



Here is a list of funds available in the province of Ontario:

A. Ministry of Community and Social Services

*Monarch House has applications available for SSAH and ACSD.

1. Special Services At Home (SSAH)

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/specialservices/index.aspx>

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/documents/topics/specialneeds/specialservices/SSAHApplication.pdf>

- no income limits/requirements
- funds for the disabled child's personal development and growth and also for respite care so parents can get a break (e.g., money for summer camp attendance, sports, activities, etc.)
- no wait list or backlog currently
- a family resource worker at the local community living organization can help the parent to complete the application
- Intake Coordinator at Monarch House can help our clients fill out the application

2. Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/disabilities/index.aspx>

- funds to supplement the parent's income (means tested- must make \$65,000 or less; higher income allowed if 2 or more disabled children)
- dental and drug benefits and vision glasses and hearing aids - available to children regardless of family income (if denied challenge the income rule on benefits)
- pays the amount not covered by ADP (Assistive Devices Program) for specialized equipment such as wheelchairs, strollers, FM systems, etc. (ADP usually pays 75%)
- Intake Coordinator at Monarch House can help our clients fill out the application

B. Ministry of Health

1. Community Care Access Centre

<http://healthcareathome.ca/mh/en/Getting-Care/Getting-Care-at-School/School-Health-Support-Services>

A children's case manager organizes the following services as needed:

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy (including augmentative therapy for nonverbal children)
- Physiotherapy
- Personal Support Worker visits (for help with personal care, feeding bathing, dressing etc.)
- Nursing
- Social Work



2. Respite Enhancement Fund (REF) – not sure this is available currently (2015)

-the case manager should make a referral to the Ministry of Community and Social Services to provide this funding if the child is medically fragile - the interpretation of what is medically fragile varies but generally the child needs medical intervention on an ongoing basis, e.g., tube feeding etc. or is up at night with a medical condition (epilepsy, sleep disorder, croup) such that there is additional stress on the family apart from a development disability - can be appealed if the case manager will not recommend this funding

C. Local Agencies/Organizations

1. Community Living

<http://www.oakcl.org/> - Oakville

<http://www.clmiss.ca/> - Mississauga

- family relief funds for respite care are usually available
- family resource and support workers are available who can help with all of the above funding applications and mediate with the school if there are problems between the home and school
- resource teacher support in nursery schools

2. Easter Seals (Ontario)

<http://www.easterseals.org/services/>

1. Incontinence grant - money for diapers if the child wears them both day and night (between 3 and 18 years of age)
2. Special camps and funding for family vacations
3. Specialized equipment funding for physically disabled children (bikes, walkers, standers, etc.)
4. Access2 Entertainment card: <http://www.access2card.ca/>
5. Disability Travel Card: <http://easterseals.ca/english/disability-travel-card>

3. March of Dimes

<http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/Pages/default.aspx>

- will retrofit your home to make it more accessible and/or safe if you qualify (need an OT or PT to recommend):
<http://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/HomeandVehicle.aspx>
- family is eligible for up to \$15,000 through a government grant
- means tested - family income cap of \$60,000

F. Foundations/Children's Charities

1. Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity

<http://jenash.org/get-help-now/>



- (JACC helps with funding for hospital and household costs, specialized care, medical treatments and therapies.)
- means-tested: family income cap of \$60,000 gross family income

2. President's Choice Children's Charities

http://www.presidentschoice.ca/en_CA/community/pccc/apply-for-funding.html

- PCCC helps with funding for children with ASD for ABA therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy and other needs
- means tested – family income cap of \$70,000 gross family income

3. Reach for the Rainbow (RFTR - summer camps)

<http://www.reachfortherainbow.ca/camp-listing-info/program-camps-a-counsellors>

- Camp placements are based on a first come, first served priority. Family choice, availability of space, gender, age, and the needs of the participant are all taken into consideration. Priority is given to returning campers, therefore new participants may have fewer options.
- There are two separate costs involved with sending your child to camp: 1.) Regular Camp fees, 2.) RFTR 1:1 support fee. Families are expected to arrange payment for camp registration fees. If assistance is required, subsidies may be available through individual camps or camp foundations. Additional fees for bus service or extended car hours where available are outlined on camp brochures.
- RFTR 1:1 support fees are set according to the camp's pay scale for camp counsellors. These typically range from \$75-\$100 per day for day camps, and \$55-\$90 per day for residential camps. Families often access SSAH or ACSD funding to pay for these extra costs. Families need to budget for camp costs in their funding requests.
- Reach for the Rainbow coordinates with families up to two weeks of day or overnight camp per participant (combined maximum: three weeks depending on local availability of 1:1 counsellor support).

4. Starlight Foundation

<http://www.starlightcanada.org/programs/out-of-hospital-programs/>

- Whether it's a trip to the zoo or an action-packed sporting event, Starlight's families enjoy all of the excitement, laughs and fun of a getaway from being sick - just what the doctor ordered.

The income caps quoted may have changed and are also open to challenge if the family has extraordinary circumstances.