

Special Services at Home (SSAH)

Families who are caring for a child with a developmental and/or physical disability can apply to receive funding through Special Services at Home, also known as “SSAH”. This funding provides support in covering costs for primary caregiver relief and for activities of personal growth or development

Eligibility

To apply for the SSAH program, you must be the child's parent or legal guardian with decision-making responsibility (the applicant) and the child must:

- Be under 18 years of age
- Have a written diagnosis of a developmental and/or physical disability from a physician, psychologist or psychological associate, nurse practitioner, ophthalmologist and/or audiologist
- Be a resident of Ontario and legally entitled to live in Canada (for example, be a citizen, landed immigrant, holder of Minister's Permit or a refugee entitled to live in Canada)
- Live at home and not receive support from other residential services

There is no income criteria to receive this funding, however, the amount of funding you receive depends on:

- The type and amount of service your child needs
- What other help is available in your community
- What kind of support you already receive

Completing Your Application

- You will be asked to provide information about:
- The child, yourself and an alternate contact (if applicable)
- The individual or agency assisting you with completing your application (if applicable)
- The agency that will administer your SSAH funding (if applicable)
- The amount of support the child needs in various areas (such as personal development, supervision, personal care, etc.)
- As part of your application, you will need to attach:
 - A copy of the child's written diagnosis of a physical and/or developmental disability
 - Proof of the child's immigration status or citizenship in Canada
 - Proof of the child's residency in Ontario

Submitting Your Application

- Apply online by clicking [here](#), or download a paper copy [here](#) to complete and mail to your local regional office. Peel Region's local regional office is located at:
6733 Mississauga Road, Suite 200
Mississauga, Ontario
L5N 6J5

Need Support with Your Application?

Visit our [Special Needs and Community Programs Calendar](#) to find [upcoming sessions](#)

Covered Services

- Mainstream camp and recreation programs
- Specialized camp and recreation programs
- Advertising for recruitment of a special services worker
- Special services or a support worker to provide respite and/or personal development
- Travel costs associated with transporting special needs child for the worker
- Basic supplies to implement a program for the special needs child (for example, flash cards)
- Membership fees for special needs associations (for example, Special Olympics, Down Syndrome Association)
- 1 on 1 support worker at camp or recreational program
- Training for a family member or worker that enhances the understanding of the child with a disability's needs
- Extraordinary cost of childcare (for children aged 12 and above)
- Nursing for medically fragile children
- Routine homemaking tasks – light housecleaning, meal preparation, laundry, grass cutting, and snow removal
- Gym membership fees for the special needs child
- Daycare and nursery school as respite or if recommended for socialization

Services Not Covered

- Tutoring and academic programs
- Camp fees for siblings
- Basic care (for example, clothing, food, diapers, routine medical costs)
- One-time admission costs (for example, movies, amusement parks, museums)
- Regular child care fees for children under 12 years
- Fees and tuition costs for education and employment
- Assistive devices, specialized equipment, home modifications
- Dental services
- 1 on 1 support in a school setting
- Professional services: junior and senior therapists (for example, Intensive Behavioural Intervention, Applied Behaviour Analysis, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy)
- Sports equipment (some items might be eligible during the COVID-19 pandemic; please refer to the [temporary expanded list of eligible expenses](#))
- Electronics, including phones, computers, tablets (some items might be eligible during the COVID-19 pandemic; please refer to the [temporary expanded list of eligible expenses](#))