

# Bridging to Adulthood Tips: Funding Overview for Adults with Disabilities

The information below is about funding for adults with disabilities in Ontario, Canada.

## Why is adult funding important?

- In Ontario, children's disability funding from the government stops at age 18. This includes Special Services at Home (SSAH) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD).
- We recommend applying for adult funding ahead of time, to reduce gaps as much as possible.

## Provincial: Adult Disability Funding Sources from the Ontario Government

### 1. For adults 18 years+ with any type of disability:

The **Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)** may provide monthly deposits to help cover costs of **housing and basic daily needs** (e.g. clothing, food). ODSP also provides **health, drug, dental, equipment, and disability-related benefits** for applicable items.

Apply at 17.5 years of age.

**Application assistance:** [Sign up](#) for the Transitions Pop-Up: Connect with ODSP event for information and application support.

### 2. For adults 18 years+ with an intellectual disability (formally diagnosed by a psychologist):

**Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)** may provide **Passport Funding** reimbursement and/or **other Ministry funded supports** to help with **community participation** costs e.g. for respite, community programs, daytime programs, employment supports, event transportation.

Apply at 16 years of age.

**Application assistance:** [Sign up](#) for the Transitions Pop-Up: Connect with DSO event for information and application support.

## Federal: Disability Funding Sources from the Canadian Government

- **Disability Tax Credit**

A non-refundable tax credit for people with a “severe and prolonged impairment”.

For More Information:

**Government of Canada** [Disability Tax Credit \(DTC\)](#)

P4P Planning Network’s [Disability Tax Credit Information](#)

- **Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)**

A savings plan to help save money for the long-term financial security of individuals who are eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (see above). Government grants and bonds can help to grow an RDSP with personal contributions over time.

For More Information:

**Government of Canada** [Registered Disability Savings Plan \(RDSP\)](#)

P4P Planning Network’s [The Registered Disabilities Savings Plan Information](#)

## Other Funding Information for Adults with Disabilities

You may wish to explore other **benefits, tax credits, or funding sources** that can vary based on location, financial status, diagnosis, need and other factors. Other information sources:

- [Holland Bloorview Financial Support Guide](#)
- [Income Support Resources](#) from 211 Ontario
- [Ontario People With Disabilities](#) webpage
- [Planning Network’s Guide to Figuring Out Funding and Support](#)
- [Planning Network’s Getting Beyond Basic Tax Tips](#)
- **Regional website supports** e.g. [Toronto](#), [York Region](#), [Durham Region](#), [Simcoe County](#)

The information provided in this handout is for reference only. It is not intended as a recommendation or endorsement of specific programs, or as a comprehensive resource list.

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