

Saskatchewan Agencies and Resources

Information on supports, programming, and funding resources, with a focus towards children with developmental disabilities

Autism Services in Saskatchewan

- Information on individualized funding, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and resources
 - *ASD Consultants around the province*
 - <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/89623/formats/106463/download>
 - *Autism Spectrum Disorder Individualized Funding*
 - Funding through the Ministry of Social Services for children under the age of 6 who are diagnosed with ASD
 - Families are eligible for \$8000 per year to use for eligible services such as equipment, respite, and therapies
 - www.saskatchewan.ca/autism
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Child Care Inclusion Program

- Provides support to families and child care facilities to include children with diverse needs in child care programs
 - To be eligible, children must require additional supervision, guidance or assistance as determined by a qualified professional, must be referred by a qualified professional
 - Available grants are:
 - *Individual Inclusion Grant*
 - To assist with the additional cost of supervising a child with diverse needs in an amount not to exceed \$300 per month
 - *Enhanced Accessibility Grant*
 - To assist with the additional cost of supervising a child with exceptionally high diverse needs in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per month
 - *Adapted Equipment Grant*
 - To assist with the cost of purchasing adapted equipment required to meet the needs of a child with diverse needs in an amount not to exceed \$600 in a year, or in exceptional circumstances \$1,200 in a year
 - *Training and Resource Grant*
 - To assist with the registration for training events and resources for child care professionals working with children with diverse needs in an amount not to exceed \$100 in a year (\$200 for Enhanced Accessibility)
 - <http://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/101059/formats/111651/download>
 - <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/categories/724>
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Cognitive Disability Strategy (CDS) Support

- Provides services to people with cognitive disabilities and their families
- Can apply for cognitive disability consultation service or cognitive disability funding
- Eligibility based on having a cognitive disability and an unmet need that can't be supported by another system
- Income tested
- Requires a team (family/school/therapy, etc.) to put in an application
- <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/people-with-disabilities/saskatchewan-disability-strategy>

Community Living Service Delivery (CLSD)

- Branch of the Ministry of Social Services to help individuals with intellectual disabilities
- If eligible, can access various supports, including counselling, respite, private home services, group living, day programs, as well as self-directed funding
- Income tested
- <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/people-with-disabilities/housing-and-support-for-people-with-intellectual-disabilities>
 - *Multi-Disciplinary Outreach Services (MDO)*
 - A service stream of CLSD's Specialized Programs Unit to provides crisis management services, residential/respite services and outreach services to individuals with intellectual disabilities who have unmet needs and challenges that interfere with their ability to fully participate in their communities

Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP)

- Ministry of Education funds ECIP to provide specialized services to families of young children between birth and school entry who are either at risk for, have a diagnosis of, or exhibit developmental delay
- Saskatchewan ECIP has services in 14 regions across the province
- The program is provided free of charge to families
- <https://ecip.ca/>

Early Learning Intensive Supports (ELIS)

- Ministry of Education program for three and four-year old children with significant developmental delays
- requiring intensive support to meet their potential
- Medical diagnosis not required, but there are limited spaces and not all children will be accepted to receive this support
- Prekindergarten program of half-time early learning in an inclusive setting, taking place in some schools around the province
- <https://www.prairiesouth.ca/schools/student-registration/early-learning-intensive-support-pilot/> (Moose Jaw)
- http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/106058-Early_Learning_Intensive_Support_Pilot.pdf

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children

- Provides financial assistance for medical needs of children with hearing and speech disorders under the age of 19
- <https://www.elks of canada.ca/national-charity>

Hub Tables

- Multi-agency team to address situations of acutely elevated risk, made up of various professionals
- Meets weekly to address specific situations involving individuals and/or families who have a significant probability of experiencing harm if they do not receive some type of intervention
- <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/hub-tables>

Inclusion Saskatchewan (formerly Saskatchewan Association for Community Living [SACL])

- Supports individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout Saskatchewan
- Runs a variety of programming, including Family Network Workshops
- The Moose Jaw ASD program partners with the Moose Jaw Association for Community Living (a branch of Inclusion Saskatchewan) to run Moxie Club
- <https://www.inclusionsk.com/>

Jordan's Principle

- Child-first principle that was established to ensure that First Nations children (on and off reserve) have access to all government funded public services, including those beyond the normative standard of care to ensure substantive equality, culturally appropriate services and to safeguard the best interests of the child
 - States that public services should be provided to children and the government of first contact will pay – disputes of who will pay (federal vs. provincial) will be resolved after
 - <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1568396042341/1568396159824>
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KidsFirst

- A free home visiting program designed to support healthy child development and attachment
 - The Program is voluntary and strives for early intervention to support families with young children. The purpose of KidsFirst is to support your family as you bring a new baby into your life
 - Families can benefit from KidsFirst supports services before and after the birth of baby (up to 3 years of age). An assessment will help to determine if the Program is a fit for referrants
 - <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/child-care/kidsfirst>
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Kinsmen Foundation

- Funds individual's access to medical treatment outside of their home community, and/or special needs, mobility or communication equipment
 - Funder of last resort: must self-fund, apply for government funding, etc., before applying
 - Applications are reviewed monthly
 - <https://www.telemiracle.com/html/kinsmen-foundation/how-to-apply/index.cfm>
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Moxie Club Autism Program (Moose Jaw)

- The Moxie Club provides a stimulating and nurturing environment for Children with ASD; focus of the program is on functional life skills, communication, social skills, and recreation activities that will increase independence
 - Participants are paired 1:1 with a mentor
 - Summer program as well as weekend programming in Fall and Winter
 - Run in partnership between the Moose Jaw Association for Community Living and the Moose Jaw ASD Program (application available through ASD Program)
 - https://7b6cc965-3fed-4f57-9074-90f8363e9ac7.filesusr.com/ugd/df5183_655ef0685a8f41138e19bb05e28153c4.pdf
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Non-insured Health Benefits (NIHB)

- Provides eligible First Nations and Inuit clients with coverage for a range of health benefits that are not covered through other social programs, private insurance plans, or provincial or territorial health insurance
 - As of April 2019, recommendations or assessment reports from OTs are accepted for coverage
 - <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1572537161086/1572537234517>
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SaskAbilities

- Multi-faceted agency that supports people experiencing disability with programs and services to enhance their lives
- Provides a Special Needs Equipment loan program (funded by Saskatchewan Health)
- <https://www.saskabilities.ca/>

Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL)

- Provide people with physical disabilities and certain chronic health conditions a basic level of coverage for disability related equipment, devices, products, and supplies in a cost effective and timely manner
 - <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail>
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Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID)

- Income support for individuals with disabilities
 - <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/people-with-disabilities/income-support-for-people-with-disabilities>
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Social Services for People with Disabilities

- Government of Saskatchewan directory of resources, including financial aid, health services, housing information, employment support, and respite care
- <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/people-with-disabilities>