

Alberta Government Support for Families of Children and Youth with Disabilities

	HEALTH		EDUCATION	HUMAN SERVICES			
	Alberta Health Services	Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)	Schools/Early Childhood Services (ECS)	Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)	Supports for Permanency (SFP)	Inclusive Child Care (ICC)	Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP)
Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention programs for children who are between birth and 3½ years of age and have developmental delays. • Assessment and treatment clinics/services • Rehabilitation services (e.g. speech-language, physical therapy etc.) • Mental health services • Addiction services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AADL helps Albertans with a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness to maintain their independence at home, in lodges or group homes by providing financial assistance to buy medical equipment and supplies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Unit Funding (PUF) is available to approved ECS operators for young children from 2½ to age 6. These children have been assessed with a severe disability/delay. <p style="text-align: center;">FSCD and PUF provide integrated programming and specialized services for eligible preschool children with severe disabilities and their families through the PUF/FSCD Common Approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every student or ECS child who is identified with special education needs must have an individualized program plan (IPP). Schools put a learning team in place to provide consultation, planning, and problem solving related to programming for students with special education needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSCD supports are available to families of children with disabilities. <p style="text-align: center;">FSCD and SFP coordinate supports to families to prevent gaps and duplication in supports and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with youth and families on transitioning to adulthood and coordinating access to adult programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides financial support to families who adopt or obtain private guardianship of children in permanent government care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with disabilities can receive support from the Inclusive Child Care Program in approved child care centres, family day homes and preschools. • Inclusive Child Care Programs create flexibility to meet the individual needs of children with special needs or disabilities within these child care settings. • Support may include training for child care staff, consultation on programming or inclusion, resource and referral information and/or funding for additional staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAMP provides grants to help lower-income Albertans with mobility challenges modify their homes so they can enter and move around more easily. • Eligible applicants may receive up to \$7,500 annually and a maximum of \$15,000 within a 10-year benefit period.
Age Range	All ages	All ages	School and pre-school age	0-18 years	0-18 years	0-12 years	All ages
Family Support			PUF: Family orientated programming sessions	FSCD supports are to support the family of a child with a disability.	Financial support		
For More Info	albertahealthservices.ca Health Link Alberta toll-free 1-866-408-5465 (LINK)	albertahealthservices.ca <i>Search:</i> Alberta Aids to Daily Living	education.alberta.ca <i>Search:</i> Diverse Learning Needs	humanservices.alberta.ca/disabilities	humanservices.alberta.ca/adoption <i>Click on:</i> Supports for Permanency on the left hand side	humanservices.alberta.ca <i>Search:</i> Inclusive Child Care	humanservices.alberta.ca/ramp

- Alberta Supports has information on social-based programs and services offered by the Government of Alberta. Visit albertasupports.ca or call 1-877-644-9992 toll-free in Alberta and 780-644-9992 in Edmonton.

FSCD and Cross-Ministry Supports

The Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) program helps families identify and access services and supports to strengthen their ability to promote their child's healthy development and encourage their child's participation in activities at home and in the community. FSCD supports are not based on particular diagnoses but rather the impact the disability has on a child and family. FSCD looks at the child's daily functioning and not their disability when assessing for services.

FSCD staff work together with parents and community partners, to coordinate services to address the family's and child's needs. Along with providing information and referrals, FSCD provides funding for a wide range of supports and services based on each family's individual needs, which 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
- Assistance with some of the disability-related costs for:
 - Attending medical appointments
 - Clothing and footwear
 - 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.

Visit the FSCD website at humanservices.alberta.ca/disabilities to find out more about the program. Some information on the website includes:

- A Frequently Asked Questions section
- A Publications section that has the FSCD Regulations which outlines the FSCD services with the maximum amounts
- A Resources section with a resource list, a link to the Positive Behaviour Supports for Children website that has evidence-based strategies, and information on the Triple P Positive Parenting Program that may be helpful to you
- A Concerns Resolution Process section that outlines what to do if you disagree with a decision regarding the FSCD program.