

Special Services At Home (SSAH)

Funding on time-limited basis to help children with developmental or physical disabilities and adults with developmental disabilities live at home with their families

Please see information about two policy changes to the SSAH program.

What funding and/or service(s) are provided under SSAH?

- Personal Development and Growth:
 - Acquire new skills and abilities, e.g. communications skills
 - Support person as he/she undertakes more activities of daily living
- Family Relief and Support:
 - Respite or parent relief and related supports
- Financial support determined by a number of factors:
 - Type and amount of service required
 - Complexity of support required due to level of ongoing functional limitation
 - Availability/appropriateness of supports and services in the community
 - Support networks of individual and family
 - Locally identified priorities and availability of funds

Who is eligible for this program?

1. Children with a developmental or physical disability; and
2. Adults with a developmental disability

Who also meet the following criteria:

- Ontario resident;
- Ongoing functional limitation as a result of a disability;
- Require support beyond that which is a normal family responsibility; and
- Are living at home with their families.

How do I apply for this program?

- Complete an application form, obtained through local Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) Regional Office.
- Attach medical statement OR psychological assessment to application, confirming the diagnosis of your family member's disability. This document can be sent directly to MCYS by the professional and should:
 - i. Indicate the nature of the disability; and
 - ii. Support your request for service.
- If reapplying for SSAH for personal development and growth, you can get a copy of the Progress Report from MCYS.

At age 17 or older go through Developmental Services Ontario to transfer SSAH payment services from ErinoakKids to adult services if needed (at age 18/19).

Contact your local MCYS Regional Office for more information to help you find your local service provider or call Toll Free at: 1-877-832-2818 or visit <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/topics/specialneeds/specialservices/index.aspx>