

The Ontario Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

The Ontario Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Fund (ACSD) is a benefit program that gives monthly funds to support families with children living with severe disabilities. The funds are to support with costs associated with the child's disability.

Depending on the income of the family (low or moderate income), families can receive between \$25 to \$490 per month to support with the additional costs.

More information on the ACSD can be found [here](#).

The Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program *Application Process*



Confirm Eligibility

The Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) is available to parents or legal guardians who have a child that:

1. Is under 18 years of age;
2. Lives at home;
3. lives with a severe disability.



Applying for the ACSD

To begin the ACSD application you must first contact your local Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Find the office nearest you by checking this [link](#).

Once you locate the office, request the ACSD forms - you can pick them up or have them mailed directly to you.



Complete the ACSD Forms:

Complete the ACSD forms as required. You may be asked to have a medical practitioner complete an additional form. These forms may also require you to list the extra expenses you have due to the child's disability.



Financial Support Available:

The monthly financial support funding through the ACSD depends on the following factors:

1. The family's income;
2. The size of the family;
3. The severity of the disability and;
4. The extraordinary costs related to the child's disability.

Depending on the income and size of the family, the program may provide between \$25 and \$490 a month to help with costs, such as:

- Travel to doctors' appointments, hospitals, etc;
- Adaptive shoes and clothes (may require a note from a medical professional);
- Parental relief such as respite;
- Wheelchairs and other assistive devices, including repairs;
- Hearing aids and batteries;
- Prescription drugs;



Submit Forms for Review

A Special Agreements Officer will review your application and will contact you or your medical practitioner if they need more information.



Approval

If approved, you will receive a letter saying so, and how much you will receive.



Receive Funding

You should receive the stipulated monthly funds automatically until the child turn 18 years old, without having to re-apply.



Rejection

If rejected, you will receive a letter saying you do not qualify for the grant. This letter will outline the appeals process.