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Intervention Services (NL Health Services):	Publicly funded early intervention program for children with developmental delays or disabilities.	- Includes two main components: Direct Home Services Program (birth–preschool, home-based support) Intensive Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Program (for children with autism, typically up to Grade 3) - Also includes Community Behavioural Services Program for older children with behavioural needs.	Typically 1-2 years for assessments. - Waitlists are triaged, so more urgent cases are moved up more quickly than others.
Provincial Home Support Program:	Public program providing in-home support services for children with higher needs.	- May include: - Personal care assistance - Help with daily living activities - Caregiver relief (similar to respite supports, depending on eligibility)	- initial clinical assessment generally takes 2 to 4 weeks, - Securing staff through a contracted agency can take anywhere from a few weeks to several months
Special Assistance Program (Medical Equipment and Supplies):	Provides financial assistance for essential medical equipment and supplies.	- May include coverage for: - Mobility aids (wheelchairs, walkers) - Medical supplies (incontinence, dressings, etc.) - Orthotics and oxygen equipment	Average wait is 8 months, though the timing can vary between 2 months to 2 years. - Depends on request/device and supply chain.
Therapeutic and Professional Services (NL Health Services):	Publicly delivered therapy services through regional health authorities.	- Speech-language pathology (SLP) - Occupational therapy (OT) - Physiotherapy (PT) - Social work and behavioural supports - Access is typically through referral.	Psychological & Diagnostic Assessments for children typically take 12 to 27 months for public assessment services. Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology wait times are managed internally based on patient acuity and referral priority.
Model for the Coordination of Services to Children and Youth with Special Needs:	N/A	- Case coordination across multiple systems - Integrated planning for complex needs - Helps families navigate services more effectively	Vary based on region and service needed.

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Autism Spectrum Disorder Program	Public autism services funding (separate stream recognition)	- ABA programs - Behavioural supports - Early intervention	Often 1–2+ years
Special Child Welfare Allowance (SCWA):	- Income-tested funding for families raising a child (under 18) with a physical or intellectual disability. - Funding amounts vary based on financial need and assessed costs.	- Provides monthly financial support to help cover: - Disability-related care costs - Services and supports required for daily living	Typically 2-6 months from time of application to finalize funding.

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 region—NL services are **regionally organized (NL Health Services zones)** and availability may vary.

To Do After You Move

Week 1

- Apply for the **Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Plan (MCP)** as soon as possible.
- Your previous province will typically cover you for the **remainder of your arrival month plus two additional months**. [Children a...y Province | Word]
- Update your address with CRA and Service Canada (for continued access to Disability Tax Credit, RDSP, Child Disability Benefit, etc.).

First Month

- Contact **NL Health Services** to open a file and request referrals to:
 - Intervention Services
 - Therapy services
 - Home Support Program
- Apply for **Special Child Welfare Allowance (SCWA)** if eligible.
- Connect with community organizations (e.g., Autism Society NL).
- Get on waitlists for therapy and behavioural services.
- Find a new family doctor or pediatrician.

First Three Months

- Work with assigned providers to develop your child's care and service plan.
- Follow up regularly on therapy and program waitlists.
- Arrange in-home supports if eligible.
- Explore additional financial supports (provincial and federal).
- Connect with local disability organizations for advocacy and support.