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/eia/eia\\_disability.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/eia/eia_disability.html))
  - o Manitoba Family Tax Benefit, offers an additional federal disability tax credit
  - o Manitoba provincial primary caregiver tax credit (only one person can claim)
    - For one person taking on the caregiving for another with a disability or illness

- (<https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/tao/caregiver.html>)

### **New Brunswick**

- Disability Support Program
  - Provides disability support plans for individuals with disabilities
  - Allows individual to self-manage case plan and the supports needed, or can request the support of a social worker if preferred
  - ([https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services\\_renderer.200972.Disability\\_Support\\_Program.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.200972.Disability_Support_Program.html))
- Family Supports for Children with Disabilities
  - Provides both social work support and additional financial resources to those families who are in need of assistance with providing care for the child who has a disability
  - ([https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services\\_renderer.10195.Family\\_Supports\\_for\\_Children\\_with\\_Disabilities\\_.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.10195.Family_Supports_for_Children_with_Disabilities_.html))
- Government of New Brunswick Disability Support Program
  - Provides support for individuals with disabilities in their personal support plans
  - Supports include support workers, respite, assistance both in and outside the home, supports for community involvement and in participating, skills training, transportation, etc.
  - ([https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services\\_renderer.200972.Disability\\_Support\\_Program.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.200972.Disability_Support_Program.html))
- Housing Assistance for Persons with Disabilities
  - Offered to those with a household income that is below the applicable limit but needing accessibility-friendly modifications to their household
  - ([https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services\\_renderer.19576.Housing\\_Assistance\\_for\\_Persons\\_with\\_Disabilities.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.19576.Housing_Assistance_for_Persons_with_Disabilities.html))
- Main website for New Brunswick Supports and Programs  
([https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/social\\_development/persons\\_disabilities.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/social_development/persons_disabilities.html))

### **Newfoundland & Labrador**

- Government Supports through the Department of Health and Community Services  
(<https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/personsdisabilities/fundingprograms-hcs/>)
  - Board and Lodging Supplement
    - Funding supplement that is available based on an individual being aged 18 or over and who has a disability
  - Community Behavioural Services (CBSP)
    - Voluntary community behavioural support program available to children who are school aged or older
    - Program specifically provides both interventions as well as supports to individuals who have a developmental disability/behavioural concerns
  - Direct Home Services Program
    - No cost home based intervention program
    - For young children who are between infancy and preschool age, and at risk for developing significant development delays
    - Goals entail skill teaching and improving behavioural strategies in child's development
    - Referral needed
  - Individualized Living Arrangement (ILA)
    - Used when no additional services or options are available for the adult with intellectual disabilities and in order to meet the home support criteria
    - The individual is not residing with their family
    - Funding for basic income support and additional funding for home support or other needed costs
  - Intensive Applied Behavioural Analysis Program
    - Early intervention program for children who have autism

- Eligibility for children up to the age of third grade
  - Teaches meaningful behavioural skills for both the child and family to use
- Provincial Home Support Program
  - Home support agency or support worker hired by the individual's family to help offset the scope of services being provided by family members to assist in care, cost can be subsidized to a certain extent to defer incurred costs
- Shared Living Arrangements
  - Arrangements where individuals with disabilities live together and share costs of living and the additional arrangement of home support staff
- Special Assistance Program
  - Supports for basic medical supplies and equipment that would support the individual with their activities of daily living
- Special Child Welfare Allowance Program
  - Helps to provide financial assistance with costs of services and supports to families with a child under 18 years, with a physical and/or intellectual disability
  - Helps with purchasing of items needed due to a child's disability

### **Northwest Territories**

- (<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/services-persons-disabilities>)
  - Contributing Assistance for Repairs and Enhancements Mobility (CARE Mobility)
    - Provides assistance to homeowners who have a household member with a disability, to make modifications that could help with independent living
    - (<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/hss/files/resources/gnwt-disabilities-inventory.pdf>) (p. 12)
  - Health and Social Services System Navigator (1-855-846-9601 Toll Free)
    - Helps individuals or families to receive information on health/social services in NWT
    - Connects with appropriate services and assists with accessing forms
  - Income Assistance
    - Provides financial support to those in need of additional support to meet both their basic and further needs
    - Provides an amount for essential services such as food, shelter, utilities, and further needs for those requiring additional supports such as those with a disability
    - 19 years and older
    - (<https://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/en/services/income-security-programs/income-assistance>)
  - Information, Referral, and Support Program
    - Provides information to individuals with disabilities about related services that NWT offers and offers connections to other services
    - Assists clients in applying for programs and assists in attending meetings/appeals related to disability issues
    - Writes support letters
    - Referrals to appropriate programs
  - (<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/hss/files/resources/gnwt-disabilities-inventory.pdf>) (p. 9) Rehabilitation Services
    - Helps people of all different age ranges to improve/maintain independence if they have a disability or disease that impairs their ability to function (offers physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, audiology)
    - (<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/hss/files/resources/gnwt-disabilities-inventory.pdf>) (p.5)
  - Supported Living Program
    - Provides support/supervision for those with disabilities, not requiring nursing care
    - Home like setting that helps people with disabilities maintain independence to the greatest extent possible
    - (<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/hss/files/resources/gnwt-disabilities-inventory.pdf>) (p.

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- Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation (SCIP)
  - Provides and promotes accessing high quality early childhood education programs for children who have specific developmental needs
  - (<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/hss/files/resources/gnwt-disabilities-inventory.pdf>)(p. 1)

## **Nova Scotia**

- Child Tax Benefits
  - Nova Scotia Child Benefit (NSCB)
  - Tax free monthly payment to families with a child under the age of 18
  - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/families/ChildBenefit.html>)
- Community Services
  - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/department/contact/index.html>)
- Direct Family Support for Children Program (DFSC)/ Enhanced Family Support for Children program
  - Aims to support families in which an individual with disabilities lives at home
  - Amount of funding based on the extent that the disability impacts the individual and family
  - Provides funds for respite in order to give caregivers breaks
  - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/DirectFamilySupportForChildren.html>)
- Disability Support Program (DSP) - Supports individuals with a broad range of disabilities to access community-based/residential vocational resources
  - ([https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/documents/Disability\\_Support\\_Program\\_Policies.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/documents/Disability_Support_Program_Policies.pdf))
  - Standard Household Rate - Provides a standard rate for needs such as shelter, food, clothing, utilities, personal items, etc.
    - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/DSP-standard-household-rate.html>)
  - Alternative Family Support Program – provides support to individuals who are living with disabilities in a private family home
    - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/AlternativeFamilySupport.html>)
  - Independent Living Support – provides funding for support services based on assessed needs of eligible participants who require support to live on their own. Goal is to maximize one’s level of independence
    - Assists with maintaining connections, relationships, and maintaining health and wellness
    - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/IndependentLiving.html>)
  - Licensed Homes for Special Care – settings that provide support and supervision in homes that have three beds or more. Different options include Small Option Home, Group Homes/Developmental Residences, Residential Care Facilities, Adult Residential Centres, and Regional Rehabilitation Centres
    - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/HomesForSpecialCare.html>)
- Flex Program
  - Able to provide funding on an individual basis to purchase supports that are specific to individual needs and goals
  - Seeks to promote independence, self-reliance and social inclusion
  - (<https://novascotia.ca/coms/disabilities/FlexProgram.html>)

## **Nunavut**

- Income Assistance
  - Assists individuals and families to meet their basic needs when unable to provide for these needs independently
  - Requires income assistance worker support
  - (<https://www.gov.nu.ca/family-services/programs-services/income-assistance-ia>)
- Nunavut Child Benefit (NUCB)
  - Assists with cost of raising children for low income families
  - Territorial Worker’s Supplement

- Additional benefits for working families with children at home
- (<https://www.gov.nu.ca/family-services/programs-services/nunavut-child-benefit-nucb>)

## **Ontario**

- Assistance for Developmental Disabilities
  - Able to help aid individuals and their families as related to one's developmental disabilities and their needs. Required to contact the regional office which would be most applicable to an individual based on their location
  - Examples of the supports which could be available includes respite, community support and residential services
  - (<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/developmental.aspx>)
- Fair Pass Transit Discount Program
  - Discounted access to public transportation
  - (<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/employment-social-support/support-for-people-in-financial-need/assistance-through-ontario-works/transit-discount/>)
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
  - Income supports may be available to individuals and families to help them cover the costs associated with essential living expenses
  - Health benefits - Potential prescription, dental, vision care, medical supplies
  - Disability related benefits – assistive technology, mobility device, guide dog
  - Employment incentives/benefits
  - (<https://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/odsp>)
- Ontario Autism Program
  - Support for services
  - Childhood Budget to be used for appropriate services that are needed for the child such as respite, travel, additional autism services, etc.
  - (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-autism-program>)
- Out of Home Respite
  - Families who have a child with multiple special needs that require consistent care may be eligible for respite
  - (<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/respites.aspx>)
- Special Services at Home
  - Helps families that provide care to an individual with developmental or physical disabilities
  - Families hire someone that can help the child to learn new skills/abilities
  - Respite support
  - (<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/english/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx>)

## **Prince Edward Island**

- AccessAbility - Offers to support individuals with disabilities which may include:
  - Personal Support – life skills training, technical aids and assistive devices, supports to assist self-sufficiency/ foster independence
  - Housing Supports – Provides assistance in relation to independent living and could also include other forms of assistance such as:
    - Financial assistance for caregiver support in community residential settings
    - Financial assistance for modifications to the home or vehicle for disability modifications
  - Community Supports
    - Vocational assistance through services such as coaching, skills training and supports for youth as they transition away from the education system into the workforce
    - Day programs, personal aid or transportation
  - Caregiver Supports
    - Respite support
    - Support for adults who are not able to stay in the home alone while their caregivers work or attend school

- Financial Supports
  - Basic living assistance
- (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-housing/accessability-supports>)
- Autism Services for Children and Youth – Intensive Behavioural Intervention
  - Autism funding for school aged children may be available
  - (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/autism-funding>)
- Child Care Subsidy Program
  - Assists with the costs of child care/daycare services for children 12 years of age and under
    - Eligibility includes that one must be either working or attending school
  - (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-housing/help-for-child-care-expenses>)
- Dental Public Health Services
  - Assists with the ensuring of dental and treatment services for individuals (3-17 years) not covered under private insurance
  - (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/dental-public-health-services>)
- Family Health Benefit Drug Program
  - Helps with costs of prescription medications for low-income parents and their child (under 19 years)
  - (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/family-health-benefit-drug-program>)
- Social Assistance Program
  - Assistance is individualized, overall aiming to help with needs such as food, shelter, medication, dental, glasses, etc.
  - (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/family-and-human-services/social-assistance-program>)

### **Quebec**

- For information on financial support and programs for those families who have disabled/neurodiverse children
  - Contact Integrated Health and Social Services
  - (<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/finding-a-resource/finding-your-integrated-health-and-social-services-centre-ciuss-or-your-integrated-university-health-and-social-services-centre-ciuss/>)
- Quebec Pension Plan (Disability Pension)

### **Saskatchewan**

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Individualized Funding Program and Eligible Services List Available
  - Individualized funding available and based on the specific needs of child
  - (<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/autism-services#individualized-funding>)
  - Refer to eligible services list with link below for a full list of applicable supports
  - (<https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/90571/formats/107487/download>)
  - Alternative Funding list is also available as well for those looking for support but is not covered under the previous eligible services list
  - (<https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/90570/formats/107486/download>)
- Cognitive Disability Strategy Support (CDS)
  - Provides services such as consultants and a financial benefit that help with unmet needs of individuals with a cognitive disability and their families
  - ([https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/people-with-disabilities/financial-help-and-support-for-people-with-cognitive-disabilities#:~:text=The%20Cognitive%20Disability%20Strategy%20\(CDS,cognitive%20disabilities](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/people-with-disabilities/financial-help-and-support-for-people-with-cognitive-disabilities#:~:text=The%20Cognitive%20Disability%20Strategy%20(CDS,cognitive%20disabilities))





- Home Care program
  - o Provides services such as acute care, chronic care, palliative care, rehabilitation services and respite care on the basis of an individual's needs
  - o (<https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/care-services/learn-about-home-care-program>)
- Social Assistance Supplement
  - o \$250 additional supplement for individuals 19 years and older who are unemployed due to their long term disability
  - o (<https://yukon.ca/en/legal-and-social-supports/supports-adults-and-seniors/apply-allowance-supplement-your-social>)