

Section 3

Financial Assistance

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

This is a list of the most commonly used financial resources for families of children and adults who have disabilities. All of these resources are government funded and support people in their daily lives, and in reaching their goals and dreams.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM (ADP) provides financial assistance to people with long term disabilities to obtain basic, personalized medical, mobility and sensory assistive devices for activities of daily living at home, including equipment and incontinence supplies (diapers for children over age 3). Contact the **Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, Assistive Devices Program at 1-800-268-6021 (toll-free); website: www.health.gov.on.ca/**

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES (ACSD) is a monthly benefit that helps parents with some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability, is under age 18 and who lives at home. This benefit is income sensitive, and only covers the costs related specifically to the child's disability. **See record #128**
website: www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/english

ENHANCED RESPITE FUNDING (MFTD) is respite funding for families who are caring for a child, up until and including the year of their 18th birthday, who are medically fragile, may depend on a technological device (MFTD) and need care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is paid in addition to other respite services. Families may be eligible for up to \$3,500 per child, per year. Contact **Community Care Access Centre Pediatric Case Manager at 519-883-5500.**

HOME AND VEHICLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM (HVMP) provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications. By reducing or eliminating life safety risks, these modifications enable children and adults with mobility restrictions to continue living in their homes, avoid job loss, and participate in their communities. Contact **Ontario March of Dimes toll free at 1-877-369-4867, press "2" for an Intake Counselor; website: www.marchofdimes.ca**

INCOME TAX CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS: Check out your eligibility for the Child Disability Benefit, Disability Tax Credit, Caregiver Amount, Medical Expenses, as well as other credits and deductions. Some of these credits are transferable, and retroactive. **website: www.cra.gc.ca and click on "Persons with disabilities" on the left side**

ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (ODSP) helps eligible ADULTS with disabilities by providing financial income and/or help finding a job. **See record #128**
website: www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/english

REGISTERED DISABILITY SAVINGS PLAN (RDSP) is a long term savings plan intended to help parents and others save for the future financial security of a person who is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit. **website: www.cra.gc.ca ~ www.rdsp.com**

SPECIAL SERVICES AT HOME PROGRAM (SSAH) supports families who are caring for a child who have a developmental or physical disability, as well as adults with a developmental disability. It helps pay for special services in the home or in the community as long as the person is not living in a residential program. Families can also get funds to pay for services that will give them a break (or "respite") from the day-to-day care of their child. **See record #216**
website: www.eafwr.on.ca/programs/ssah ~ www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/english

Canada. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Ontario Regional Office, Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program 121

Phone: 1-800-668-2642

Email: RRAP_Ontario.CMHC-SCHL@cmhc-schl.gc.ca

Eligibility: Landowners and low-income homeowners

Services: Provides assistance up to \$16,000 to low income homeowners to bring their properties up to minimum health and safety levels ~ provides assistance up to \$16,000 to households occupied by persons with disabilities who require modifications to improve accessibility to their residence

Serves: Ontario

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Language: English ~ French

Canada. Canada Revenue Agency, Community Volunteer Income Tax Program 122

Address: 166 Frederick St, Kitchener N2G 4N1

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

Eligibility: Individuals who are unable to complete personal income tax and benefit return or pay for assistance

Services: Volunteers assist with income tax returns ~ home service available may be to individuals who are socially isolated ~ referrals to income tax clinics to set up appointments

Serves: Waterloo Region ~ surrounding area

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:15am-4:30pm ~ extended hours Mon-Fri 8:15am-5pm (Extended hours mid-Feb-Apr)

Language: English ~ Translators in other languages available

Canada. Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Canada Pension Plan, Disability Benefits 123

Address: Box 2020, Chatham N7M 6B2

Location: 409 Weber St W, Kitchener

Phone: 1-800-277-9914, 1-800-277-9915 (French), 1-800-622-6232 (Service Canada)

Eligibility: Adults 18-65 years with severe and prolonged physical or mental impairments; must be unable to pursue gainful employment; must have contributed to CPP for minimum number of years ~ dependent children up to 18 years: adults 18-25 years attending school full time ~ international agreements with other countries may be used to meet minimum requirements for eligibility

Services: Monthly pension; at age 65 disability pension automatically changed to retirement pension

To Apply: CPP medical report, birth evidence and SIN required ~ call for forms to be mailed, or download from website

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm

Language: English ~ French

The Easter Seal Society, Access 2 Entertainment 124

Address: c/o Easter Seals Canada, 40 Holly St, Ste 401, Toronto M4S 3C3

Phone: (416) 932-8382 ext 227

Email: a2e@easterseals.ca

Contact: Brian Chin ~ (416) 932-8332 ext 224

Eligibility: Individuals with disabilities

Services: Issues Access 2 Entertainment Card which provides free admission or discounted admission prices at movie theatres for support persons who accompany card holder

Serves: Ontario

To Apply: Waiting list: 4-6 to process application

Hours: Office 9am-5pm

Language: English ~ French

The Easter Seal Society, Central West Region 125

Address: 103-325 Max Becker Dr, Kitchener N2E 4H5

Phone: 1-888-278-7797, (519) 432-9669

Contact: Karen Blackwell, District Manager ~ (H) (519) 342-1052 ~ kblackwell@easterseals.org

Eligibility: Children and youth up to 18 years with physical disabilities

Services: Provides financial assistance for assistive devices

Serves: Waterloo Region ~ Halton Region ~ Wellington County

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Mennonite Foundation of Canada, Youth Memorial Fund **126**

Address: 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener N2G 3R1
Phone: 519-745-7821, 1-888-212-7759 **Fax:** 519-745-8940
Email: mfceast@mennofoundation.ca
Eligibility: Individuals 14-25 years with physical disabilities who are in financial need
Services: Funding awarded annually
Serves: Ontario
To Apply: Annual application deadline Sept 30
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Ontario March of Dimes, AccessAbility Services, Assistive Devices Program **127**

Address: 717 Richmond St, Unit 5, London N6A 1S2
Phone: 1-866-765-7237 **Fax:** (519) 434-3712
Email: adp@dimes.on.ca
Eligibility: Adults 19 years and over with physical disabilities in financial need; must be permanent resident of Ontario with valid Health Card
Services: Provides financial assistance to obtain mobility and communications devices
Serves: Ontario
To Apply: Assistive Devices Program applications available from website
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm

Ontario. Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ontario Disability Support Program **128**

Address: Cambridge Place, 73 Water St N, Ste 605, Cambridge N1R 7L6
Phone: 519-623-1230, 1-888-214-0738 **Fax:** 519-623-4752
Eligibility: Adults 18 years and over with physical, emotional or developmental disabilities
Services: Long term financial assistance ~ Employment Supports Program: includes vocational counselling, individual support, assistive devices ~ Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities for families with children up to 18 years
Serves: City of Cambridge ~ Township of North Dumfries
To Apply: Financial eligibility assessment and medical adjudication process required
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Ontario. Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ontario Disability Support Program **129**

Address: 385 Fairway Rd S, Ste 200B, 2nd Flr, Kitchener N2C 2N9
Phone: 519-886-4700, 1-800-441-9820 **Fax:** 519-886-8997
Contact: Fatima Da Silva, Manager ~ 519-886-4700 ext 258
Eligibility: Adults 18 years and over with disabilities
Services: Financial assistance ~ Employment Supports Program: includes vocational counselling, individual support, assistive devices ~ Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities for families with children up to 18 years
Serves: City of Kitchener ~ City of Waterloo ~ Township of Wellesley ~ Township of Wilmot ~ Township of Woolwich
To Apply: Needs test required
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Ontario. Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program **130**

Address: c/o Bloorview Kids Rehab, 150 Kilgour Rd, Toronto N2G 2W7
Phone: (416) 425-6220 ext 3466, 1-866-532-3161 (INFOline)
Eligibility: Individuals up to 18 years with cleft lip or palate, craniofacial anomaly or other severe dental dysfunction
Services: Provides financial assistance for dental treatments
Serves: Ontario

Ontario. Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Special Drugs Program **131**

Phone: 1-866-532-3161 (INFOline)
Services: Financial assistance to help cover cost of outpatient drugs used in treatment of specific conditions: cystic fibrosis and thalassemia, HIV positive, end-stage renal disease, solid organ or bone marrow transplants, children with growth failure, schizophrenia, Gaucher's disease
Serves: Ontario
Hours: 8:30am-5pm

Ontario. Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Student Support Branch, 132
Ontario Student Assistance Program

Address: 189 Red River Rd, 4th Flr, Box 4500, Thunder Bay P7B 6G9

Phone: 1-866-330-7260 **Fax:** (807) 343-7278

Services: Provides needs based assistance to cover cost of postsecondary studies ~ administers provincially and federally funded financial assistance to postsecondary students ~ financial assistance provided in the form of Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loans as well as bursaries, grants and scholarships

To Apply: Visit high school counselling offices or Financial Aid Office at any university, community college, or private vocational school

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Language: English ~ French

Sunshine Dreams for Kids 133

Address: 495 Richmond St, Ste 200, London N6A 5A9

Phone: 1-800-461-7935 **Fax:** (519) 642-1201

Email: info@sunshine.ca

Contact: Nancy Sutherland, Executive Director

Eligibility: Children and youth 3-18 years with life threatening illnesses, or severe physical disabilities

Services: Grants requests

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Waterloo-Wellington Autism Services 134

Address: 125 Union St E, Waterloo N2J 4E5

Phone: 519-742-1414 (answering machine)

Contact: Moira & Roger Hollingsworth ~ (H) 519-885-2683

Eligibility: Adults 18 or over with autism or Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD) ~ their families ~ associated agencies

Services: Referrals and resource information ~ day program on Wed

Serves: Waterloo Region ~ Wellington County

Waterloo Region. Social Services Department, Children's Services, Child Care Subsidy 135

Address: Box 1612, Waterloo N2J 4G6

Location: 99 Regina St S, 5th Flr, Waterloo

Phone: 519-883-2200 **Fax:** 519-746-7382

Contact: Sheri Phillips, Manager, Child Care Subsidy ~ 519-883-2191 ~ phillipss@region.waterloo.on.ca

Services: Financial assistance to attend licensed child care programs

Serves: Waterloo Region

To Apply: Appointment required ~ income, address, birth and status verification required

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Waterloo Region. Social Services Department, Social Planning, Policy and Program Administration, Community Outreach Program 136

Phone: 519-883-2290 **Fax:** 519-883-2234

Contact: Heather Froome, Administrator, Social Development Programs ~ fheather@region.waterloo.on.ca

Eligibility: Families with low income with children up to 18 years

Services: Information on and referral to available community services ~ individual support ~ assistance may be available for food, clothing, shelter, transportation, child care, recreation, employment, education or counselling services ~ available at neighbourhood sites throughout Waterloo Region

Serves: Waterloo Region