

The BC government provides autism funding through the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) for intervention services and therapies. Click [here](#) for a step by step guide on the funding application process. A confirmed diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is necessary in order to apply and receive funding.

### **Funding for Children Under Age Six**

- Families can access up to \$22,000 in funding per year to help pay for intervention services and therapies
- Parents are required to select autism professionals from the [Registry of Autism Service Providers \(RASP\)](#).

### **Funding for Children ages 6 - 18**

- Families can access up to \$6,000 in funding per year to help pay for out-of-school intervention services and therapies
- Parents are not required to select autism professionals from the RASP

Funding from the Ministry of Education provides public, independent and distance education providers with \$18,850 in additional funding for each student with autism to provide in-school intervention and services, hence the drop in funding once a child becomes school age.

### **Eligible Expenses**

According to [MCFD](#), “The goal of funding is to help families with the cost of purchasing intervention that will promote their child’s communication, social-emotional, academic and functional life skills development. Only specific services, therapies, training and equipment are eligible for funding. Families may also use up to 20% of their annual funding to purchase eligible equipment, travel or training.

Eligible and ineligible expenses are explained in detail on page 30 of [A Parent’s Handbook: Your Guide to Autism Programs](#).

### **Funding Options**

For information regarding funding options, such as direct payment and invoice payment, view Page 17 of [A Parent’s Handbook: Your Guide to Autism Programs](#).

### **Parent’s Handbook**

MCFD’s [A Parent’s Handbook: Your Guide to Autism Programs](#) provides extensive diagnostic, assessment and funding information for parents.

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