

	Funding	Services	Wait times
Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD):	- New Brunswick's main program for children under 19 with disabilities. - Provides financial support and service coordination to help families manage the extra costs of caregiving.	- May include funding for: - Respite and relief care - Child care supports (extra staffing, after-school supports) - Medical equipment, supplies, and transportation - Home support workers - Community participation and skill-building activities - Families may choose either social worker-managed services or self-managed funding, depending on their needs.	Vary depending on service and region.
Integrated Service Delivery (ISD):	Coordinated, team-based service model across departments (health, education, and social services).	- Provides coordinated support for children with complex needs, including: - Case coordination - Mental health and behavioural supports - School and family support planning	- For rapid-access counselling, the wait is typically 3 days. This is for crisis or near-crisis issues. Public assessments for education needs may take 1-3 years. - Community services can take months to years depending on the service and region.
Early Intervention Program (Family & Early Childhood Agencies):	Publicly funded early intervention for children birth to ~8 years at risk of developmental delays.	- Developmental support and coaching for families - Early learning and school readiness support - Referrals to specialized services	Typically 1-6 months, depending on region and service.
Autism Services (Preschool Autism Program / VIVA):	Publicly delivered autism services for preschool-aged children.	Includes early intensive behavioural intervention (EIBI) and individualized supports delivered through contracted service providers.	Families will be contacted with 10 days of application, but services may take several months to a year to come through,

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Child and Youth Physical Rehabilitation Services:	Public therapy services delivered through regional health networks and ISD teams.	- Occupational therapy (OT) - Physiotherapy (PT) - Functional support in home, school, and community	Several months to over a year.
Inclusion NB – Family Support Program:	Community-based support program (non-government funding coordination and advocacy).	- Service navigation and system support - Family education and advocacy - Peer connections and planning support	Around 70% of referrals are successfully resolved with a plan in place within three months.

To Do Before You Move

- Ensure you have a letter/official documentation of any diagnosis your child has from a qualified professional, and it must be in English or French.
- Request documentation like your medical records, any completed assessments, or diagnostic reports from professionals you have worked with, and physicians who oversee your child's care.
- Research services in your destination area—availability can vary across the province.
- Identify local agencies (Family & Early Childhood, autism services, etc.) ahead of time if possible.

To Do After You Move

Week 1

- Apply for **New Brunswick Medicare** as soon as possible.
- If moving from another province, coverage typically begins after a **~3 month waiting period** (your previous province usually covers you during this time). [welcomeaide.com]

First Month

- Apply for **Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)** as early as possible.
- Contact your local **Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) team** or social worker for coordinated support.
- Ask for referrals to:
 - Early Intervention Program
 - Autism services (if applicable)
 - Therapy services (OT, PT, etc.)
- Get on waitlists for therapy, respite, and specialized services.
- Find a new family doctor or pediatrician.

First Three Months

- Work with your assigned **social worker or ISD team** to develop your child's support plan.
- Set up services using FSCD funding (if approved).
- Follow up on therapy and school supports.
- Connect with local organizations (e.g., Inclusion NB) for community support and advocacy.