
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)

The Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) Program is an Alberta provincial government program that provides a wide range of [family-centred](#) supports and services to children with varying types of disability. [Services](#) are meant to help strengthen families' ability to promote their child's healthy development and encourage their child's participation in activities at home and in the community.

Family Support Services

Family support services may be provided based on the family's needs and circumstances, including:

- Individual and family counselling
- Assistance with the cost of clothing and footwear related to the child's disability
- Assistance with the cost of attending medical appointment or when the child is in hospital, such as parking, mileage, meals and accommodation
- Respite services

Child-Focused Services

Child-focused services are provided when a child's disability significantly limits his or her ability to function in normal daily living activities, and are based on the child's and family's individually assessed needs. Child-focused services include:

- Respite services
- Child care support
- Aide supports
- Health-related supports, such as assistance with some of the extraordinary cost of prescription drugs, formulas and diets
- Specialized services, such as support and consultation from occupational or physical therapists, speech language pathologists or psychologists
- Out-of-home living arrangements.

To obtain support:

- 1) Get a letter of diagnosis from one of our physicians (this is the medical documentation)
- 2) Print and complete the FSCD application form <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/disability-services/15654.html>
- 3) Mail, fax or drop off the completed application form and medical documentation to your local FSCD office.
- 4) A FSCD worker will contact you to discuss your application. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of sending in your completed application, please call your local FSCD office.

For more details on the program.:

See the application package attached or head to <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/disability-services/15663.html>