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Parents/legal guardians are encouraged to review the funding resources and supports listed below. It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to determine if their child meets the criteria and eligibility requirements for any/all sources listed. This is meant as a resource tool only and is not an exhaustive list.

(\$) = Funding may be available. **(i)** = Primarily for information however may provide services and/or assistance.

PROGRAM/SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE LINK
ONTARIO GOVERNMENT FUNDING, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES		
Accessibility (Disability) Parking Permits (i)	✓ Accessible parking permits are issued to a person with an eligible health condition or disability.	https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-accessible-parking-permit#section-0
Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) – Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monthly payments to support disability-related costs, such as: medical-related travel, specialized clothing/shoes, and respite ✓ Additional financial support for mobility device repairs, prescription drugs, dental care, hearing aids, and vision care ✓ ADP pays 100% of cost of equipment for families of clients accessing ACSD. 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistance-children-severe-disabilities-program
Assistive Devices Program (ADP) – Ontario Ministry of Health (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ financial assistance for Ontario residents with long-term physical disabilities (disability lasting longer than 6+ months) ✓ Eligibility: Child is under 18, lives at home, and household income is less than or equal to \$76,920* ✓ ADP will fund up to 75% of the cost of equipment ✓ ADP covers 100% of the cost, <i>if</i> the child or family receives financial support from one of these programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Child: Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities – <i>see chart</i> ✓ Parents/Guardians: Ontario Works and/or Ontario Disability Support Program ✓ help with equipment and supplies such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ prostheses; wheelchairs/mobility aids and specialized seating systems; enteral feeding supplies 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ monitors and test strips for insulin-dependent diabetics (through agreement with the Diabetes Canada) ○ hearing aids; insulin pumps/supplies for children, respiratory equipment ○ orthoses (braces, garments and pumps) ○ visual and communication aids ○ oxygen and oxygen delivery equipment 	
Blindness and Low Vision (i)	✓ An Early Intervention Program for children from birth to grade one with challenges related to their vision.	https://www.ontario.ca/page/blind-low-vision-early-intervention-program
Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC) (\$)	<p>✓ If you support a spouse or common-law partner, or a dependent with a physical or mental impairment, the Canada caregiver credit (CCC) is a non-refundable tax credit that may be available to you.</p> <p>✓ You may be able to claim the CCC if you support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your spouse or common-law partner with a physical or mental impairment. • your or your spouse's or common-law partner's child or grandchild • your or your spouse's or common-law partner's parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew (if resident in Canada at any time in the year) • An individual is considered to depend on you for support if they rely on you to regularly and consistently provide them with some or all of the basic necessities of life, such as food, shelter and clothing. 	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/canada-caregiver-amount.html
Canada Child Benefit (CCB)	✓ The Canada child benefit (CCB) is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age. The CCB might include the child disability benefit and any related provincial and territorial programs.	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/canada-child-benefit-overview.html

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ You live with a child who is under 18 years of age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are primarily responsible for the care and upbringing of the child • You are a resident of Canada for tax purposes • You or your spouse or common-law partner must be any if the following: • A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person, a temporary resident who has lived in Canada for the previous 18 months, and who has a valid permit in the 19th month or an individual who is registered, or entitled to be registered under the Indian Act 	
Coordinated Service Planning for Children with Special Needs (i)	<p>For children or youth with multiple or complex special needs, contact a dedicated service planning coordinator who can help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • connect you with the services your child needs • monitor your child's needs and progress using a single coordinated service plan 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/coordinated-service-planning-children-special-needs
Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This grant is available to students with disabilities for each year of study. You can apply at the same time as you apply for student aid with your province or territory and could receive \$2,800 per year. ✓ Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a financial need • are a student in a qualified program at a designated school • are a student with a disability recognized by the Canada Student Financial Assistance Program, and provide with your application, a document(s) that shows that you have a disability 	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/education/grants/disabilities.html
Developmental Disabilities (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Providing services and supports to children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families. This includes impairments in cognitive function that 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/children-special-needs

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	<p>arise before adulthood and usually lasts throughout life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Most services are delivered through community-based agencies 	
Disability Tax Credit (DTC) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A non-refundable tax credit that helps people with disabilities, or their supporting family member, reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. ✓ If you have a severe and prolonged impairment, you may apply for the credit. ✓ If approved, you may claim the credit at tax time. ✓ Once approved for DTC, you are eligible to receive Child Disability Benefit (CDB) 	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html
Enhanced Respite for Medically Fragile and/or Technology Dependent Children and Youth – Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) - (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides additional funding for the same eligible services and supports as SSAH - <i>see chart</i> 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/family-support-and-respite-children-and-youth-special-needs#section-2
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Coordination of services and supports for children and families affected by FASD. 	http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/fasd/index.aspx
Family-Managed Home Care - MCCSS (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Funding for families to assist with care services and care providers at home for children with disabilities. 	https://ontariohealthathome.ca/home-care/family-managed-home-care/
Healthy Smiles Ontario (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services. ✓ Eligibility: ✓ Children are automatically enrolled in the program if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they receive assistance under: Temporary Care Assistance or ACSD • they or their family receive: Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support ✓ You can apply for your children if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are 17 years of age and under • live in Ontario 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/services-covered-by-healthy-smiles-ontario

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • come from a household with an income equal to or less than the levels in the table listed on the website for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of eligible treatment. For more information call 1-844-296-6306. 	
Incontinence Supplies Grant Program (IG) (\$) <i>see also, Top Up Grant Program</i>	<p>Eligibility for this program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Must be a resident of Ontario, 3-18 years of age (children under the age of 3 may be eligible if they have a medical condition which results in the use of catheters (e.g. Spina Bifida) or specialized diapers (e.g. Prune Belly or Vesicostomy) ✓ Have a valid Ontario health card ✓ Have a chronic disability (physical or developmental) that results in irreversible incontinence or retention problems, lasts longer than six months and requires the use of incontinence supplies. ✓ Criteria for this program and funding is made available by the Ministry of Health; the program is administered by Easter Seals Ontario 	lgprogram.easterseals.org
Indigenous Children and Youth Programs (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Services and programs for First Nations, Inuit and Métis children and youth. 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/indigenous-children-and-youth-programs
Infant Hearing Program (i)	<p>The Infant Hearing Program provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ hearing screening for newborns in hospital/community settings ○ assessments to identify permanent hearing loss ○ monitoring of children at risk of developing hearing loss ○ language development services 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/infant-hearing-program
Mental Health Program (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Help for children and youth up to the age of 18 who have social, emotional, behavioural or psychiatric problems. 	www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/mentalhealth/index.aspx
Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Offers financial assistance to Northern Ontario residents who need to travel long-distances for specialized medical services 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/northern-health-travel-grant-program

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	or procedures at a ministry-funded health care facility.	
Ontario Child Benefit (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ontario Child Benefit provides up to \$1,727*/child/year based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ your family net income ○ the number of children in your care under 18 years old ✓ If you are eligible, you will get a payment every month. 	www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/financialhelp/ocb/index.aspx
Ontario Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ covers up to 75% of the preapproved dental specialist treatment costs not covered by private dental insurance. ✓ Dental infant orthopaedics, orthodontic treatment, some restorative dentistry, dental prosthetics, dental implants and oral surgery not funded by OHIP. ✓ Must be a resident of Ontario, have a valid health card and diagnosed with cleft lip and/or palate, craniofacial anomaly or other severe dental dysfunction. ✓ The program will not cover the cost of regular dental check-ups, some procedures that are not deemed eligible and long-term follow-up care. 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-cleft-lip-and-palate-and-craniofacial-dental-program
Preschool Speech and Language Program (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Program staff can teach you how to help your child develop their communications skills, giving them the best opportunity for healthy development. Early therapy can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ help your child to listen, talk learn and read ○ improve your child's readiness for school ○ improve your child's self-esteem and confidence ○ help your child to play with other children 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/preschool-speech-and-language-program
Rehabilitation Services (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rehabilitation Services may include physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language pathology for children and youth with physical disabilities, developmental disabilities and communication disorders. 	www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/rehabilitation.aspx

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Special Services at Home (SSAH) – Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SSAH provides funding to buy services and supports that help parents with caring for their child, or that support the child to join activities at home and in the community including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ support for the child to participate in day-to-day activities ○ assistance for the child to participate in activities that support their growth and development ○ support for parents/main caregivers (such as respite services) 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/special-services-home#section-0
Top Up Grant Program <i>see also, Incontinence Supplies Grant Program</i> (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An extra payment toward the cost of incontinence supplies, such as diapers for children who are receiving the Incontinence Supplies Grant (IG) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD). ✓ The program is offered annually, subject to funding availability from the government, and each eligible client receives a single top up payment. ✓ To be eligible for the Top Up Grant, the child or youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must be under 18 years of age must be receiving BOTH the Incontinence Supplies Grant AND Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD). ○ Please note ACSD is not the same as the Ontario Child Credit or the Disability Tax Credit. 	https://igprogram.easterseals.org/top-up/
Trillium Drug Program Prescription Drugs (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Helps people who have high prescription drug costs relative to their household income. 	https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs#section-0
EMPLOYER OR PRIVATE HEALTH BENEFITS		
Extended Health Benefits/Private Health Benefits (i) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Some employee health care plans will provide funding for equipment required by children with disabilities. ✓ Parents are advised to check with their employers or private health insurer to determine coverage. 	If applicable, check with your employer or private health insurance provider.

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CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS that offer funding, programs and/or services.		
Ability Gives (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eligibility: active member of Ability Online (free membership but must register). ✓ Ability Gives grant will/may cover therapy bikes, i-Pads for non-verbal children, adapted strollers, Specialized seating/feeding chairs, lifts and turners, serial casting/orthotics/orthotic shoes, walkers and splints. 	https://abilitygives.org/
ALS Canada (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applicant must be registered with ALS Canada. The program provides access to basic and essential assistive equipment through Equipment Loan Program. ✓ A registered healthcare professional must assess the client and complete the ALS Canada Loan Equipment Request On-Line Application with as much detail as possible. 	https://als.ca/
Bereaved Families of Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bereavement support programs in Halton-Peel is one example of Bereaved Families organizations across Ontario that provide grief support for grieving children, youth, adults and caregivers. 	https://www.bereavedfamilies.ca/
Bloorview School Authority Bursary (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Bloorview School Authority Bursary is awarded to a student with a disability. The value of the award will be \$9,000.00. ✓ Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have attended Bloorview School (formerly Bloorview Macmillan Centre); be/have been a client of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital • Be a candidate for admission to an OSAP eligible post-secondary Institution (College or University). • The recipient is required to provide proof of enrollment at a qualifying institution 	For more information call 416-4243831, or email school@hollandbloorview.ca
Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CORD provides a strong common voice to advocate for health policy and a healthcare system that works for those with rare disorders. 	https://www.raredisorders.ca/

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CanChild (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CanChild is a research centre dedicated to generating knowledge and transforming the lives of children and youth with developmental conditions and their families. ✓ It is also the hub for information on F-Words in Childhood Disability and additional support for families. 	https://canchild.ca/
Children's Mental Health Ontario (CMH) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An association representing Ontario's publicly-funded child and youth mental health centres. CMHO's nearly 100 member organizations operate in every region of the province, providing treatment and support to children, youth and families. ✓ Includes targeted prevention, early intervention, short- and long-term counselling and therapy, addictions services, and intensive services such as residential care. 	https://cmho.org/
Children's Treatment Centres (CTCs)/Local Community Foundations (i) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Some Children's Treatment Centers (CTCs) have foundations that may help families with disability expenses, including equipment. ✓ Contact your local Children's Treatment Center (contact details for EKO provided) for local foundations to find out if they provide financial assistance for mobility or accessibility equipment. 	For contact details for CTCs, check the Empowered Kids Ontario website, Member Directory .
Community Living Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Community Living Ontario is a non-profit, provincial confederation that advocates for people who have an intellectual disability to be fully included in all aspects of community life. 	https://communitylivingontario.ca/en/
ConnectAbility (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A resource website developed for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Valuable resources on this site include Family (Support) Groups, as well as tools such as Adapt and Accommodate and a Visual Engine that enables you to make visual supports for your child with picture symbols. 	https://connectability.ca/en/

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<p>Easter Seals Ontario (\$) <i>See also, Incontinence Supplies Grant (MoH) and Top Up Grant Program (MCCSS) under Government Funding</i></p>	<p>Eligibility for registration includes the child/youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is a legal resident of Ontario ○ has a valid Ontario Health Card ○ is under the age of 19 years, and ○ has a permanent physical disability that restricts their independent mobility and results in the use of a primary mobility device (long-term orthotics, wheelchair or walker) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ provides funding for essential mobility, accessibility equipment, bath and toileting aids, communication aids and orthotics ✓ provides access to Easter Seals Ontario summer camps ✓ provides scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000* ✓ provides information resources for parents and is a champion for disability advocacy, public education and awareness. 	<p>Main website: https://www.easterseals.org/</p> <p>Services website: https://www.easterseals.org/</p>
<p>Easter Seals Canada (National) (i)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Easter Seals Canada runs national awareness campaigns and raises critical funding for the transformative programs and services that are offered by Easter Seals provincial member organizations at the local level. ✓ Access 2 Entertainment Card: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ provides the support person for a person with a disability to receive either free admission or a significant discount at member movie theatres across Canada. ✓ Disability Travel Card™ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides identification to a person with a permanent disability, which will allow an adult attendant, travelling with the person with a disability, to travel at no cost when traveling on Via Rail or participating motor coach companies. 	<p>www.easterseals.ca</p> <p>www.access2.ca or call 416-932-8382 ext. 227</p> <p>www.easterseals.ca or call 416-932-8382</p>
<p>Empowered Kids Ontario (EKO) (i) (\$)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The EKO Scholarship helps support students who have received services from 	<p>https://www.empoweredkidsontario.ca/</p>

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	<p>an EKO member organisation, pursue their postsecondary education or career.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Offering eight scholarships of \$3,000 each, including an exclusive award for self-identified Indigenous, First Nations and Métis students. 	
Epilepsy Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aims to raise public awareness and improve education through publications, conferences and outreach initiatives. 	https://epilepsyontario.org/
ErinoakKids- Family Support Fund (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Family Support Fund offers financial support to ErinoakKids' families during a time of a crisis or financial need. Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$1,000 for prescribed medication, recreation, and respite • Up to \$2,000 for emergency needs • Up to \$3,000 for equipment (Equipment funding may be considered up to \$3,000 if costs surpass \$3,000 for an individual item or transaction) 	https://www.erinoakkids.ca/all-services/family-supports/family-support-fund
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Family Support Fund (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Family Support Fund (FSF) offers financial support to Holland Bloorview families to meet their unique needs. Clients and families may be provided with financial reimbursement for equipment, medication, recreational activities and respite services. ✓ Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a registered client of Holland Bloorview • Have had a clinical, OHIP-covered appointment with Holland Bloorview in the two years prior to the date on this application • Be under the age of 19 	https://hollandbloorview.ca/our-services/family-workshops-resources/holland-bloorview-family-support-fund
Hope Air (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The only registered, national charity that provides free flights to people who cannot afford the cost of an airline ticket to get to medical expertise or specialized medical technologies that usually exist only in larger urban centres. ✓ Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower-income children, their families, and adults who cannot 	https://hopeair.ca/ call 816-573-6050 or email info@hopeair.ca for more information

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	<p>afford airfare. Patients will be asked about their household income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A confirmed medical appointment is required. • The appointment has to be covered by a provincial healthcare plan. • The patient is medically cleared to fly on a commercial plane. • Route and travel dates must be available; Last-minute flight requests will be much more difficult to fulfill. 	
Hydrocephalus Canada (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ increase awareness about hydrocephalus and spina bifida ✓ Create solutions that support prevention, early and accurate diagnosis and access to appropriate treatment, advancement of new treatments and optimal outcomes ✓ education and awareness resources ✓ Funds Impactful Research ✓ Provides Scholarships and Bursaries 	https://www.hydrocephalus.ca/ https://www.hydrocephalus.ca/category/scholarships-bursaries/
Independent Living Services – Simcoe County (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A CARF accredited non-profit agency that helps people remain active members of their communities and thrive as independent individuals in their own homes. ✓ ILS provides individualized personal support services for activities of daily living for adults 16 years and older living with permanent physical disabilities and seniors aging at home. ✓ ILS also offers guidance to connect people to resources for assistive devices, home health equipment, home or vehicle modifications, funding, and accessibility-related information. 	https://ilssimcoe.ca/
Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Helps children with physical disabilities, severe medical issues, mental health disorders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family income must be less than \$65,000* 	www.jenash.org

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority to help with emergency assistance, with housing, transportation or accommodation for medical needs. ○ Accommodation costs while staying away from home to care for your hospitalized child ○ Transportation expenses directly related to going back and forth to hospital appointments/treatments, such as gas, critical vehicle repairs, and public transit ○ Essential housing support (rent/utilities) due to increased expenses and lost wages so parents can be at their child's bedside ○ Meal support when on the road due to child's extended hospital stay ○ Prescription medications not covered by OHIP or health benefits ○ Disposable medical supplies not covered by government programs or insurance ○ Specialized equipment that aid in the transition from hospital to home (ex: adaptive trike, mobility and sleeping aids) ○ Assessment and session fees for rehabilitative therapy related to a major medical event. ○ Sibling childcare to enable parents to be with their child during the hospital stay ○ 1:1 Respite Care to provide parents time for self-care and the flexibility to return to work following an extended hospital stay with their child 	
Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ LDAO is a registered charity dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth and adults with learning disabilities. ✓ Offers many resources, services, information, venues and products designed to help people with learning disabilities and attention deficit 	https://www.ldao.ca/

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	hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), as well as parents, teachers and other professionals.	
March of Dimes Canada – Home & Vehicle Modification Program (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ontario March of Dimes' Home & Vehicle Modification® Program provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications. Funding is provided by the provincial government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program maximums and income-based eligibility include: ○ \$15,000* lifetime maximum for home modifications ○ \$10,000* every 10 years for vehicle modifications ○ Family of four maximum income of: \$45,839* 	https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca/programs/am/hvmp
Muscular Dystrophy Canada (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Primary focus is on research. ✓ Support children and adults with muscular dystrophy with information and funding. ✓ Eligible equipment includes accessibility equipment, bathroom aids, beds and mattresses, mobility aids, lifts, breathing aids. ✓ Maximum contribution \$2,620*/item (client contribution \$200) 	www.muscle.ca
Ontario Brain Injury Association (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A provincial not-for-profit, charitable organization who provide opportunities for scholarships, bursaries and other financial assistance to the brain injury community. 	https://obia.ca/
Ontario Disability Coalition (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A grassroots coalition established in 2017 to be the voice of parents, caregivers, health service professionals and disabled individuals children and adults. ✓ Primary goal is to advocate for health care services that a person needs to find their way towards achieving as normal a life as possible. 	https://odcoalition.com/author/odcoalition/
Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Non-profit organization that supports children and adults with cerebral palsy, using funds donated from the public. ✓ Level of funding assistance may vary based on the cost of the item and the availability 	www.ofcp.ca

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	<p>of Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy funds at the time the request is received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eligibility: Individual Lifetime membership (\$10), diagnosis of cp ✓ Up to \$2,500* per item, one item per year ✓ Also offers awards and scholarships. 	
<p>(The) Rick and Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Physical Disabilities (\$)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person with a disability, defined as functional limitation – whether permanent or episodic – which affects the student's ability to participate in post-secondary education; • Under the age of 30 years as of the application deadline; • Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada; • Eligible for domestic tuition at a publicly funded post-secondary institution or training program at a public university, college or institute in Canada; • Enrolling full-time for a 1- to 5-year postsecondary program at a publicly funded post-secondary institution in Canada; and • Not receiving other financial awards that total more than \$2,500 per year (excluding student loans). • Applicants are responsible for ensuring that any funding received from the Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship will not negatively affect the status of any benefits and subsidies that they are eligible for. 	<p>https://www.rickhansen.com/Scholarship</p>
<p>(The) Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarships (\$)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Rotary Club of Toronto Scholarship is a fouryear tuition only scholarship of up to \$15,000 per year. ✓ Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate financial need • Demonstrate academic excellence • Demonstrate leadership and community service 	<p>https://www.rotarytoronto.com/sitepage/rotary-toronto-scholarship-application-2024/sub-page</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation from a Toronto District School Board or Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary school • Acceptance to a college or university in the Greater Toronto Area 	
Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO) (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Connects clients with practical help and peer support ✓ Accessible employment services: helping youth and adults enter the workforce with confidence ✓ Advocates on behalf of Ontarians living with a spinal cord injury including the access to mobility device, essential equipment and financial resources. 	http://www.sciontario.org/
SMILE Canada (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Accessibility Fund provides funding for various costs related to a child's disability, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ therapies, counselling, respite, assistive technology, mobility and adaptive equipment 	https://www.smilecan.org/accessibility-fund
(The) Tamara Gordon Foundation (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides financial awards to physically disabled students enrolled in degree programs at post-secondary institutions within Ontario ✓ Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant with a permanent physical disability • Reside in the province of Ontario • Be enrolled in a program at an Ontario University that is a member of Universities Canada or one of Ontario's 24 Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology for the current academic year. 	Call 905-2090606 or email tamaragfoundation@gmail.com
(The) War Amps (\$)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides financial assistance to amputees for their artificial limbs ✓ Educate amputees with information on artificial limbs and all aspects of living with amputation including tools for independence 	https://www.waramps.ca/home/

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TTC Support Person Assistance Card (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A photo card that identifies the eligible cardholder as someone who needs to be accompanied by a support person during their commute. ✓ The card allows one support person to travel with the cardholder at no additional charge. ✓ A support person is someone who assists with communication, mobility, personal care / medical needs, or access to services or facilities throughout the cardholder's journey on the TTC. ✓ The cardholder can travel with a different support person at different times. 	https://www.ttc.ca/Fares-and-passes/Other-passes/Support-Person-Assistance-Card
Local Service Clubs (\$) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rotary Clubs, Lion's Club, Shriners, Knights of Columbus, etc. ✓ Parents/guardians should contact their local chapter directly to inquire if they are able to provide assistance. 	Various websites

DISABILITY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS (Organizations that offer support and information).

Autism Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community 	https://www.autismontario.com/
Children's Treatment Network (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supports over 26,000 children and youth with disabilities and developmental needs in Simcoe County and York Region ✓ Provides intake, service navigation and coordinated service planning, assessment and diagnostic services, specialized clinics and rehabilitation services, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech language therapy. 	www.ctnsy.ca
Bereaved Families of Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides grief support for grieving children, youth, adults and caregivers. 	https://www.bereavedfamilies.ca/
Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides a strong common voice to advocate for health policy and a healthcare system that works for those with rare disorders. 	https://www.raredisorders.ca/
CanChild (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A research centre dedicated to generating knowledge and transforming the lives of children and youth with developmental 	https://canchild.ca/

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	conditions and their families. It is also the hub for information on F-Words in Childhood Disability and additional support for families.	
Children's Mental Health Ontario (CMH) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An association representing Ontario's publicly-funded child and youth mental health centres. CMHO's nearly 100 member organizations operate in every region of the province, providing treatment and support to children, youth and families. ✓ Treatment includes targeted prevention, early intervention, short- and long-term counselling and therapy, addictions services, and intensive services such as residential care. 	https://cmho.org/
Community Living Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A non-profit, provincial confederation that advocates for people who have an intellectual disability to be fully included in all aspects of community life 	https://communitylivingontario.ca/en/
ConnectABILITY.ca (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Resource website developed for people with developmental challenges and their families. 	https://connectability.ca/en/
CNIB (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ programs are free and available to Canadians who are blind or partially sighted, as well as their families, friends and caregivers ✓ at CNIB Guide Dogs, they raise, train and match dogs with Canadians who are blind, Deafblind, or have low vision. 	https://www.cnib.ca/
Epilepsy Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ aim to raise public awareness and improve education through publications, conferences, outreach initiatives 	https://epilepsyontario.org/
Empowered Kids Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Represents Ontario's publicly-funded child development and rehabilitation sector. Member organizations provide treatment and support to children, youth and families in every region of Ontario. 	https://www.empoweredkidsontario.ca/
Independent Living Services – Simcoe County (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ILS provides individualized personal support services for activities of daily living for adults 16 years and older living with permanent physical disabilities and seniors aging at home 	https://ilssimcoe.ca/

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Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (i)	✓ Offers many resources, services, information, venues and products designed to help people with learning disabilities and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), as well as parents, teachers and other professionals.	https://www.ldao.ca/
Ontario Disability Coalition (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A grassroots coalition that was established to be the voice of parents, caregivers, health service professionals and disabled individuals, children and adults. ✓ primary goal is to advocate for health care services that a person needs to find their way towards achieving as normal a life as possible. 	https://odcoalition.com/author/odcoalition/
Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (i)	✓ funds Canadian research projects, 3 RS Clinics, resource centre and developed the Canadian Rett Syndrome Registry.	https://rett.ca/about/who-is-ors-a/
Prosper Canada (i)	✓ helps individuals with a disability and their families find out about Federal and Provincial benefit programs and tax credits.	https://prospercanada.org/
VIEWS for the Visually Impaired (i)	✓ A non-profit provincial support and advocacy organization, who assist children, youth and young adults who have low vision or are blind in reaching their full potential.	https://visionforkids.org/
Vision Loss Rehabilitation Ontario (i)	✓ Provides specialized training that gives people who are blind or partially sighted the practical skills they need to live safely and independently.	https://visionlossrehab.ca/en
Voice for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children (i)	✓ develops and implements programs and services encompassing advocacy, family support, and public education.	https://www.voicefordeafkids.com/

FINDING EQUIPMENT – Resources and Options for Buying, Selling and Donating Equipment in Ontario**

For the Needy Not the Greedy (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ accepts or procures donated medical and mobility equipment such as, wheelchairs, power scooters, walkers, hospital beds, and assistive toilet and bath devices. ✓ servicing the Greater Niagara Region and most of Ontario ✓ Fueled by volunteers since 1998 	https://needynotthegreedy.org/ https://www.facebook.com/p/For-the-Needy-Not-the-Greedy-100063819631837/
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Possibilities Project Plus – Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ a resource hub that seeks to facilitate the exchange of assistive devices to those in need. ✓ Connecting clients with local charities, organizations, services and individuals to help donate or receive an assistive device. ✓ Wheelchairs, mattresses, vehicles – helping you find a variety of disability related items. 	https://www.possibilitiesprojectplus.ca/
Zach's List (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ an Equipment Exchange group through Facebook ✓ Parent will be asked to join the group as members to have access to the information. 	https://www.facebook.com/groups/143627732500463/
<p>* Amounts noted are as of August 2025 and are subject to change.</p> <p>** Please note that the “Finding Equipment” list is provided as a resource only. Easter Seals Ontario cannot be held liable for any new or used equipment acquired/purchased from the above sites/organizations. All equipment acquired/purchased from the “Funding Equipment” list is made at the client/family’s own risk. Families are encouraged to carefully assess the equipment to ensure it meets their child’s needs and safety requirements.</p>		