

New Brunswick Family Support for Children with Disabilities

The New Brunswick Family Supports for Children with Disabilities Program is a program that provides social work support and financial resources to families to help with the care and support for the special developmental needs of their child with a disability. Services are intended to strengthen families and support parents in caring for their children.

There is a family financial contribution towards services, when applicable. This takes the form of family co-pay, where the province doesn't begin to reimburse you until your family has already paid a certain amount. For more information on the family co-pay or family financial contribution, you can contact your local Social Development Office.

The Family Supports for Children with Disabilities Program has a two-pronged service delivery model which lets families self-manage their case plan or request the support of a social worker. Families who opt for the self-managed model will initially meet with the department to determine their strengths and unmet needs to be able to develop a case plan. You would then manage the services to address your needs yourself. Families who request the ongoing support of a social worker will meet with the social worker to determine their strengths and needs to develop a case plan. You then receive regular contact, advocacy and support from the social worker.

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Application Process

Apply for the Family Support for Children with Disabilities

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Confirm Your Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a resident of New Brunswick for at least the past three months with valid Medicare cards;
- Take an assessment of strengths and unmet needs to determine case plan which includes providing the documentation and additional family information needed and signing all forms required (the Social Worker will help you with this);
- Financially participate in the case plan based on the Family Financial Contribution toward Services Scale (if applicable).



Confirm Your Child's Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the program, you must have identified unmet needs as a result of raising a child with a disability. The child with a disability must:

- Have a severe disability that is life long and significantly limits a child's ability to function in normal daily living. This includes children with medically complex conditions, physical disabilities, and/or intellectual impairment who may or may not have behavioural and/or emotional difficulties;
- Have a letter of support from a licensed professional that speaks to the child's limited ability to function in normal daily living;
- Be a resident of New Brunswick for at least the past three months;
- Have a valid New Brunswick Medicare card;
- Be under 19 years of age.



Approved

If approved, you'll be informed by the social worker, and will work with them to develop a case plan for your and your child's needs, and your family income



Rejected

You will be notified by the social worker if your application has been denied. To appeal a decision you can ask to work with another income assessment worker to reassess your situation.



Payment and Reimbursement

You must use your private insurance first, and whatever is not covered, your Social Worker can then apply for Exceptional Requests through the provincial health card. For example, if your private insurance covers 80%, the SW can apply for coverage for 20%. They do take the cost of private insurance into consideration when calculating the Family Financial Contribution, so that monthly rate is taken away from the net income.

The Family Financial Contribution is a family co-pay, meaning that you are expected to contribute a certain amount before being able to be reimbursed. To find out more specifics, you can call the toll-free number for the Social Development Office in your area.

Common things that FSCD covers : respite care, diapers, over the counter medication, medical travel, recreational activities (outside of school hours)

Examples of things FSCD does not cover : Child care during school hours, therapy, prescription medication