ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES (ACSD)

WHAT IS IT?
Monthly benefit for parents of children with a severe disability who incur ongoing extraordinary expenses related to the disability.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Talk to your doctor to determine eligibility,
2. Receive ACSD Medical Letter from medical team
3. Fill out application form
4. Mail to appropriate Ministry of Children and Youth Services according to your region

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Visit: http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/disabilities.aspx or call your local regional office.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Must have the following qualifications:
1. Valid Ontario Health Card (OHIP), or be receiving health coverage from Interim Federal Health
2. Children under 18 years of age and living at home and has a severe disability with functional loss.
3. Families with an income of $65,040 (for family of 4) or less. Income limits are based on family size.

The amount of money a family receives is based on:
Family’s income
Severity of disability (walking, communicating, feeding, bathing)
Extraordinary costs the family incurs related to the disability.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?
ACSD assists with the following expenses:
1. Travel to medical appointments
2. Special clothes, shoes
3. Extra laundry costs
4. Parental relief
5. Medical Supplies
6. Hearing aids and batteries
7. Basic dental and eye glasses
8. Special learning equipment

IMPORTANT THOUGHTS
• Keep all receipts for items bought in relation to your child’s disability. ACSD can audit families at any time to see how much money is being spent on costs related to the child’s disability.
• Applications take around 4-6 months to be processed.
• The ACSD application needs many documents, see ACSD Document Checklist for the full list of required documents

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