

## **Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Respite Funding Initiative 2019-2020**

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### **1. What is ASD Funding?**

ASD funding is intended to help access respite services for **children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** between the ages of **0 to 17 years**. Service Coordination (SCS) is the agency selected to manage the application and allocation process in Ottawa. Last year, SCS received a yearly allocation of \$252,500 for this initiative. Families must submit a new application each year.

### **2. How do I apply?**

Families need to complete an online application at [www.scsottawa.on.ca](http://www.scsottawa.on.ca) each year.

### **3. When is the deadline for applications?**

All applications must be received by **March 15, 2019**.

### **4. When will I be notified if I have been approved for funding?**

All applicants will be contacted by the end of April 2019.

### **5. How are the decisions to allocate funding made?**

All questions in the application reflect the child's needs and the family's situation. This information is reviewed and used to help allocate the available funding. Please make sure to answer all questions to help us better understand your child's needs.

### **6. What is the maximum and/or the minimum amount of funding allocated to a family?**

This will be determined by the amount of funding available this year as well as the number of applications we receive.

While we understand the unique needs of each family, Service Coordination recognizes that the funding allocation is simply not enough to support the growing number of applicants each year.

- In 2018, we received 515 applications.
- The Ministry of Children Community and Social Services (MCCSS) provided Service Coordination with \$252, 500.00 to allocate to applicants. We were able to support 206 children with this available funding.

## **7. Can I use this funding for ABA/IBI therapy?**

No, this funding is to purchase respite. This includes; camps, overnight respite, in-home respite, support by special needs workers and recreational activities.

### **Services that CAN be purchased with ASD Funding:**

- Workers who provide respite and support
- Workers who provide personal development and growth for the child/youth (skill development)
- All camps or recreational programs for the child/youth
- 1:1 support worker at camps or recreational programs

### **Services that CANNOT be purchased with ASD Funding:**

- Professional services such as junior or senior therapists (examples can include, IBI, ABA, speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, behavioural services, etc).
- Treatment programs
- Parent, primary caregiver, regardless of residence, cannot be paid as a respite worker.
- Child care/day care fees for children
- Fees and tuition costs of educational and employment
- Training fees for special needs workers

*\*Please note that respite rates can fluctuate between \$15-\$40 per hour. Please contact our Intake Worker at 613-748-1788 for more specific information.*

We welcome your feedback related to the ASD Initiative Funding application process. Please submit your comments and feedback to us in writing via our website: <http://scsottawa.on.ca/feedback/> or mail at :

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