

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Individualized Funding Eligible Services

Funding provided through this program is for evidence-based therapeutic interventions and family supports, as the intent of the program is to promote the child's independence and skill development.

The following is a list of services that are eligible under the ASD Individualized Funding Program:

Eligible:

Autism services providers*:

- Regulated rehabilitation professionals:
 - Occupational therapists;
 - Physical therapists; and
 - Speech language pathologists.
- Regulated counseling professionals (social workers, psychologists);
- Behaviour consultants;
- Swimming Instructors (minimum qualification is a Bronze Cross designation with the Saskatchewan Life Saving Society and/or Red Cross);
- Tutors (minimum qualification is a Registered Professional Teaching certificate and residing within Saskatchewan); and,
- Equine Therapists (must have membership and certification with the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association).

**Please note that to be eligible under the Individualized Funding program, the Autism Service Providers must be listed on the Autism Service Provider Registry maintained by the Ministry of Health. Visit [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) to register your services.*

Also eligible:

- Therapeutic programs (group or individual) recommended by a professional from the Service Provider Registry; or upon the recommendation of a regulated professional within a school district, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, or the Athabasca Health Authority, performing regular duties within their scope of practice.
Programs include but are not limited to:
 - therapeutic/specialized daycare for children with cognitive disabilities, specialized swimming lessons for children with ASD, etc.;
- An attendant to support a child's participation at a group or individual therapeutic program referenced above;
- Therapeutic Camp / Day Camp or summer programs (under the supervision or provision of a professional on the Service Provider Registry);
- Therapeutic equipment, as recommended by professionals listed above;
- Registration for individual or group general swimming lessons (provided by a swimming instructor on Autism Service Provider Registry);

- Respite services (additional or alternative forms of supervision):
 - It is recommended respite providers be at least 12 years of age and have the emotional and intellectual maturity to provide alternate care to children;
 - Private pre-school services may be considered to achieve socialization or respite goals;
- Software recommended by a professional on the Autism Service Provider Registry; or a regulated professional within a school district, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, or the Athabasca Health Authority, performing regular duties within their scope of practice;
- Training/coaching for parents/caregivers;
- Travel costs* to access intervention services within Saskatchewan (e.g., funding for parents to travel in province to service providers or to pay service providers to travel to the family); and,
 - * It is recommended that mileage be claimed at the rate established by the [Canada Revenue Agency](#).

Not eligible:

- Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Massage Therapy, private practice Audiologists;
- Recreational Therapy, Therapy Dogs; Equine Assisted Learning;
- Home repairs, renovations, household items (including appliances);
- Electronic equipment **not** recommended by a professional listed above (e.g. computer, iPad, etc.);
- Basic needs (i.e., shelter, food, clothing);
- First Aid/CPR training;
- Medical services and equipment (e.g., incontinence supplies, medication, supplements, vitamins, special diets, etc.);
- Sports/recreational fees and activities (e.g., dance class, swimming pass; etc.) and sports/fitness equipment not recommended by a professional on the registry (e.g., treadmill, bike, etc.);
- Vacations; and
- Travel to access non-intervention services (e.g. medical / dental appointments, kindergarten).