

Ontario Special Services at Home Program

The Special Services at Home program helps families who are caring for a child with a developmental and/or physical disability. It is funded and managed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. The program helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home as long as the child is not receiving support from a residential program. For example, the family can hire someone to:

- help the child learn new skills and abilities, such as improving their communications skills and becoming more independent
- provide respite support to the family - families can get money to pay for services that will give them a break, or respite, from the day-to-day care of their child.

The amount of funding a family receives depends on:

- the type and amount of service the child needs
- what other help is available in the community
- what kind of support the family is already receiving.

For more information on the program, you can visit [this link](#), or contact the [regional office nearest you](#). For a full list of eligible and ineligible expenses, follow [this link](#).

Ontario Special Service at Home Program *Application Process*



Confirm Your Child's Eligibility

Your child is eligible for this program if :

- They have a developmental and/or physical disability
- They live in Ontario
- They need more support than most families can provide
- They are living at home with their family, or are not living at home with their family and are not being helped by other residential services.



Apply for the Special Services At Home Program

Before beginning your application, it may be helpful to review these [guidelines for the program](#). Once you have, print and fill the [Application Form](#). Make sure to attach a medical statement or psychological assessment of your child's disability that explains the services you need and how much it will cost to the application.

Once complete, mail the application and assessments to your nearest [regional office](#).



Approval

If approved, you will be informed by letter, with detailed information about next steps.

Rejected

If rejected, you will be informed by letter. You can request a review of the decision, which is outlined [here](#).



Receive Funding

There are two ways the funding for eligible services can be managed - 1) self-administered, where your family manages the funds, or 2) Agency Administration, where the managing of the funding is exported to an agency. If the agency has fees, that will be taken out of the funding you have received.

For more information, you can refer to [the program guidelines](#).