

Manitoba Children's disABILITY Services

This program, provided through Manitoba Department of Families, supports families who are raising a child (or children) with developmental and physical disabilities, to meet some of the additional needs they may have. A CDS Worker can connect with your family to talk about your needs and goals, and help you access services including respite, therapy, and autism services, and more. Some families are referred to Children's disABILITY services by medical professionals, schools, and daycares, but you can also apply for the program directly, as outlined below. For more information you can call Children's disABILITY Services at 204-945-5898 or see this [brochure](#).

Manitoba Children's disABILITY Services Application Process



Confirm Eligibility

To be eligible for the Manitoba Children's disABILITY services, your child must :

- Be under 18 years old
- Live with their birth, adoptive, or extended families
- Have one or more of the following conditions :
 - Intellectual disability
 - Developmental delay
 - Autism spectrum disorder
 - Lifelong physical disability
 - High probability of developmental delay due to a pre-existing condition



Contact Your Local Manitoba Families Office

In order to begin the application process, you must contact your local Manitoba Families Office, a list of which can be found [here](#). You must have written confirmation from a professional of your child's diagnosis in order to complete the application. A Children's disABILITY Services worker will give you all the information you need and help with the application process.



Approval

If approved, a Children's disABILITY Services worker will get in contact, and work with you to assess your needs, goals and care concerns in order to come up with a plan.

Rejection

There is no formal appeals process for this program, however any disputes over eligibility or service decisions can be taken up with CDS supervisory staff



Receive Services

Based on the assessment, the worker will provide you with information about supports available to you through Children's disABILITY Services and other agencies such as child care facilities, schools, and volunteer organizations. A worker can remain with you case until your child is 18 or you are no longer in need of services.