

	Funding	Services	Wait times
Autism Spectrum Disorder Individualized Funding (ASD IF):	- Provides direct funding to families of children with autism. - Children under age 6 may receive up to \$8,000/year - Children age 6–11 up to \$6,000/year	- Families choose their own service providers from an approved registry. - Funding can be used for: - Therapies (ABA, SLP, OT) - Respite - Specialized programs - Other approved supports	- Typically between 1-6 months - Main issue stems from improper paperwork or required verification of diagnosis.
Autism Services & Programs (Saskatchewan Health Authority):	- Publicly delivered services available for children from birth to 19 with known or suspected autism. - Access is through local health programs or referral.	- Support for home, school, and community success. Services vary depending on location and available professionals. - May include: - Screening & Assessment - Therapy - Consultation - Support for home, school, and community success.	- Vary by service. Screening and assessment needs can take 1-3 years. - Once assessed, services can take up to 16 weeks to begin. Funding may take up to 6 months to begin once you are approved.
Community Living Service Delivery (CLSD):	- Core provincial program supporting children and youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities. - Some supports (including respite) may be income-tested and needs-based.	- Includes - Case management - Service coordination - Behavioural supports - Residential or community services - Access to additional programs like the Cognitive Disability Strategy	- No official waitlist as it is a constantly changing list. - Based on: - Urgency - Individual assessment levels - Local community-based organization (CBO) capacity - Wait times for residential supports, group homes, and day programs can range from months to several years.
Autism Navigation Support:	N/A	- Provides guidance to families to help them understand, access, and coordinate autism services and funding across Saskatchewan. - Support includes connecting families to programs, helping plan next steps after diagnosis, and navigating services in their region.	Typically within 16 weeks of application.

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<u>Family Respite Program:</u>	- Provides monthly financial support (income-tested) to help families pay for respite care. - Funding is based on assessed needs and family income.	Offers short-term care options to give caregivers a break from daily responsibilities.	Up to 60 days after application is received.
<u>Cognitive Disability Strategy (CDS):</u>	- Flexible funding for children (and adults) with cognitive disabilities when needs are not met by other programs. - May be income-tested.	- Can support: - Behavioural plans - Additional therapies - Unmet needs requiring individualized solutions	3-6 months for processing of application. - Applicants typically wait 3 or more months for funding approval and a behavioral support plan creation by a Cognitive Disability Consultant. - Specialized diagnostic and medical assessments in the province can experience much longer wait times.

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. If your child has an autism diagnosis, confirm whether it will be accepted or needs reverification in Saskatchewan.
- 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 community—access and availability can vary by region.

To Do After You Move

Week 1

- Apply for your **Saskatchewan Health Card** as soon as possible.
- Coverage typically begins on the first day of the third month after you establish residency.
- Keep your previous provincial coverage or arrange private insurance during this waiting period.

First Month

- Apply for Autism Individualized Funding (ASD IF) if eligible.
- Contact local Autism Services or Autism Navigation for help connecting to programs.
- Apply for Community Living Service Delivery (CLSD) if your child has broader developmental or intellectual support needs.
- Get on waitlists for therapy, respite, and specialized services (these can vary by region).
- Find a new family doctor or pediatrician.

First Three Months

- Follow up on funding applications and service referrals.
- Work with assigned coordinators or social workers (if applicable) to build your child's support plan.
- Explore additional supports like the **Cognitive Disability Strategy** if needs are not fully met.
- Connect with local disability organizations for community support and advocacy help.