

# OAP FUNDING

## A QUICK GUIDE TO NAVIGATING FUNDING FOR AUTISM SERVICES

### Where Can I get Info?

General information about the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) can be found [here](#).

### How Do I Get On The List?

First, you'll need to complete this registration form found [here](#) and submit it to the Ontario Autism Program will all needed documents.

### When Will I Get Funding?

As of right now, the OAP has announced the goal of inviting 8,000 families to the core clinical stream of funding by the fall of 2022. Once the core clinical stream is active, the OAP has communicated the list should move faster, with multiple streams of needs based services and funding launched and running.



## Helping Families Navigate Funding

At Missing Links value supporting families right from the beginning, from well before a diagnosis. That's why its so important to use to find, collect, and organize all of the information out there so families can have answers and transparency, especially when it comes to funding.

We also offer free (15 minute) consultation to families looking for information regarding the Ontario Autism Program, and longer paid consultations (1 hour) for families who need a little more support. We can help you create a service plan, navigate the





## How Much Money Will I Receive For Programming?

After you've been invited to the core clinical service stream of programming, you will have to follow the steps of intake to gain access to funding. This includes:

- Complete the determination of needs process by meeting with a care coordinator. This care coordinator will ask questions (standardized assessment) based on your Child's needs over various domains.
- From there, you will know your Child's determined needs level. This could be limited, moderate, or extensive.
- From there, based on your Child's age and determined needs level, a funding amount will be allocated to you (up to \$65,000/year).
- The final step will be to develop your treatment plan, and purchase services from an approved OAP provider.

funding challenges, and work through some ABA strategies you can apply at home while you get everything sorted before you enter programming.

## OAP Explained

The OAP is a program that connects families to 5 different needs based streams of programming and support.

- 1) **Foundational family services:** These services are accessible to everyone who is registered in the OAP, including those still on the wait list and those already receiving programming. These services are available multiple times, whenever you need them, and are no cost to families. Services include: family and peer mentoring, caregiver workshops and coaching, targeted consultations, transition support, and family resources.
- 2) **Caregiver mediated early years program:** Families with children 12months-48months who are not currently on a budget plan or in core clinical programming are eligible. Service providers will offer 1 of 6 different programs for you and your child to participate in so you can learn skills and strategies to continue to use at home.
- 3) **Entry to school program:** To participate in this program students must be between 3 and 6 years old and entering kindergarten. You must also not be receiving core clinical services, be in school already, or have an active budget plan. Once invited to the program, your child will attend a group based program to focus on 6 key domains including communication, play, social interaction, routines, self management, and pre-academics.
- 4) **Core Clinical Services:** Families with existing behaviour plans will be the first invited into the core clinical stream, and must go through 5 steps to complete the intake process which will determine your funding allotment to use for programming. This funding can be used for ABA, SLP, OT, Mental Health Services, or Technology.
- 5) **Urgent Response Services:** Children and families in crisis can access support services with a referral from your current OAP provider or by contacting the **lead organization** in your area.

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