

Manitoba:
Accessing Respite Funding

Respite services are delivered by the Children's disAbility Service Program (CDS)
This is a government organization funded by the Department of Families

The first step will be contacting your local CDS office.

Contact information here:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/cds/locations.html>

Your child will need to have a formal diagnosis from a medical professional to receive services. The eligible diagnosis are:

- Intellectual disability
- Developmental delay
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Lifelong physical disability

or, a high probability of developmental delay due to a preexisting condition

During your initial intake you will be asked to provide this documentation.

The program accepts referrals from families (self-referrals), schools, day cares or health professionals.
Written documentation of your child's diagnosis must be included in the application.

If your child qualifies for the program, a CDS worker will connect with your family to look at your specific situation, and talk to you about your needs, goals and care concerns.

The worker will provide you with information about supports that may be available to you.

Find this information here:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/cds/index.html>



Based on the Social Worker's assessment and the plan you develop together you will be approved for a certain amount of respite.

This respite can be administered two ways:



Funding goes directly to families and they pay workers directly.

They organize:
hiring/firing respite workers
the rate of pay for workers
hours and scheduling



The CDS program hires respite workers under contract.

CDS staff match workers to families.
CDS manages rate of pay/payroll.
CDS organizes schedules for respite workers.