

Children's disABILITY Services

Family Supports for Children with
Disabilities



Manitoba



THE PROGRAM

What is Children's disABILITY Services?

This program, provided through the Department of Families, supports families who are raising a child (or children) with developmental or physical disabilities, to meet the additional needs they may have.

How Does Children's disABILITY Services Help Families?

Children's disABILITY Services offers a variety of resources and supports to parents to assist them to care for their children at home in their own communities, where children grow and thrive.

Does my child qualify?

Children under the age of 18, who live in Manitoba with their birth, adoptive or extended families, are eligible. Eligible children must also have a medical diagnosis confirming one or more of the following conditions:

- intellectual disability
- developmental delay
- autism spectrum disorder
- lifelong physical disability
- high probability of developmental delay due to a pre-existing condition

How do I apply?

Some families are referred to *Children's disABILITY Services* by medical professionals, schools, and day cares. You may also apply for the program directly by contacting the Department of Families office in your community. (See list on back page.)

Please note: Written confirmation of the child's diagnosis must be included with all applications.

*For the purposes of this brochure, the word "parent" is used to represent a birth, adoptive or extended family member who takes care of a child under the age of 18 in their home.

What happens next?

If your child qualifies for the program, a *Children's disABILITY Services* worker will connect with your family to look at your specific situation, and talk to you about your needs, goals and care concerns. The worker will provide you with information about supports that may be available through *Children's disABILITY Services* and other agencies, such as child care facilities, schools and volunteer organizations.



The worker can also help you arrange for the services you need and, as long as your child remains eligible for *Children's disABILITY Services*, a worker may remain involved until your child is 18, or you no longer need these services.

THE SERVICES

Children's disABILITY Services offers a range of services and supports. Many can be provided at home, in a child care centre, at school or at another site chosen by the therapist or a *Children's disABILITY Services* worker.

**Please note: The amount of service a family receives depends on eligibility, assessed need and the program resources available.*

Respite

Respite is a break from the very unique demands of caring for a child with disabilities. It is available to parents who need a short-term break, and can be provided in or outside the child's home. For children who have lifelong, complex medical needs, respite can be provided by a registered nurse through the local regional health authority.

Therapy

Children who need therapy services will be referred to their regional central intake for the Outreach Therapy for Children (OTC) program or the Children's Therapy Initiative (CTI). Therapies that may be available include occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and audiology. For more information please visit www.sscy.ca/childrens-therapy-initiative.

Child Development Services for Preschool Children

Child development staff work with parents to identify their child's strengths and goals. Staff teach parents and caregivers ways to help the child develop and learn new skills.

Autism Services

Autism Outreach: This program teaches parents and caregivers autism intervention methods that are personalized and flexible. Autism specialists work closely with child-development staff to deliver the service.

Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA): Programming based on the principles of ABA is available for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Programs are personalized and use behavioural strategies to teach skills across a number of areas.

Behavioural Services

Behavioural specialists may assess a child's challenging behaviours, and, together with the family, develop a plan that addresses the child's needs.

Summer Skills Programming

Children's disABILITY Services can help school-age children maintain their skills during the summer months. This is done by providing supports children need to access programs and activities that promote what they have learned during the school year.

After-school Care for Adolescents

After-school care may be available for adolescents who can no longer access child care, but still need to be looked after and supervised outside school hours, while their parents are at work.

Supplies, Equipment and Home/Vehicle Modifications

Children's disABILITY Services may provide funding for certain supplies, equipment and home or van modifications at a basic level. These supports are provided through the Disability and Health Supports Unit. For more information on what's available, visit www.manitoba.ca/fs/dhsu.

Transportation

Families may receive financial support to cover the costs of transportation to and from their child's medical appointments and other specialized services. This support is mainly provided to families in rural and northern Manitoba.

What are the limits to these services?

Children's disABILITY Services recognizes that each family's circumstances are different, and assesses the needs of each family individually. The amount of service a family receives depends on eligibility, assessed need and the program resources available.

Who can I contact for more information?

To speak with someone about *Children's disABILITY Services*, please contact the Department of Families office in your community. (See list on back page.)



Regional Offices

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CENTRAL REGION

Regional Office

290 North Railway Street
Morden, MB R6M 1S7 Phone:
204-822-2861
Fax: 204-822-2879
Toll Free: 1-888-310-0568

Area Office

25 Tupper Street North Portage
la Prairie, MB R1N 3K1 Phone:
204-239-3092
Fax: 204-239-3198
Toll Free: 1-866-513-2185

EASTMAN REGION

Regional Office

Box 50, 20-1st Street South
Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0
Phone: 204-268-6028
Fax : 204-268-6222
Toll Free: 1-866-576-8546

Area Office

242-323 Main Street Steinbach,
MB R5G 1Z2 Phone:
204-346-6390
Fax: 204-346-6394
Toll Free: 1-866-682-9782

INTERLAKE REGION

Regional Office

101 – 446 Main Street
Selkirk, MB R1A 1V7
Phone: 204-785-5106
Fax: 204-785-5321
Toll Free: 1-866-475-2015

NORTHERN REGION

Regional Office

Provincial Building
Box 2550 3rd Street and Ross
Avenue
The Pas, MB R9A 1M4 Phone:
204-627-8311
Fax: 204-627-5792
Toll Free: 1-866-443-2292

Area Office

Box 5, 59 Elizabeth Drive
Thompson, MB R8N 1X4
Phone: 204-677-6570
Fax: 204-677-6517
Toll Free: 1-866-677-6713

Area Office

102 - 143 Main Street
Flin Flon, MB R8A 1K2 Phone:
204-687-1700
Fax: 204-687-1708
Toll Free: 1-866-443-2291

PARKLAND REGION

Regional Office

309 – 27 2nd Avenue SW
Dauphin, MB R7N 3E5 Phone:
204-622-2035
Fax: 204-638-3278

Area Office

PO Box 997
201-4th Avenue S.
Swan River, MB R0L 1Z0
Phone: 204-734-3491
Fax: 204-734-5615
Toll Free: 1-866-269-6498

WESTMAN REGION

Regional Office

2nd Floor, 340 – 9th Street
Brandon, MB R7A 6C2 Phone:
204-726-6173
Fax: 204-726-6539
Toll Free: 1-866-726-6438

Winnipeg Offices

FORT GARRY/RIVER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AREA

ACCESS Fort Garry

135 Plaza Drive
Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K8 Phone:
204-938-5299
Fax: 204-938-5311

DOWNTOWN/POINT DOUGLAS COMMUNITY AREA

Downtown/Point Douglas

2-111 Rorie Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 3N1 Phone:
204-948-4001
Fax: 204-948-4344

INKSTER/SEVEN OAKS COMMUNITY AREA

ACCESS Norwest

785 Keewatin Street
Winnipeg, MB R2X 3B9
Phone: 204-938-5900
Fax: 204-938-5994

RIVER EAST/TRANSCONA COMMUNITY AREA

ACCESS River East

975 Henderson Highway Winnipeg,
MB R2K 4L7 Phone: 204-938-5100
Fax: 204-938-5229

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

SSCY Centre

1155 Notre Dame Avenue Winnipeg,
MB R3G 3G1
Phone: 204-945-0327 / 204-945-8311
Fax: 204-938-5229

ST. BONIFACE/ST. VITAL COMMUNITY AREA

ACCESS St. Boniface

170 Goulet Street
Winnipeg, MB R2H 0R7
Phone: 204-945-2270
Fax: 204-948-3282

ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA / ASSINIBOINE STH. COMMUNITY AREA

ACCESS Winnipeg West

280 Booth Drive
Winnipeg, MB R3J 3R5
Phone: 204-940-8365
Fax: 204-940-2636

DISABILITY AND HEALTH SUPPORTS UNIT

102-114 Garry Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1G1
Telephone Inquiries: 204- 945-2197
or toll free: 1-877-587-6224; or Fax:
204-945-1436 or
Email: disandhealthsupports@gov.mb.ca
Website: www.manitoba.ca/fs/dhsu



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believes that parents and family members are the most important people in a child's life, and that parents know best the needs of their family and their child.

For more information, please contact
Children's disABILITY Services
Phone: 204-945-5898

gov.mb.ca/fs/pwd/css