



The Government of Alberta offers Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD). These supports provide for treatment by qualified service providers for you and every child you have that qualifies.

For your family to be eligible for the Family Support for Children with Disabilities program:

- Your child with a disability must be under 18 years and reside in Alberta
- Your child must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- The person applying for the program must be the child's parent or guardian

If you need to register for the FSCD program:

visit: myAlbertaSupports.ca

Select "Family Support for Children with Disabilities" during application process

Specialized Services

Within FSCD there is a specific program for those children with **severe disabilities** that significantly limit their ability to function in normal daily living activities. This program is called Specialized Services. For many children and families, it makes a big difference.

Applying for Specialized Services once you have FSCD

Step 1: **Talk to your FSCD worker** and discuss whether your family may qualify for specialized services.

Step 2: **Gather documentation.** If you are requesting specialized services you need to provide:

- letters or reports about your child's diagnosis
- letters or reports from doctors or other health professionals involved with your child's ongoing care such as feeding clinic results, hearing and vision test results, medication trials, etc.
- clinical assessments or progress reports such as speech and language or physical therapy assessments

Step 3: **Submit the documentation** by making copies of all the documentation you have gathered for your specialized services request and bring, mail or email the documents to your FSCD worker.

Specialized Services team

When your child receives specialized services, a team of health professionals work directly with them. This specialized services team works with you to determine the best ways to help your child learn skills and participate in everyday routines. Your child's team may include:

- Physical therapist
- Speech-language pathologist
- Occupational therapist
- Psychologist
- Behavioural specialist

Specialized services are based on established practices and approaches that are:

- Reasonable
- Least intrusive, and
- Demonstrated to be effective through ongoing scientific research

If you have questions or need support to access Specialized Services, please call us at 1-587-227-9059.