Special Services at Home - SSAH

The Special Services at Home (SSAH) program provides funds to **assist** families who are caring for a child with a developmental and/or physical disability. The program is based on a reimbursement schedule. Parents or caregivers will first pay the worker or program, then will receive reimbursement for the amount.

For a copy of the application more information and eligibility please visit the website listed below.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/special-services-home

ELIGABILITY

You can apply for the SSAH program if your child:

- Has a developmental and/or physical disability
- Lives in Ontario
- Is under the age of 18
- Needs more support than you can provide
- Lives at home with you, or is not living at home with you and is not being helped by other residential services

BEFORE YOU APPLY

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (the ministry) will require consent from all people included in this application for the collection, use and release of their information. This includes consents from you, the child, and the alternate contact (if applicable).

You will be asked to provide information about:

- The individual or agency assisting you with completing your application (if applicable) such as their full name, phone number and email address.
- You and an alternate contact (if applicable) such as full name, address, phone number and email address
- The child such as full name and date of birth
- The agency that will administer your SSAH funding (if applicable)
- The amount of support the child needs in various areas (such as personal development, supervision, personal care, etc.)

You will be asked to upload:

- a copy of the child's written diagnosis of physical and/or developmental disability from a physician, psychologist or psychological associate, nurse practitioner, ophthalmologist and/or audiologist that includes a description of the disability.

- documentation of proof of immigration status or citizenship in Canada for the child (such as the child's birth certificate, certificate of Indian status, passport or immigration document.)
- documentation of proof of residency in Ontario for the child (such as the child's school registration document, your valid Ontario driver's license or your utility bill.

APPLY

You can apply online for the Special Services at Home (SSAH) program. You will have the option to save, edit and submit your application at a later time. You have 90 days to complete and submit your online application.

https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/indiv/#/ssah

You can also download a paper copy of the SSAH application to fill out and send to your local regional office of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/indiv/assets/SSAH_Form_en.pdf

AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

The ministry will review your application to determine if you are eligible for the Special Services at Home (SSAH) program and notify you in writing of the ministry's decision regarding your application.

The ministry may contact you for clarification or to seek additional information, if required.

MANAGING YOUR FUNDING

You can choose to administer your funding in two ways:

▸ **Self-administered funding:** you get your own funding, purchase services and supports on your own and submit expense claims directly to regional offices for reimbursement

- Download a copy of the 2022-2023 invoice template
  - ▸ https://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca/en/dataset/on00255
- Submit your invoices electronically through MyDirectPlan
  - ▸ www.MyDirectPlan.com

▸ **Agency administered funding:** an agency administers your funding on your behalf. Please contact your local regional office to get more information on the list of agencies in your area that can support families who get SSAH funding.

If you need help completing your application:
Please call Surrey Place at 1- 833-575-KIDS (5437).
Visit our events calendar: https://mysurreyplace.ca/Event
Visit our resource library: https://www.surreyplace.ca/resources/

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