

Dear Applicant,

Attached please find an application package for the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) program. Please see the other side for qualifying criteria.

Please include the following information when applying for this program. We require <u>ALL</u> completed documentation before proceeding to determine eligibility.

Required Documents Checklist

- ACSD Application Form, dated and signed by the Applicant/Parent/Caregiver (enclosed). Note: unsigned applications will be returned
- Expense Report (enclosed)
- Questionnaire (enclosed)
- Consent to Recover ACSD Overpayment Form (enclosed)
- Consent to Disclose and Verify Personal Information Form (enclosed)
- Copy of your Canadian citizenship or immigration status in Canada
 (e.g. Canadian Birth Certificate OR if you were not born in Canada please provide a copy of your most recent immigration document)
- Copy of your child's Canadian citizenship or immigration status in Canada
- Copy of your child's health card
- Copy of **MEDICAL documentation** that details your child's disability or diagnosis, signed by a Physician or a Psychologist in Ontario (e.g. Psychological Assessment)
- Copy of **2019 Notice of Assessment** (showing line 15000) for yourself (if single), or for you & your spouse (if married or in a common-law relationship even if \$0 amount)
- Copy of 2019 Canada Child Benefit (CCB) Notice for the period July 2020 June 2021. This document is mailed to you from Canada Revenue Agency in July each year. This document includes the name of your child/children and your marital status
- Bank information or a void cheque for direct deposit

Please send the above documentation to:

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

SPECIAL NEEDS UNIT

Central Region – Mississauga Office
6733 Mississauga Road, Suite 200

Mississauga, ON L5N 6J5

Faxed applications will **not** be accepted. Please keep a copy of the complete application for your own records. It is important that all photocopied information be clear and legible, especially health cards and void cheques.

We ask that you provide a telephone number where we may contact you during the day in the event we require clarification of the information you have provided.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions regarding the ACSD program or your application at: 905-567-7177 or toll free 1-877-832-2818.

(For Parent Surname A – KOZ) (416) 669-9732 (For Parent Surname KPA – Z) (416) 277-5704

Please note: It may take up to four months to process your application.

You will receive confirmation of eligibility by mail.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES (ACSD)

The following factors are considered in determining if the family is eligible for ACSD:

- ✓ Child must be under 18 years of age;
- ✓ Qualify as severely disabled (ongoing mental or physical condition that results in a functional loss. A functional loss refers to a major loss of ability, or capacity, to engage in any activity commonly considered necessary and appropriate to normal daily living.)
- ✓ Resident of Ontario living at home with the parents/legal guardian;
- ✓ There must be ongoing extraordinary costs related to the disability (transportation to medical appointments or to a special program(s) related to the child's special needs; parental relief; learning and developmental equipment, medical supplies, etc.)
- ✓ The gross annual income must be within the levels set out in the Ontario Disability Support Program Directives as indicated in the chart below.

Family Size (including parents)	Full basic entitlement may be paid up to: (gross family income)	You may be eligible for some entitlement up to: (gross family income)
Up to 4	\$42,000	\$66,000
Up to 5	\$43,000	\$67,000
Up to 6	\$44,000	\$68,000
Up to 7	\$45,000	\$69,000

The income levels will be raised by \$18,000 for each additional child with a disability to calculate the net entitlement.

September 2019

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES

Responsibilities Information Sheet

The purpose of the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities program is to help parents with the ongoing extraordinary costs arising from their child's disability.

Your responsibilities:

- You will be required to provide copies of your Income Tax Returns and/or Notices of Assessment for yourself and spouse (if applicable).
- You will be required to complete periodic reviews of your expenses.
- You may be required to provide updated medical information.

You are to advise your Special Agreements Officer of any changes in your circumstances such as those listed below:

- ✓ If your family moves or your telephone number changes
- ✓ If your child enters a hospital, residence or institution
- ✓ If your child leaves your care
- ✓ If your marital status or family size changes
- ✓ If you leave the province for more than 30 days.

Failure to comply with any of the above may result in the suspension of benefits or an overpayment on your file.

The amount of your benefit may vary year to year based on income reviews and extraordinary expenses.

It is your responsibility to keep copies of information submitted to our office. We will not provide photocopies.

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION SHEET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES ~ Explanation of Extraordinary Costs ~

Definition:

Extraordinary costs are those costs directly associated with the disability of the child which are incurred above and beyond the expected costs of maintaining the child at home. For example, if a child needs special shoes, the expense allowed would be the difference in the price between the specialized shoes and the regular shoes. If extra pairs are needed due to the child's disability, then the cost of the extra pair(s) will be considered.

Transportation:

Transportation and lodging costs may be considered when the purpose of the trip is to escort the child for treatment related to the disability or related medical care. Costs incurred to visit or while visiting a child are not allowable expenses. Transportation costs paid to a common carrier (i.e. car, bus, train, etc.) are allowed at actual cost. You will be reimbursed at \$0.40/km in Southern Ontario and \$0.41/km in Northern Ontario for the use of a private car.

Meals, when traveling out of town, are acceptable based on the following schedule: Breakfast – \$5.00; Lunch - \$8.00; Dinner - \$15.00. These are typically approved for the identified child and one accompanying adult.

NOTE:

Loss of pay as a result of having to take your child for treatment is not an allowable expense.

Parental Relief:

Allowable expenses are when the purpose is to permit the parents relief necessitated by the severity of the disability or to allow the parents to devote more time to the other children in the family.

Babysitting/child care:

Allowable expense is the difference between the cost of regular child care and the cost of specialized care as a result of the disability. If the child does not require specialized care no costs will be allowed.

Special Diets:

Special diets must be authorized by the physician. If your son/daughter requires a special diet, please obtain the **Special Diet Allowance form** from the Ministry for physician completion. The cost of the benefit is pre-calculated by the Ministry and will be determined at the time of grant and reviewed annually if the physician indicates it's required.

Medical Costs:

Additional medical costs incurred by parents as a result of payments made to doctors who have opted out of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) fee schedule or where the MOHLTC does not cover the full costs of an item **are not to be included** in the calculation of special needs and costs.

Drug Plan:

Costs covered by a drug and/or dental plan are not to be included in the calculation. You can use your eligible child's health card at the pharmacy to pay for prescriptions. If granted ACSD you will receive the Healthy Smiles card to cover basic dental expenses.

Summer Camp Fees:

For a child attending a camp, transportation costs to the camp and registration fees will be considered.

Special Learning/Developmental Equipment:

If special items have been recommended by a professional for child's learning and development these items will be reviewed to determine if they are approvable expenses (i.e. specialized toys, books, etc.)

Other items:

Items not mentioned in the above examples may still be considered based on the individual needs of the child.

Assistive Devices Program (ADP):

ADP items will be covered at 100% of the ADP approved costs if you advise the vendor you are in receipt of ACSD benefits.



Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Has an application been made for Special Services at Home Program?

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities

☐ Application

 $\hfill\square$ Annual Report

Applicant/Spouse				Please complete both	h sides					
a) Applicant's Surname Given Name(s)				Case Org.		Member I	.D.			
Address Unit Number Street Number Street Name					РО Вох	Telephone	e Numbe	r		
City/Town		Provi	ince			Postal Co	ode			
Date of Birth Verified S d m y	Social Ir	nsuran -	nce Num	ber	Health No	umber				
☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced		∃Sep	arated	☐ Widowed	☐ Deserte	d [☐ Spousa	al		
b) Spouse's Surname Given Name(s)				Social Insurance Number		Date of Bi			у	
Consent to discuss ACSD application/benefit with spous	se	☐ Ye	s 🗆	No						
Dependants										
Severely disabled child's name	Sex ☐ M ☐ F	Heal	th Numb	per		Date of Bi	irth m		у	
Does the child spend any time in a hospital/institution?	Pleas	se spe	cify				·			
Other Children Name	Se M	ex F	Age		Name			S M	ex F	Age
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If present family income is substantially different from pr	revious	taxatio	on year,	explain and, if necessary,	attach detailed	list of curre	ent incom	e.		

☐ Yes ☐ No

I, _____ am the applicant named on page 1, or the person making application on behalf of the applicant. I certify that all of the statements in the foregoing application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and no information required has been omitted or concealed. Should a benefit be granted to the applicant on the basis of the foregoing information, I undertake to notify the Director, or his representative, of any change in our circumstances, especially as they pertain to income, and to the residence of the children. Dated this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____ . Signature of Witness _____ Signature of the Applicant or person making application on behalf of the Applicant

Declaration

Note: The *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997* Sec. 59 states that a person who knowingly obtains or receives a benefit that he/she is not entitled to obtain or receive under the Act and the regulations is guilty of an offence.

Notice with Respect to the Collection of Personal Information

(Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
(Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
This information is collected under the legal authority of the Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997, sections 5, 10, 45 & 46, 59 or the Ontario Works Act, 1997, sections 7, 8, 15, 57 & 58 for the purpose of administering Government of Ontario social assistance programs.

For more information contact the Special Needs Unit at 905-868-8900 or toll free at 1-877-669-6658.

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES REPORT

Child Name Disability The Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program helps parents with some of the extraordinary of a child who has a severe disability. You may be required to verify these expenses. 1. TRANSPORTATION AND MEAL COSTS	atment s, train, are all	caring for or medical
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Transportation and meal costs may be considered when the purpose of the trip is to escort the child to trea appointments related to the disability. Transportation costs paid to these appointments (e.g. car, but allowable at actual cost. You will be reimbursed at \$0.40 per kilometre for the use of a private car. Meals the child and parent(s).		
Please note that loss of pay as a result of having to take your child for treatment is not an eligible expense.		
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Total kms		
	EARLY COSTS	OFFICE USE
1) Private Car		
Total km/year X \$0.40/km = \$year		
2) Other Method of Transportation Used Please identify the locations on the above table, circle the method of transportation below, complete costs and provide receipts with your application/update.		
taxi / bus / train		
Cost per trip \$ X trips/year = \$/year		
Cost per trip \$ X trips/year = \$/year		
3) Parking costs:		
Hospital/Doctor's Office : \$ Xvisits/year = \$/year		
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Hospital/Doctor's Office: \$Xvisits/year = \$/year		
B) Meal Costs: expenses for child and parent(s) (out-of-town treatment/medical care only)		
Breakfast - \$ 5.00 x persons x number of trips = \$/year		
Lunch - \$ 8.00 x persons x number of trips = \$/year		
Dinner - \$15.00 x persons x number of trips = \$/year		
C) Accommodation Costs: (out-of-town treatment/medical care only, receipts are required)		
Per day \$ x # of days = \$		
Per week \$ x # of weeks = \$		
Reason for your stay:		
Total transportation, parking, meal and accommodation costs:		

2. EXTRAORDINARY CHILD CARE AND BABYSITTING COSTS

If the child does not require specialized childcare then no cost will be allowed.

2.1	If your child with special needs is 12 years of age or older and still requires a babysitter,		OFFICE USE		
	childcare will be approved at cost. Your cost of \$/hour x total hours/month x 12 months = \$				
2.2	Babysitting Costs The babysitting for other children in the family, less than 12 years of age, while taking the identified child to a doctor's appointment or meetings relating to the disability may be included. Your cost of \$/hour x total hours/month x 12 months = \$				
2.3	Specialized Day Care Day care costs may be claimed when integration into a specific program has been recommended by a professional (recommendation and receipts are required).				

3. PERSONAL CARE COSTS

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3.1	<u>Clothing</u> Cost of specialized clothing or additional clothing cost related to the child's disability (i.e., linens, underwear, pants will be considered).	YEARLY COSTS	OFFICE USE
	(i.e., linens, underwear, pants will be considered).		
	Please Explain:		
3.2	Diapers If your child is over three years of age and continues to require diapers, please contact the Easter Seals Society, telephone 1-888-377-5437, to apply for the incontinence grant (ages 3-5 years - \$400/year; ages six and over - \$900/year). ACSD will consider the parental portion not covered by Easter Seals or other programs such as the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works.		
	Your Total Cost \$ minus Easter Seals Portion - \$ Allowable Expense = \$		
3.3	Shoes/boots Additional costs for shoes and snowboots directly associated with the child's disability will be considered. # of shoes/year x \$/pair of shoes = \$/year		
	# of snow boots/year x \$/pair of snow boots = \$/year Please Explain:		
3.4	<u>Orthotics</u> You may claim costs, which are not covered by the Assistive Devices Program or private insurance. Orthotics will only be covered if it is disability related. Please include receipts.		
3.5	Special Diets Special diets must be authorized by a physician. If your child requires a special diet please obtain the Special Diet Allowance form from our office for physician completion. The cost of the benefit is pre-calculated by the Ministry and will be determined at the time of grant and reviewed annually if the physician indicates it's required.		
3.6	<u>Laundry Costs</u> Additional laundry costs directly associated with the child's disability (e.g. bed wetting) will be considered.		
	# of loads/week x \$3.00 x 52 weeks = \$/year		
	Please Explain:		

4. DRUG AND MEDICAL COSTS

4.1	YEARLY COSTS	OFFICE USE	
	related to the child's disability). The \$2 dispensing fee on prescription drugs is <u>not</u> an allowable expense. Note: Vitamins and supplements are not covered. Please Explain:		
4.2	Medical/Surgical Supplies Please specify your costs for medical or surgical supplies related to the disability, <u>not</u> including the portion covered by the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) or private medical insurance plans. Verification of the ADP grant amount and actual cost paid by the parent(s) is required.		
	Please Explain:		
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5. <u>EDU</u>	CATION, PARENTAL RELIEF, AND OTHER EXPENDITURES		
5.1	Special Learning/Developmental Equipment Up to \$300 a year for equipment to enhance the child's learning may be considered (e.g., educational toys, books, tapes, batteries, weighted vests, weighted blankets, etc.). If the	YEARLY COSTS	OFFICE USE
	cost of specific special items exceeds \$300 and a professional has recommended them, please provide a copy of the recommendation. Computer equipment and cell phones are not covered.		
	Please explain:		
5.2	<u>Special Social Programs</u> Costs for specific community programs with the purpose to encourage socialization and/or physical stimulation may be considered. Please provide the name of program(s) and cost.		
5.3	Special Summer Camp Fees Please provide the name of the camp(s) and actual costs paid by the parent.		
	Actual Cost to Parent (not including subsidy): \$		
5.4	Parental Relief Costs of respite may be considered up to a maximum of \$150/month - which provide respite to the caregiver and allow parents to devote more time to other family members).		
	Worker name and phone number		
	Number of hours/month x \$ /hour x months = \$		
5.5	Other Expenses Other expenses include costs not previously listed, which take place as a direct result of the child's disability, e.g. service dogs.		

5.6	Home Repairs Please list costs that are a direct result of	YEARLY COSTS	OFFICE USE	
	provided in order to consider this experience replacement of household items are no	ense. Home/vehicle modifications and the ot covered.		
	Please Explain:			
Please	provide any additional comments or information	on below:		
Datai	Signature of Parent/	Guardian:		
		during the day:		
	N OR AGENCY ASSISTING IN THE COMPL			
	:			
Phone	Number:			
	0	FFICE USE ONLY		
	FAMILY SIZE			
	TOTAL INCOME			
	TOTAL COST	BASIC ENTITLEMENT		_
		NET ENTITLEMENT		_
		EFFECTIVE DATE		
	Signature of Special Agreements Officer			

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ASSIST US IN PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION: Member ID: Caseload: 1. General: (is your child on any medication at this time and for what, are they small for their age, can they be left alone and for how long and why, can they prepare simple meals, do they wear glasses or hearing aids, can the monitor or administer their own medication)

2. Mobility: (is your child confined to a bed, do they use a wheelchair, walker or other aid, are they able to run, jump, ride a bike, go up and down stairs alone, do they wear

3. Eating Habits: (is your child eating solid foods or pureed, can they feed themselves, are they tube fed, do they have a special diet and why, can they drink from a cup, can

4. Dressing Habits: (does your child wear special clothing and why, can they

dress/undress themselves alone or with assistance, can they do buttons/zippers/laces,

orthotics)

they cut their own food)

do they wear special shoes)

5.	Hygiene: (are they toilet training, do they wear diapers, do they wear pull-ups at night, able to use the toilet by themselves, can they wipe themselves, do they require special equipment such as urinary bags, colostomy bags, can they bathe alone or do they need assistance, can they set the water temperature)
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6.	Communication: (are they non-verbal, are they speaking, how clearly, are they understood by others, how do they communicate if they don't speak, are they deaf, can they use sign language, do they use any form of communication device, can they see)
7.	Mental, emotional and behavioural: (Are they able to maintain friendships, are they verbally aggressive, are they physically aggressive, what type of aggression, how often, are they destructive, are they depressed)
8.	Schooling: (are they in a special class at school, do they have a teaching assistant, is there an IEP, are they home schooled, are they grade appropriate, are they in a special school, can they read and write, do they know the alphabet)
9.	Programs: (involvement from Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, IBI, Respite, CCAC, Hospital for Sick Children, Psychologist, Behaviour Therapist, Infant Development)



Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

Consent to	Recover	Assistance	for	Childre	n
		with Severe	Di	sabilitie	S

Member ID			

Note to Applicant/Recipient

In order to receive financial assistance through the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), all applicants/recipients must agree to the recovery of any overpayments made to them. This form documents your agreement to this condition of eligibility.

It is an overpayment when you receive more financial assistance than you are entitled. If you receive an overpayment, the excess may be recovered through deductions at a rate of 2 per cent (2%) of your regular monthly payment until the overpayment has been recovered.

You can help avoid potential overpayments by notifying your Regional Office of any changes to your circumstances that may affect your entitlement immediately, including changes in disability-related expenses or household income.

As a person receiving financial assistance under the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), you may appeal an overpayment decision and you may appeal a decision to recover an overpayment to the Social Benefits Tribunal. Please contact your local Children, Community and Social Services office for further information on the appeal process.

As a condition of eligibility to receive financial assistance ur (ACSD) program, I,	nder the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities agree that if an excess
Given Name, Su	urname
amount of financial assistance has been given to me, the D assistance provided under the Assistance for Children with	•
Signature	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

O. Reg. 224/98, s 7. It is a condition of eligibility for financial assistance under this Regulation that the person receiving it agree that if an amount has been provided to the person in excess of the amount to which he or she was entitled, the Director may deduct that amount from any future financial assistance.

Notice with Respect to the Collection of Personal Information

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The information is collected under the legal authority of the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act*, 1997 for the purpose of administering the Ontario Government's social assistance programs. For further information, contact your nearest Children, Community and Social Services office.

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Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

Consent to Disclose and Verify Personal Information

Member ID			

Consent to Disclose and Verify Personal Information

I/We,	
	Full name of applicant/recipient

Name of spouse

consent to the exchange of personal information between the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and

- an Ontario Works delivery agent
- the Government of Ontario or any agency, ministry or department of Ontario, such as the Ontario Disability Support Program
- any community agency or organization or service provider that provides services to us or for my/our disabled child(ren)

for the purposes of determining or verifying my/our initial and ongoing eligibility for financial assistance through the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) program under the Ontario Disability Support Program Act. 1997.

I/We understand that exchange of personal information means both the collection of personal information from and the disclosure of personal information to third parties for the purpose of determining verifying my/our initial and ongoing eligibility for the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities program and for administering my/our ACSD financial assistance.

I/We understand that this exchange of information may take the form of telephone conversations, face-to-face meetings, sending letters or records by mail or facsimile or electronic data exchanges.

I/We understand that this consent will apply to inquiries made relating to my/our initial eligibility for, as well as my/our past and ongoing receipt of the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities benefit.

I/We have read or had read to me and understand the consent set out above.

Signature of applicant/recipient	Witness	Date
Signature of spouse of applicant/recipient	Witness	

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Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Special Services at Home Enhanced Respite Funding

Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES (ACSD)

PURPOSE

ACSD is a monthly benefit to assist parents of children with severe disabilities. This program assists parents/guardians with the extraordinary costs associated with having a child with serious medical needs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- The applicant (parent/legal guardian) and child must have status in Canada (Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee claimant) and be a resident of Ontario
- The child must be less than 18 years of age and living at home with their family
- The child must have a severe disability resulting in a functional loss
- The family is incurring ongoing, extraordinary costs directly as a result of the child's disability

DEFINITIONS

Severe Disability Resulting in a Functional Loss: refers to an ongoing mental or physical condition which results in a major loss of ability or capacity to engage in any substantive activity necessary and appropriate to normal daily living.

Extraordinary Costs: costs directly associated with the disability of the child.

BENEFIT AMOUNT

The ACSD benefit is between \$25.00 and \$500.00 per month depending on:

- Family size (including parents and other dependent children)
- Total gross family income
- The total amount of eligible extraordinary costs arising from the disability

If the family's income is above the set limit, the benefit will not be provided, or may be reduced according to a pre-calculated sliding scale.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Dental Benefits (Healthy Smiles Ontario)
- Eyeglasses (with prior approval)
- Hearing Aids (with prior approval)
- Mobility device repairs and batteries (with prior approval). Items covered at 100% with the Assistive Devices Program
 top up funding

APPLICATION PROCESS

An application form can be obtained from your nearest Ministry office. On receipt of the completed form, a Ministry staff member will review the application to determine eligibility.

The applicant will be advised of the outcome by mail.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT HOME (SSAH)

PURPOSE

The SSAH program provides individualized funding on a time-limited basis to purchase supports and services beyond those traditionally provided by families, which are not available elsewhere in the community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- A child under the age of 18 years with a developmental or physical disability
- A child who is a resident of Ontario (Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee claimant)
- · Have ongoing functional limitations as a result of a disability
- · Require support beyond that which is a normal family responsibility and
- Are living at home with their families

Note: The SSAH program is not designed to fund supports for activities that are already provided by (or available from) Ministry funded community agencies.

DEFINITIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SSAH

Developmental Disability: is defined as "a condition of mental impairment present or occurring in a person's formative years that is associated with limitations in adaptive behaviours". It does not include impairments that are primarily attributable to emotional or psychiatric disorders or specific developmental disorders such as learning disabilities.

Physical Disability: is defined as an ongoing and significant "restriction or lack of ability to perform an essential physical activity in a manner or within the range considered normal for a person". This shall include children with other sensory impairments (deafness and/or blindness).

SERVICES FUNDED

Funding is intended to help children with physical and/or developmental disabilities participate in their communities and to make use of services available in their communities. Children with disabilities and their families identify a broad variety of needs. The SSAH program provides funds for families to purchase necessary supports that cannot be met by a service available elsewhere in the local community. Funds are provided for the following:

- Personal development and growth, and/or
- Family relief and support

APPLICATION PROCESS

An application form can be obtained from your nearest Ministry office or the Ministry website. The application form provides families with children with a disability an opportunity to outline their current situation, state their needs, current services, goals and requests.

Ministry staff reviews each application, make decisions and set priorities based on:

- · Needs of the individual
- · Family needs
- Supports required
- · Community supports and services available
- · Support networks of the individual and family
- · Locally identified priorities
- · Availability of funds

SSAH funds are approved for one fiscal year at a time.

ENHANCED RESPITE FUNDING – MEDICALLY FRAGILE AND/OR TECHNOLOGICALLY DEPENDENT CHILDREN (MFTD)

PURPOSE

To provide respite funding to families of children under the age of 18 years who are medically fragile and/or technologically dependent.

DEFINITIONS

Medically Fragile: chronic medical and/or physiological conditions that combine to make them in need of ongoing intervention or supervision for survival.

Technologically Dependent: use of a medical device to compensate for the loss of a life sustaining bodily function (ventilator for respiratory failure) and require ongoing intervention or supervision for survival.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Eligibility is determined by the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), which is funded through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you have questions concerning this funding, please contact your Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

MFTD funds are approved for one fiscal year at a time.

CENTRAL REGION MINISTRY OFFICE LOCATIONS

17310 Yonge Street, Unit 1 Newmarket ON L3Y 7R8 905-868-8900, Toll free 1-877-669-6658, ext.1902

6733 Mississauga Road, Suite 200 Mississauga ON L5N 6J4 905-567-7177, Toll free 1-877-832-2818, ext. 216 or 241