

## **Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities**

This is a program to assist the parents with the extra costs that a child may have because they have serious special needs. The child must be under 18 yrs. of age and live at home with their parents.

### **What Types of costs does the program pay for?**

The program may help parents with the costs that apply to the child's condition. Travel to doctors and hospitals, special shoes and clothing, parent relief, wheelchair repairs and hearing aid batteries are some of the costs that the program may help with.

### **What costs will the program not pay for?**

Regular clothing and shoes, food, social events are some of the costs that would not be paid for.

### **If the parents work, can they still apply for the help?**

Yes. The amount of money a family can receive is based on the total family income, the number of children in the family and the actual costs of the child. If the family's income is above the set limit, the assistance for children with Severe Disabilities would not be given

### **If you receive the Assistance for children with Severe Disabilities, you can still apply for the Special Services at Home Program**

Yes. If you need more service than the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities is able to provide, you may apply for additional help from the Special Services at Home Program

#### **Next Steps.....**

Contact your local Ministry of Community & Social Services Department for more information on how to apply

Special Agreements Office

#### **Thunder Bay Local Office**

**1-800-465-5561 Ext. 1336**

#### **Fort William First Nation Social Service Developmental Service Support Worker**

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# Fort William First Nation

Social Service Department

Special Services at Home and Assistance for  
Children with Severe Disabilities

Ministry of Community & Social Services

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Some families need support at home to care for their child with a developmental disability or if their child has a physical disability. They may need assistance with extra costs like travelling, special diets, drugs or parent relief. When this is the case, the government may be able to help families with the cost beyond the ones normally provided by a family.

The Special Services at Home and the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities are two programs that are part of a wide range of supports available in Ontario.

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### **Are the two programs the same?**

No. There are many differences in the two programs. This booklet answers some of the questions you may need to know.

### **If I receive money through these programs, will I have to pay any of the money back?**

No. The Money is not a loan.

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### **Special Services at Home**

This program provides support to families caring for:

- ✚ Children under 18 years of age with a physical or developmental disability.

### **Anyone who lives in Ontario and is caring for a child with a disability can apply for this help.**

### **What Types of services could the Special Services at Home Program provide?**

- ✚ A worker to help the parent with feeding or bathing the child with a disability when they are unable to do it for themselves.
- ✚ A worker to take care of the child with a disability because the parent needs to have a rest.
- ✚ A worker to help teach the child with a disability to dress themselves.

### **The Special Services at Home program will not pay for?**

Food, clothing, equipment, fees for schooling or job training, and special doctors are some of the costs that are not covered.

### **Does the amount of money the family has make a difference?**

No. The income of the family is not considered. However, families are expected to use any other resource that may be available to them.

