



★ In Alberta, the Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) program provides support to families who have a child with a disability.

We value the role of family in the child's life and recognize the importance of building on the strengths of each family in caring for their child with a disability.

Our aim is that families have supports and services that enhance their ability to meet the needs of their child.

For more information about the Family Support for Children with Disabilities program, please visit [humanservices.alberta.ca/fscd](http://humanservices.alberta.ca/fscd) or call **310-0000** and ask to be connected to your local Disability Services office.

For more information, phone:  
**1-877-644-9992** or  
**780-644-9992** for Edmonton

Visit our website:  
[albertasupports.ca](http://albertasupports.ca)

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# FAMILY SUPPORT

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For Children with Disabilities



## ELIGIBILITY

Who can access the program?

★ The FSCD program is available to all families living anywhere in Alberta who have a child with a disability and meet all of the following criteria:

- Your child must be under the age of 18;
- Your child must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- You and your child must live in Alberta;
- Your child must have a disability;
- You must provide documentation from a health professional that identifies your child's disability and/or diagnosis and describes how the disability affects your child's daily activities; and
- You must be the guardian of the child with a disability.

While involved with the FSCD program, guardians maintain responsibility for their child's overall care. Eligibility for the FSCD program is not based on family income or your child having a specific diagnosis.



## THE PROGRAM

How does the program work?

★ If you and your child are eligible for the FSCD program, the worker will meet with you to discuss your family's and child's needs.

You and your FSCD worker will work together to develop a service plan that identifies strategies, services and supports to address your family's unique circumstances and goals.

The supports and services you and your FSCD worker agree upon will be detailed in an FSCD agreement. Your FSCD worker will review and discuss your family's support needs on an ongoing basis and assist you with co-ordinating services.

Services are provided by individuals and agencies selected and contracted by the family. FSCD reimburses families for purchased services and supports as identified and detailed in their FSCD agreement.



## SERVICES

What services does FSCD provide to eligible families?

★ Along with providing information and referrals, FSCD provides funding for a wide range of supports and services, based on each family's individual needs, that may include:

- individual and family counselling;
- respite services;
- aide supports;
- child care supports;
- specialized services for families of children with severe disabilities;
- out of home placements; and
- assistance with some of the disability-related costs for:
  - > attending medical appointments;
  - > clothing and footwear; and
  - > health-related needs such as dental care, medical supplies, ambulance and prescription drugs, formulas or diets.

Families are responsible for all of the costs typically associated with raising a child. Families must access any other relevant supports, services and resources available to them, including insurance coverage, health benefits plans and other government or community programs, before FSCD will fund a similar service.