

FACT SHEET - Enhanced Staff Support Funding

Eligibility for Enhanced Staff Support Funding

Enhanced Staff Support Funding is available to child care programs supporting a child(ren) with a significant:

- 1) **Physical/medical challenge(s) which impacts on his/her mobility and self care.**
- 2) **Unsafe Challenging Behaviours which results in causing serious harm or injury to himself(ves) or others, may cause damage to the environment, or is disruptive to the group compromising the safety and supervision of himself(ves) and others.**
- 3) **Safe Challenging Behaviours which do not result in causing harm or injury to himself(ves) or others but which require direct support by an adult for the majority of time the child(ren)is/are in child care.**

Without this support, the child(ren) would be unable to participate in the routines and activities of the child care program.

<p>WHO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is the support for? - applies for the support? - employs the Program Assistant (PA)? - do parents/guardians talk to regarding their child once enrolled? 	<p>Children who are eligible for CISS service and whose needs meet the eligibility for this level of support.</p> <p>Any licensed child care programs (child care centre, home child care agency and nursery school)</p> <p>Licensed child care program or home child care agency according to their hiring practices</p> <p>Speak to the child's Educator/Provider first, connect with the Resource Consultant and, if necessary, the Director or Home Child Care Consultant.</p>
<p>WHEN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - should the child care program apply for this support? - is the support available? 	<p>As soon as it is known that this level of support will be required, regardless of whether the child has an enrollment date.</p> <p>Once the application is received and approved, and based on the availability of funding/child care space.</p>
<p>WHAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is the process when an application is sent to CISS? - is the purpose of this support? - if a child needs an adult to help him/her with his/her physical needs? - are the qualifications of a Program Assistant - is the maximum number of hours? - happens if the funding is not available when a child care space becomes available? - happens when my child changes to another program? 	<p>The application is reviewed for eligibility and a written response is sent to the child care program to confirm receipt and eligibility. The application is then placed on the wait list.</p> <p>To support the teaching team in meeting the needs of all the children in the group, including the child with special needs.</p> <p>Children may need direct support. This assistance is provided by all the adults working in the child care program including the Program Assistant and is not the sole responsibility of one person.</p> <p>Experience in working with children who have special needs, willingness to learn and to be a member of a team. Specific training is provided through/by CISS.</p> <p>Each contract varies according to the needs of the child care program, the child and the availability of funding.</p> <p>The child care program could decide to enroll the child and find other resources to support the teaching team. The child care program will still receive all other CISS supports. The child care program may choose to wait until funding is available to enroll the child.</p> <p>An application will need to be received from the new child care program. With parental permission, information can be shared between the child care program to support the transition.</p>

WHERE can I get more information? Call Children's Inclusion Support Services or ask your Resource Consultant.

The P.A. is an additional support to the GROUP and is not to be included as part of the ratio.