

A young child with light brown hair, wearing a blue and white patterned sweater, stands in a forest. The child is holding a single, large, yellow autumn leaf in front of their face, partially obscuring it. The ground is covered in fallen brown and orange leaves, and the background shows blurred trees and foliage. A vertical blue bar is on the left side of the page.

PROVINCIAL & TERRITORIAL FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR AUTISM THERAPY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROGRAM	Autism Funding under Age 6
MINISTRY	Children and Family Development
ELIGIBILITY	Children under age 6
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Parents may purchase intervention as recommended by a professional. Funds must be spent on items considered as eligible expenses.
FUNDING	\$22,000 per year per child. Invoice payment or direct funding. Serves currently 1637 children. (as of 2015)

PROGRAM	Autism Funding Ages 6-18
MINISTRY	Children and Family Development
ELIGIBILITY	Children aged 6 to 18
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Parents may purchase intervention as recommended by a professional. Funds must be spent on items considered as eligible expenses.
FUNDING	\$6,000 per year per child. Invoice payment or direct funding. Currently serving about 9186 children and youth.

PROGRAM	Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention
MINISTRY	Children and Family Development
ELIGIBILITY	Children under age 6 living in one of the eight communities where the program is available.
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Some autism treatment and intervention services for children under age 6 through three contracted agencies serving eight communities: Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon, Kamloops, Surrey, Delta, Langley, Greater Victoria.
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Behavioural Support Program
MINISTRY	Children and Family Development
ELIGIBILITY	Available to all children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Provides consultation, training and development and monitoring of individualized behaviour.
FUNDING	N/A

BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROGRAM	Transition Planning for Youth & Young Adults
MINISTRY	Family & Social Supports
ELIGIBILITY	Teenagers and Adults 16-24 who are "eligible for help Community Living BC"
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Access to a transition navigator and planning team for moving into adult life
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Community Living BC
MINISTRY	Community Living BC (Crown agency)
ELIGIBILITY	Youth and adults with limited adaptive functioning and either a developmental disorder or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Various community-living supports, including skills development, employment assistance, and supported living as well as mental health services and assessment
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Disability Assistance
MINISTRY	Family & Social Supports
ELIGIBILITY	Above 18 with a recognized disability below a certain income and asset threshold
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial assistance for people diagnosed with disabilities
FUNDING	Maximum of \$1,033.42 per month for a single person \$1,773.06 if part of a couple where both individuals have a Persons with Disabilities designation \$1,459.08 for a single parent with two children The asset threshold is \$100,000 for a single disabled person and their family (including, if applicable, their spouse), \$200,000 for a disabled couple and their family.

SOURCES/COMMENTS

BC Ministry of Children and Families:

[*A parent's Handbook: Your Guide to Autism Funding Program 2015.*](#)

Health:

[*Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.*](#)

Family & Social Supports:

[*Transition Planning.*](#)

[*Disability Assistance.*](#)

[*Community Living BC.*](#)

ALBERTA

PROGRAM	Family Support for Children with Disabilities
MINISTRY	Children's Services
ELIGIBILITY	N/A
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Includes a wide range of services and supports to children and families, such as autism therapy, respite service, child care, and school support.
FUNDING	Funding per child based on assessed need.

PROGRAM	AISH
MINISTRY	Community and Social Services
ELIGIBILITY	18 or older with a permanent disability that limits the ability to earn a living and an income and assets below a certain threshold
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial support and access to additional medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and living-support benefits.
FUNDING	Maximum of \$1,588 per month, modified for residents of approved medical or supportive living facilities. Additional dependent child benefit is possible.

PROGRAM	PDD
MINISTRY	Community and Social Services
ELIGIBILITY	IQ < 70 Severe impact on daily living skills in 6 out of 24 areas Onset of the above < 18 years old
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Funds four kinds of staffing supports based on an individualized service plan: Community Living Supports, Employment Supports, Community Access and Specialized Community Supports
FUNDING	Funds are allocated to agencies to pay for the staff supports that individual's need or funds are provided through a Family Managed Services agreement where an individual with a developmental disability, their family, or a close friend can directly hire staff or a service provider

SOURCES/COMMENTS

[*"New Legislation Introduces Two Service Levels for Children with Disabilities," News Release, 29 July 2004.*](#)

[*Family Support for Children with Disabilities Policy and Procedure Manual, 2016.*](#)

[*Human Services – Disability Services*](#)

SASKATCHEWAN

PROGRAM	Autism Early Childhood Therapy Program (AECTP)
MINISTRY	Health Learning Community Resources and Development
ELIGIBILITY	Children aged 3-5
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	About 10 hours of direct service per week, 10-month program. The Autism Resource Centre provides between 5 to 30 hours per child per week depending on age and time of year.
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability
MINISTRY	Family and Social Support
ELIGIBILITY	18 or older with a permanent disability and insufficient income or assets to cover the cost of basic needs
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial support
FUNDING	\$1,064 max per month for a single person, with adjustments for family situation and locality and additional allowances for utilities and other expenses.

PROGRAM	Cognitive Disabilities Strategy (CDS)
MINISTRY	Health Learning Community Resources and Development
ELIGIBILITY	Children up to age 22
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Funding for special services in school settings. Funding for respite and other support services.
FUNDING	Up to \$1,200 per child per month under CDS. The "Learning" component provides from \$6,300 to \$12,610 per child per year.

PROGRAM	Workforce Development for People with Disabilities
MINISTRY	Jobs, Working, and Training
ELIGIBILITY	16 or older with a permanent disability
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Assistance for building skills for employment as well as acquiring and maintaining employment
FUNDING	N/A

SOURCES/COMMENTS

Autism-specific self-directed funding is scheduled for roll-out but is not currently available (2017) due to delays.

Autism Services.

MANITOBA

PROGRAM	Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) Program
MINISTRY	Family Services and Housing Health Education
ELIGIBILITY	Preschool and school-aged children
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	For preschoolers, 36 hours per week per child, with 5 hours provided by the family. Participation of families essential.
FUNDING	Up to a maximum of \$6,000 per year for the home-based portion of the ABA Program for school-aged children.

PROGRAM	Children's Special Services
MINISTRY	Family Services and Housing Health Education
ELIGIBILITY	Children 17 years of age and younger
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Supports to families with children with developmental or physical disabilities, including respite care, child development, summer supports, equipment and supplies, transportation assistance and home and vehicle modifications.
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Special Needs Funding
MINISTRY	Education
ELIGIBILITY	School-aged children
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Classroom adaptations for students with moderate to severe barriers.
FUNDING	\$9,500 - \$21,130 per year.

PROGRAM	Employment and Income Assistance For Persons with Disabilities
MINISTRY	Family Services and Housing
ELIGIBILITY	Age 18 or older with a disability that will likely last longer than 90 days and insufficient income or assets to meet basic needs.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial support and access to additional medical, dental, and living-support benefits.
FUNDING	\$1,027 per month for an individual with adjustments for family situation and dependent children.

SOURCES/COMMENTS

Student Services.

Family Services and Housing, Year at a Glance, 2004-2005.

Children's Special Services.

EIA

ONTARIO

PROGRAM	Ontario Autism Program
MINISTRY	Children and Youth Services
ELIGIBILITY	Age 17 or under
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Single stream for access to school support, transition support, respite, and ABA services.
FUNDING	Funding per child by assessed need.

PROGRAM	Special Services at Home
MINISTRY	Community and Social Services
ELIGIBILITY	Families with children who have a developmental or physical disability, live in Ontario; and, need more support than most families can provide. The child must be living at home with their family, or if they are not living at home with their family and are not being helped by other residential services
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home as long as the child is not receiving support from a residential program
FUNDING	Funding depends on the type and amount of service the child needs, what other help is available in the community and what kind of support the family is already receiving.

PROGRAM	Ontario Disability Support Program
MINISTRY	Community and Social Services
ELIGIBILITY	Age 18 or older with a disability likely to last a year or more and financial need.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial support and access to additional medical, dental, and pharmaceutical benefits. Assistance acquiring and maintaining employment.
FUNDING	Funding by cost of basic needs and housing.

SOURCES/COMMENTS

[*Ontario Autism Program Guidelines*](#)

Ontario Children and Young Services:

[*New Ontario Autism Program*](#)

[*Programs and services for children with autism.*](#)

[*Special Services at Home*](#)

NEW BRUNSWICK

PROGRAM	Services for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
MINISTRY	Education and Early Childhood Development
ELIGIBILITY	Preschool children diagnosed with ASD are eligible for 20 hours per week of intensive early intervention
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Funding Assistance for Evidence-Based Services, including autism therapy. Training and Clinical Supervision Strategy for autism specialists, professionals, paraprofessionals and parents, as well as community Support Initiatives.
FUNDING	Up to \$33,000 per year per child for autism therapy.

PROGRAM	Disability Support Program
MINISTRY	Social Development
ELIGIBILITY	19-64 years old with a long term disability
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Supports for community living.
FUNDING	N/A

SOURCES/COMMENTS

[*Services for Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*](#)

*Autism training is provided to teachers and other personnel.
(Provincial Autism Training Framework, March 2017.)*

From April 2015 to March 2016, 816 children received services from the preschool autism program.

[*\(Education and Childhood Development Annual Report 2015-2017\)*](#)

[*Family Supports for Children with Disabilities*](#)

PROGRAM	Family Supports for Children with Disabilities
MINISTRY	Social Development
ELIGIBILITY	Age 18 or under with a severe lifelong disability
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Social work support and financial resources to families to assist with the care and support required to meet the special developmental needs of their child with disability.
FUNDING	N/A

QUEBEC

PROGRAM	Autism Action Plan (Plan d'action en autisme)
MINISTRY	Health and Social Services
ELIGIBILITY	Preschool children for autism therapy with a minimum of 20 hours per week. Other programs for school-aged children and adults.
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Comprehensive program for preschool, school, families, training, including autism therapy for children aged 2 to 5.
FUNDING	N/A

SOURCES/COMMENTS

[Plan d'action sur le trouble du spectre de l'autisme](#)

NOVA SCOTIA

PROGRAM	Disability Support Program
MINISTRY	Community Services
ELIGIBILITY	Individual with a disability or a family with a disabled member.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Living supports as well as access to additional health and living benefits and employment assistance.
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Income Assistance
MINISTRY	Community Services
ELIGIBILITY	19 or older without the financial means to cover basic needs.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial support as well as other health and living benefits.
FUNDING	\$300 max per month for an individual.

NOVA SCOTIA

PROGRAM	<p>Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention Treatment</p> <p><i>Based on Pivotal Response Therapy, a form of ABA which is more naturalistic and occurs in the child's environment, using the child's interests to achieve goals and work on skill development</i></p>
MINISTRY	Health
ELIGIBILITY	<p>All preschool children have access to EIBI. Due to limited capacity, priority is given first to age 5, then to age 4. Those below age four face wait times of several years.</p> <p>Some families will have to choose whether their child will defer school entry, as once you are in the school system you are no longer eligible for EIBI.</p>
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	<p>Autism therapy provided over the first six months for 15 hours per week, and is gradually reduced over the following six months (10 hours per week for the first 3 months and then 5-6 hours per week for the remaining 3 months). Training to be provided to parents during that year. After the first year, children who do not enter school are provided an additional graduated six months treatment. For children entering school, consultative services available to parents and school personnel to ensure transition into school and maintain what has been learned through treatment.</p>
FUNDING	Current funding supports approx. 50% of preschool children diagnosed with autism.

PROGRAM	Direct Family Support for Children
MINISTRY	Community Services
ELIGIBILITY	Dependent child with a disability aged 19 or below, family meets financial need criteria.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Funding for at-home support for dependent children with disabilities.
FUNDING	Maximum of \$2200 per month.

SOURCES/COMMENTS

Department of Community Services Disability Support Program Program Policy, 2017.

(Direct + Enhanced Family Support For Children Program Policy, 2016)

Autism Spectrum Disorder Action Plan, 2010.

The Nova Scotia Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention (EIBI) Program for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder 2015. (2010 Panel Report.)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PROGRAM	Autism Early Intervention Program - Preschool Children
MINISTRY	Education, Early Learning, and Culture
ELIGIBILITY	Preschool children.
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Up to 25 hours, most receiving between 15-20 hours. IBI can be delivered at home or in daycare. The cost of an IBI tutor is covered up to \$11.74 an hour. There are six specialists within the Education system who each have a caseload of 7 children. There are 38 on a waitlist
FUNDING	\$200 per week per child. Covers material for autism therapy, including \$300 for start-up costs and \$100 per month thereafter.

PROGRAM	Disability Support Program
MINISTRY	Family Services and Housing Health Education
ELIGIBILITY	Needs based
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Community supports and respite care.
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Autism Early Intervention Program - School-Aged Children
MINISTRY	Education, Early Learning, and Culture
ELIGIBILITY	School-aged children.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	School-based autism assistants, each with a caseload of 38 plus and funding for private one-on-one tutors for school-aged children outside of school.
FUNDING	\$ 6600.00 per school aged child.

PROGRAM	Social Assistance Program
MINISTRY	Family Services and Housing
ELIGIBILITY	Needs based
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Funding for basic needs including food, shelter, pharmaceuticals, basic dental, and glasses
FUNDING	N/A

SOURCES/COMMENTS

Ministry of Health and Social Services:

[*Autism Services.*](#)

[*PEI Disability Support Program, 2007.*](#)

[*Autism Funding.*](#)

Backgrounder:

[*Provincial Autism Strategy*](#)

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

PROGRAM	Direct Home Services Program
MINISTRY	Health and Community Services
ELIGIBILITY	Preschool aged children and infants with significant behavioural delays
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Weekly at home interventions by a child management specialist for 6 months, followed by biweekly home interventions
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Provincial Home Support Program
MINISTRY	Health
ELIGIBILITY	By functional and financial need.
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Subsidy for living supports.
FUNDING	\$4,750 per month maximum.

SOURCES/COMMENTS

In total, there are about >1500 children up to 21 years of age with ASD; , 45 new cases a year are diagnosed and approx. 300 in the process of being diagnosed on average.

There are approximately 1100 students with ASD in the public school system. (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 2016-17)

Total budget for the province: \$3.6 million annually.

Ministry of Health and Community Services, [News Release](#), 14 February 2003.

Ministry of Education, [News Release](#), 9 July 2003.

PROGRAM	Autism Services: Grade 3 and below
MINISTRY	Health and Community Services
ELIGIBILITY	Children from 18 to 96 months
ABA/IBI	YES (until age 8 or grade 3)
DESCRIPTION	<p>Early Intensive Intervention Services. 30 hours per week until end of K, then 15 hours per week in grades 1-2-3 (Typically provided outside of school hours.)</p> <p>Pre-School: Speech and OT services.</p> <p>School Aged: speech, Student Assistant and Instructional Resources and teacher supports are provided in school. Speech Language Pathologists, Educational Psychologists, Guidance Counsellors, and Special education teachers are available.</p> <p>When specific criteria are met, students with ASD may also avail of student assistant support, alternate transportation, and assistive technology.</p> <p>Behavioural supports are available to those with an IQ below 70.</p>
FUNDING	30 hours per week for 2 years. The program serves on average 30 children under the age of 6 per year. Between 300 and 325 children under the age of 6 have benefited from the program.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

PROGRAM	Autism Program
MINISTRY	Health and Social Services, Education, Culture and Employment NWT Disabilities Council
ELIGIBILITY	Preschool and school-aged children
ABA/IBI	Yes
DESCRIPTION	Therapeutic intervention for children under the age of 6. Children over the age of 6 have access to aides and other services in schools.
FUNDING	N/A

PROGRAM	Income Assistance
MINISTRY	Education, Culture and Employment
ELIGIBILITY	19 or older with need greater than income. (Disability is an exemption from some other requirements)
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial assistance.
FUNDING	"A set amount for food, shelter, and utilities, and enhanced needs "

PROGRAM	Learning Supports for Persons with a Disability Funding
MINISTRY	NWT Disabilities Council
ELIGIBILITY	18 or older
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Funding for adults pursuing education or training.
FUNDING	N/A

SOURCES/COMMENTS

[*Income Assistance Policy Manual.*](#)

[*NWT Disability Framework, 2004.*](#)

[*NWT Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, 2008.*](#)

[*NWT Disabilities Council.*](#)

YUKON

PROGRAM	Services to Children with Disabilities
MINISTRY	Health and Social Services, NGO partially funded by Health and Social Services
ELIGIBILITY	Children up to age 19. Anyone affected by autism including individuals, families, educators, physicians, employers, etc.
ABA/IBI	YES (recently limited to only those diagnosed as on the spectrum)
DESCRIPTION	Provides funding for therapeutic interventions, respite services, supported child care, medical travel, assessment, etc. Provides navigation services, support, education and awareness surrounding autism and its effect on the community.
FUNDING	No maximum. Budget is \$460,000 for direct interventions and \$79,000 to Autism Yukon (non-profit organization).

SOURCES/COMMENTS

[Health and Social Services.](#)

[Education.](#)

[Autism Yukon.](#)

NUNAVUT

PROGRAM	Income Assistance
MINISTRY	Family Services
ELIGIBILITY	18 or older in financial need. (Dis- ability is an exemption from some other requirements)
ABA/IBI	N/A
DESCRIPTION	Financial assistance
FUNDING	N/A

SOURCES/COMMENTS

No specific program exists for children with autism at this time.

[Income Assistance.](#)



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