

TABLE 23 Inclusion supports in regulated child care in Canada. Provinces/territories (2022).

PT	Types of support	Service eligibility	Child eligibility for funding	Diagnosis/Referral	Service commitment
NL	<u>Child Care Inclusion Program</u> : consultative support and grants to assist with the cost of professional learning, enhanced ratio, staff wages and benefits.	Licensed programs	Funding is for the overall program.	Not required	Not specified
PE ¹	<u>Special Needs Grant</u> : funding to hire Special Needs Assistant and for additional training/professional development for regular staff. <u>Preschool Autism Funding</u> : funding to hire an Autism Assistant for intensive behavioural intervention (IBI).	Licensed centres	Child is under age 12 and requires specific types of care. Child is enrolled in Early Years Autism Service.	Not required Required	Must demonstrate why funding is requested to support inclusion. Must have an appropriate location for the hours of intervention. Funding agreement will outline roles and responsibilities.
NS	<u>Inclusion Support Grant</u> : funding for additional staff, training, consultation and assistive equipment.	Licensed centres	Funding is for the overall program.	Not required	Not specified
NB	<u>Inclusion Support Program</u> : funding for wages of an Inclusion Support Worker.	Licensed programs	Child is age 12 or younger. Parents are working or in school.	Required	Programs must develop an Inclusion Policy.
QC	<u>Allowance for Integrating a Disabled Child (AIDC)</u> : funding to support staffing, purchase or adaptation of materials or the facility; <u>Exceptional Support Measure</u> available for services with significant barriers in the integration process.	Publicly funded centres and family child care homes	Child is age 0 – 5, has “significant and persistent disability.”	Required	Must develop an integration plan, ideally also have an Individualized Service Plan (ISP).

1 There are no requirements specific to funding but Early Years Centres are required to accept children with special needs and to be accessible.

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ON	<p>Special Needs Resourcing: funding for resource consultants, supplemental staff, training and adaptive equipment.</p> <p>Note that the Ontario government requires Local Service Managers (CMSMs and DDSABs) to spend 4.1% of its provincial funding on children with special needs.</p>	<p>Licensed programs (for 0-13 years), camps and “children’s recreation programs” (for 4 years and up)</p> <p>All licensed child care programs are eligible to provide inclusion.</p>	A child whose cognitive, physical, social, emotional, or communicative needs, or whose needs relating to overall development, are of such a nature that additional support is required.	Not specified	<p>Must develop an Individualized Support Plan.</p> <p>All child care licensees must ensure that the centre premises complies with the Ontario Building Code, including for barrier-free facilities.</p>
MB	<p>Inclusion Support Program: staffing grant (additional staff); specialized grant (equipment or training); guaranteed space payment (for home child care only) to keep an open space within the total licensed spaces.</p>	Licensed non-profit centres and nursery schools, licensed family child care homes	Child has developmental disabilities or life-long medical conditions	Required	Must develop an Individual Program Plan.
SK	<p>Child Care Inclusion: funding for additional staff, training, assistive equipment, space modification, (includes: Individual Inclusion Grant, Enhanced Accessibility Grant, Adapted Equipment Grant).</p>	Licensed non-profit centres and homes ²	Child has developmental needs	Required	Not specified
	<p>Early Learning Intensive Support: funding for additional spaces and educational assistants for children with disability in pre-kindergarten.</p>	Pre- kindergarten (not licensed)	Child is age 3–4; priority given to age 4 and those not enrolled in other early learning programs.	Not required but space is limited	Must develop an Inclusion and Intervention Plan.
AB	<p>Inclusive Child Care: short-term funding for training, intensive consultation and coaching.</p>	Licensed programs	Funding is for the overall program.	<i>Not applicable</i>	Not specified
	<p>Family Supports for Children with Disabilities: funding the cost of an aide to enable participation in child care, assistance with the cost of out-of-school care that exceeds normal expenses.</p>		Child has a chronic condition; primary need is not medical care.	Required	Not specified
	<p>Access, Support and Participation: coaching for programs who have staff committed to a long-term learning process.</p>		Funding is for the overall program.	<i>Not applicable</i>	Not specified

2 Child care homes can only apply for one type of grant.

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BC ³	<u>Supported Child Development</u> : additional staff, training and consultation for a child's full participation in child care settings. Aboriginal Supported Child Development supports unique Indigenous service needs.	Licensed programs	Child is age 0–12; has developmental delays, disabilities or is at risk.	Documentation (not diagnosis) required	Must indicate that the program will make every reasonable effort to provide an inclusive environment.
YT	<u>Supported Child Care</u> : extra staffing; help with staff development and programming; and assistance with materials, fees and transportation.	Licensed programs	Child is age 0–16.	Required	Funding is based on the child's Individual Program Plan.
NT	<u>Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation</u> : emergency needs funding (additional staffing); inclusion funding (training and resource purchases); and small community sustainability funding (for programs in small communities). <u>Early Childhood Program (ECP) Operating Subsidy</u> : increased daily rates for special needs spaces.	Licensed programs	Child is age 0–6; developmental needs and/or equity-seeking.	Not required	Not specified
			Child is age 0–5.	Documentation required	Not specified
NU ⁴	<u>Supportive Child Services</u> : funding for additional staff	Licensed programs	Child is age 0–6.	Required	Not specified

3 Capital funding programs such as the New Spaces Fund prioritizes project applications that create inclusive and accessible child care spaces.

4 Parents are eligible for a fee subsidy for their children with special needs even if they are not employed or at school. This subsidy eligibility requires a financial needs assessment and parents must have a medical referral.