

# Financial

## **ACCESS 2 CARD**

1-877-376-6362

[info@easterseals.ca](mailto:info@easterseals.ca)

<https://easterseals.ca/access-2-card-program/>

The award-winning Access 2 Program is a collaborative partnership between Easter Seals and over 500 movie theatres, cultural attractions, entertainment venues, and recreation facilities across Canada. Designed for people of all ages who have a permanent disability and require the assistance of a support person, the goal of the Access 2 Program is to improve social inclusion and provide access to entertainment, cultural and recreation opportunities and experiences without any added financial burden.

When an Access 2 cardholder (the individual with the permanent disability) presents their valid Access 2 Card at any participating venue partner, their support person receives free admission; the cardholder pays regular admission.

In order to successfully apply for an Access 2 Card, you must have a permanent disability that necessitates the assistance of a support person. As part of the application process for new (first-time) applicants, you will be required to have an authorized healthcare professional verify that you have a permanent disability that requires you to have a support person. Please note that there is a small administration fee when applying for an Access 2 Card. The cost is \$20 for a Card valid up to 3 years, or \$30 for a Card valid up to 5 years.

*\*Fee for membership*

## **ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM (ADP)**

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Assistive Devices Program

5700 Yonge Street, 7th Floor

Toronto, ON M2M 4K5

[adp@ontario.ca](mailto:adp@ontario.ca)

1-800-268-6021

[https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/adp/adp\\_fm.aspx](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/adp/adp_fm.aspx)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program>

The Assistive Devices Program (ADP) helps people with long-term physical disabilities pay for customized equipment such as

- mobility aids
- hearing aids and other devices
- communication aids
- visual aids
- diabetic equipment and supplies
- respiratory equipment and supplies
- home oxygen therapy
- artificial eyes and facial prosthetics
- custom orthotic braces, compression garments and lymphedema pumps
- prosthetic breasts or limbs
- enteral-feeding pumps and ostomy supplies

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**ABLE2 (FORMERLY CITIZEN ADVOCACY)**

312 Parkdale Ave. Ottawa, ON K1Y 4X5

613-761-9522

Email: [info@able2.org](mailto:info@able2.org)

Website: <https://www.able2.org/programs/funding-brokerage/>

Managing finances is stressful and many families find they do not have enough time to devote to this task. Let us take care of the timely and professional maintenance of the individualized funding you receive. Your money will be managed in compliance with legal requirements and according to the policies and procedures of the funding organization. Letting our Funding Brokerage take on this task means your family is never audited: we undertake to keep all your paperwork in order to present to the funding organizations as needed.

The Funding Brokerage service is provided on a cost-recovery basis and covers the following:

- Administer Individualized Funding Contracts (example – Special Services at Home (SSAH), Passport funding, Autism Grant)
- Coordinate expenses claims and supporting invoices/receipts
- Prepare government remittances and filings
- Provide assistance to families with general accounting guidelines and basic requirements

*\*Fee for service*

**CERIDIAN CARES**

1-866-313-2827

[info@CeridianCares.ca](mailto:info@CeridianCares.ca)

[www.ceridiancares.ca/](http://www.ceridiancares.ca/)

Ceridian Cares provides grants for food, clothing, footwear, and household items. We provide assistance for medical devices, home adjustments for barrier free living, and recreation programs for individuals and families in need. If you have questions about filling out the application form, please call or email

[CeridianCaresCAN@ceridian.com](mailto:CeridianCaresCAN@ceridian.com)

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**CAUSEWAY WORK CENTRE**

22 O'Meara St.

Ottawa, ON K1Y 4N6

613-725-3494 ext.115

613-277-5018

[intake@causewayworkcentre.org](mailto:intake@causewayworkcentre.org)

<https://www.causewayworkcentre.org/support-services/>

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS** is designed to assist you with any additional barriers you may be facing, such as issues with housing, medical problems, and income support. Our Community Supports staff are available to help you connect with other useful services, provide support outside of employment, and make referrals to community partners.

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## **CITY OF OTTAWA- HAND IN HAND SUBSIDY**

110 Laurier Ave. W.  
Ottawa, Ont. K1P 1J1  
Telephone: 311  
613-580-2400

<https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/social-services/older-adults/financial-assistance#financial-support-ottawa-hand-hand>

City of Ottawa offers a financial subsidy to help pay program fees so all residents can take part in recreation and culture activities regardless of their ability to pay. If you are already a participant in a community or social service agency program, or if you are an individual or family with a low- income, you may qualify for the Ottawa Hand in Hand recreation and culture fee support program.

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## **CREDIT COUNSELING SOCIETY**

Online chat at [Nomoredebt.org](http://Nomoredebt.org)  
1-888-527-8999  
[Info@nomoredebts.com](mailto:Info@nomoredebts.com)

Credit Counseling Society will review carefully your situation and outline options to help you manage and reduce your debts. Our professional highly-trained counsellors will work with you to develop a budget that fits your lifestyle and helps you manage your monthly payments. Credit Counsellors will also provide objective solutions, and practical solutions and resources to get you back on track.

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## **ESSENTIAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SUPPORTS (EHSS)**

370 Catherine St, 3rd Flr.  
Ottawa, ON K1R 5T5  
311 or 1-866-261-9799  
[communitysupports@ottawa.ca](mailto:communitysupports@ottawa.ca)

The Essential Health and Social Supports (EHSS) program helps Ottawa residents who cannot afford to pay for items or services needed to maintain their housing and for health items that are not available through other programs. EHSS may help to pay for things like:

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- Urgent dental care and dentures
- Eye exams and glasses
- Fuel/gas/hydro arrears, deposits and reconnection fees
- Rent arrears and deposits
- Assistive Devices Program (ADP) 25% consumer contribution
- Bathroom aids
- Surgical and diabetic supplies
- Cremations and burials

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## **EXCEPTIONAL ACCESS PROGRAM**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/applying-exceptional-access-program>

The Exceptional Access Program (EAP) may cover various prescription drug products that are not on the approved Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) list. It may also cover alternative drugs/medication when ODB medication/drugs have been tried and are not working. Your doctor or nurse practitioner must submit the completed form by fax using 1-866-811-9908.

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## **ONTARIO DRUG BENEFIT PROGRAM**

1-866-811-9908

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-coverage-prescription-drugs>

### **Application process**

Your doctor or nurse practitioner fills out and submits application for you. Only a doctor or nurse practitioner can apply for coverage through the Exceptional Access Program or Compassionate Review Policy. Your doctor or nurse practitioner must submit the completed form by fax, using the number or send to link.

You can qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program:

- when you turn 65 years old or before if you are:
- living in a:
  - long-term care home
  - home for special care
  - Community Home for Opportunity
- 24 years of age or younger and not covered by a private insurance plan
- receiving professional home and community care services
- receiving benefits from [Ontario Works](#) or [Ontario Disability Support Program](#)
- enrolled in the Trillium Drug Program

For seniors (people age 65 and older), we will send you a letter about three months before your 65th birthday to let you know you will automatically join the Ontario Drug Benefit program on the first day of the month after you turn 65 years old.

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## **ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM**

351 Preston Street, 2nd floor Room 201

Ottawa ON K1S 3H8

613-234-1188

<https://mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/>

The Ontario Disability Support Program provides income support to help cover the costs of basic needs such as: food, clothing and shelter. The Income support also offers basic drug and dental coverage and vision care for eligible clients and family members

To qualify for ODSP income support, you must:

be at least 18 years old

be an Ontario resident

be in financial need and

meet the program's definition of a person with a disability, or be a member of a Prescribed Class

**Note: If you're under 18, you can start the application process up to six months before your 18th birthday**

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## **ONTARIO FEDERATION FOR CEREBRAL PALSY**

4211 Younge St. Suite 316

Toronto, ON, M2P 2A9

416-244-9686

1-877-244-9686

[www.ofcp.ca](http://www.ofcp.ca)

[info@ofcp.ca](mailto:info@ofcp.ca)

The OFCP offers several funding assistance grants to Individual Members of the OFCP who have cerebral palsy. These funds can be accessed through our various funding assistance programs. Please review the guidelines and application forms carefully before applying.

The OFCP Assistive Devices Funding Program enables individual Members of the OFCP to access life-changing assistive devices and equipment. The OFCP also offers the Activity Funding Program for people who have cerebral palsy to take a vacation, participate in educational courses, training, recreational activities or community day programs of their choice. The OFCP provides funding for a wide variety of Activities so that people with cerebral palsy may have more opportunities for engagement within the community.

COVID-19 Vaccine Support Funds: The purpose of this fund is to provide one time assistance to help OFCP members cover additional expenses related to costs associated with receiving the vaccine. These eligible expenses include but are but not limited to transportation costs, attendant services, parking, or other related costs.

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## **PASSPORT**

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117 Centrepointe Dr. Suite 250

Ottawa, Ont. K2G 5X3

613-596-3463 ext.239

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/passport-program-adults-developmental-disability>

Passport is a program that helps adults 18 years or older with a developmental disability to participate in their communities. It also helps caregivers of an adult with a developmental disability take a break from their caregiving responsibilities.

Passport is a reimbursement program where people and families submit invoices and receipts for admissible expenses. Then we reimburse admissible expenses up to the amount of the annual funding allocation.

Passport provides funding for services and supports so adults with a developmental disability can:

- take part in community classes or recreational programs
- develop work, volunteer and daily life skills
- hire a support worker
- create their own life plans (this is called person-directed planning) to reach their goals
- get temporary respite for their caregivers
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Passport is funded by the Ontario Government and administered by local Passport Agencies.

How to apply:

Contact Developmental Service Ontario to apply. If you're eligible, staff will help you complete a developmental services application package to assess your needs and connect you with available services and supports.

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## **PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE OFFICE**

351 Preston Street, Suite 200,  
Ottawa, ON K1S 2E6  
1-800-891-0504  
613-241-1202

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/office-public-guardian-and-trustee>

The Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee manage the finances and properties for adults who are found incapable of managing their own affairs and do not have anyone to take on this role. The Office of Public Guardian provides guardianship/or substitute decision making services for personal care in areas such as: food, shelter, clothing, hygiene, safety and health care. The Office also acts as a decision maker of last resort for treatment and placement decisions for those individuals who have no one else.

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## **REGISTERED DISABILITY SAVINGS PLAN (RDSP)**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rdsp.html>

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a long-term savings plan to help Canadians with disabilities save for the future. With a RDSP, you may also be eligible for grants and bonds to help with your long-term savings.

You can open an RDSP if you:

- Have a long-term disability
- Eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (disability amount);
- Under the age of 60 (if you are 59, you must apply before the end of the calendar year in which you turned 59);
- Canadian resident with a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Looking for a long-term savings plan.

You may contribute any amount to your RDSP each year, up to the lifetime contribution limit of \$200,000. With written permission from the RDSP holder, anyone may contribute to the RDSP

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## **TRILLIUM DRUG PROGRAM**

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
PO Box 337 Station D  
Etobicoke, ON M9A 4X3  
1-800-575-5386

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs>

The Trillium Drug Program helps Ontarians pay for their high prescription-drug costs. You should apply if you:

- live in Ontario
- have a valid Ontario health card number
- do not already qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit program (for example, you are not enrolled in a program such as Ontario Works)
- do not have an insurance plan that pays for 100% of your drugs
- spend about 4% or more of your after-tax household income on prescription-drug costs

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## **THE DISABILITY TRAVEL CARD**

1-877-376-6362

[info@easterseals.ca](mailto:info@easterseals.ca)

<https://easterseals.ca/about-us-2/programs-and-services-2/>

The Disability Travel Card makes it easier for people with disabilities to travel.

It provides identification allowing adult attendants to travel with people that have permanent disabilities at no cost on participating Canadian coach operators or Via Rail. The person with a disability that's accompanied by an adult attendant then travels at a reduced fare.

Easter Seals Canada and its members and/or affiliates are authorized to approve reduced fare tickets.

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