

**Welcome to our June Paperwork Party**

**Thank you for joining  
Session will begin shortly**

**While you wait...**

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## **Did You Know...**

**That Paperwork Parties are scheduled every month? You can attend as often as you like. 10**

**Visit [www.hollandbloorview.ca](http://www.hollandbloorview.ca) → search 'Paperwork Party' for registration links**

**The next Paperwork Party is Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7pm-8:15pm**

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**Did You Know...**

**That Holland Bloorview has two podcasts?**

[ASD Engage](#) – A weekly podcast for parents and families of children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

[Isosfriendships](#) - A podcast that explores what social connection means for youth living with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Welcome to your Paperwork Party

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## **Did You Know...**

**That Holland Bloorview has a virtual social platform called HB Alumni Network?**

**The HB Alumni Network is a platform for all clients (13+), families, and caregivers who no longer receive care at Holland Bloorview can connect.**

**Registration is open. If you have any questions, contact the alumni network desk at 416-425-6220 ext. 3711 or [alumni@hollandbloorview.ca](mailto:alumni@hollandbloorview.ca).**

# Virtual Paperwork Party!

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# Agenda for tonight

- We will provide a brief overview of some common funding sources and programs.
- We'll then divide up into breakout rooms based on the forms we hope to work on tonight:

**Room 1** – SSAH – Special Services at Home

**Room 2** - OAP – Ontario Autism Program

**Main Room** – ACSD, Family Support Fund, ADP, Easter Seals & Access2Entertainment & TTC Support & More!



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# General Information on Common Funding Options



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# Government Funding

## Special Services at Home (SSAH)

- This program helps families who care for a child with a developmental or physical disability. This funding is NOT income based and families are encouraged to apply.

The Ministry of Child and Youth Services manages the SSAH program.

**Application can be found at Ministry of Child and Youth Services website [Here](#)**

COVID update: Families can now e-mail SSAH applications. SSAH applications do not need a parent signature and they can now be e-mailed to [acsdtoronto@Ontario.ca](mailto:acsdtoronto@Ontario.ca), then mailed in afterwards.

If a healthcare provider is helping a family complete the application over the phone, the family needs to provide SSAH with confirmation of your consent. Families can send a separate e-mail consenting for the healthcare provider helping them to complete the application over the phone. Another option is the family can provide a copy of our health record consent form. Faxes can also be sent to (416)-325-9640.

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# Government Funding

## Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

The ACSD program helps parents with some of the extra costs of caring for a child with a disability. **This funding is income based**; however; any family can still apply if they have extraordinary expenses that exceed the family income.

To Request an application you must contact the regional office of the Ministry of Child and Youth Services and they will email you the form. You can find your regional office here [Here](#)

COVID update: families can now e-mail ACSD applications. If a clinician is helping over the telephone they would need confirmation of consent. ACSD applications do not need a parent signature and they can now be e-mailed to [ACSDtoronto@Ontario.ca](mailto:ACSDtoronto@Ontario.ca)

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# Government Funding

## Passport Program

Passport is a program that helps adults 18 years or older with a developmental disability to participate in their communities. It also helps caregivers of an adult with a developmental disability take a break from their caregiving responsibilities.

[Developmental Services Ontario](#) manages the application process for all provincially-funded developmental services and supports for adults with a developmental disability in Ontario. Families are encouraged to connect with DSO when their child is around 16 years.

Passport is funded by the Ontario Government and administered by [local Passport Agencies](#).

See [Tipsheet](#) for a summary of how Passport funding can be spent

# Government Funding

## Ontario Autism Program (OAP)

- Children and youth who have been diagnosed with autism are eligible for the Ontario Autism Program
- Children receive services support until the age of 18
- To register, you must fill out and submit the Ontario Autism Program [registration form](#) and provide all supporting documentation listed in the form.
- The provincial government is in the process of changing the OAP to a needs-based system. Families are encouraged to check the OAP website regularly to stay up-to-date with the changes: [OAP Website](#)
- As of this date, families are still receiving Interim One Time Funding **if they registered on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. If you have registered *after* this date, you will be on the waitlist for the new needs-based system.

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# Ontario Autism Program (OAP)



## Changes due to COVID-19:

- For those who have a Childhood Budget or Interim One Time Funding, you now have an **additional 6 months** to spend your funding and submit your expense form. This means you now have up to 18 months in total to spend your funding. **You do not need to contact the ministry to be eligible or to accept this extension**

## Program Updates:

- If you have already received interim one-time funding, you may be eligible to receive an additional payment of \$20,000 or \$5,000 based on your child's age. If eligible, you will be prompted to renew your funding during the process of submitting your expense sheets.
- Autism Ontario hosts regular information sessions about the OAP and about submitting your expense sheets. More info [Here](#)

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## Assistive Devices Program (ADP)



The Assistive Devices Program helps people with long-term disabilities pay for customized equipment, like wheelchairs and hearing aids. The ADP also helps cover the cost of specialized supplies, such as those used with ostomies. **ADP funding is not based on income.**

ADP covers 75% of the cost for equipment and supplies. For these items, ADP is billed directly by the supplier



As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, the [Assistive Devices Program](#) is **only accepting new applications for funding assistance** via:

- ❖ Email for grants
- ❖ Fax for devices
- **Do not mail applications to the ADP office.**
- Applications already received by mail are being processed.



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# Government Funding

## Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

- The disability tax credit is a nonrefundable tax credit that helps people with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay.
- Information about how to apply and who is eligible can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency website [Here](#)

Canada Revenue Agency / Agence des Revenus du Canada

Use this form to apply for the disability tax credit (DTC). The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will use the information you provide to determine if you are eligible for the DTC. See the "General information" on page 5 for more information.

Step 1 - Fill out and sign the "General information" on page 5 for more information.

Step 2 - Have a medical practitioner fill out and certify Part B.

Step 3 - Send the form to the CRA.

**Part A - To be filled out by the taxpayer**

**Section 1 - Information about the person with the disability**

Print name and address

Medical condition (disease, injury, ailment, etc.)

Diagnosis date (YY/MM/DD)

Diagnosed by (Print name, MD, DO, etc.)

Last name

Province or territory

Section 2 - Information about the person with the disability

Print name and address

Medical condition (disease, injury, ailment, etc.)

Diagnosis date (YY/MM/DD)

Diagnosed by (Print name, MD, DO, etc.)

Last name

Province or territory

# COVID-19 Emergency Funding for Families



- You can access Tipsheets on Holland Bloorview's website, including a list of emergency funds to support basic essential needs during this time. You will also find updated information about government emergency response benefits available during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Please find the information in the Tipsheet: [Emergency Funding Tipsheet for COVID-19](#)
  - You can also find other Tipsheets that might help you during COVID-19 at: [www.hollandbloorview.ca/covid-19-tipsheets](http://www.hollandbloorview.ca/covid-19-tipsheets)
- You can also find our general Funding and Supports Guide here: [Funding & Financial Supports Guide](#)

# Some Private Funding Options:

**All of these private funding options are Income-based:**

## **Ceridian Cares**

For more information or to apply please visit:

<https://www.ceridiancares.ca/application>

## **Labatt Better Together**

For more information or to apply please visit:

<https://www.labattbettertogether.ca/apply-for-help>

## **Ontario March of Dimes Assistive Devices Program:**

For more information or to apply please visit <https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca/programs/am/hvmp/Pages/HVMP-How-to-Apply.aspx>

## **Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity**

To apply online or learn more about eligibility requirements, visit:

<https://jenash.org/online-application-for-financial-assistance-2/>



# Easter Seals Ontario

## Easter Seals Financial Assistance

- Easter Seals Ontario provides direct financial assistance to children, youth, and adults (up to 19 years of age) with physical disabilities (who are registered with Easter Seals), to assist with the purchase of specialized mobility equipment and communication devices. **Easter Seals funding is not based on income**
- COVID Update: Applications for the Equipment Funding Program continue to be accepted and are being approved as funding becomes available. For families who are unable to sign application or registration forms electronically, we will accept them without a parent's signature. We will contact families when able to process the application to obtain verbal consent. This is an exception that will only be made during the pandemic. Parents are encouraged to continue to send in equipment funding applications by email or fax
- For further information visit [www.easterseals.org](http://www.easterseals.org)

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# Easter Seals Ontario

## Easter Seals Incontinence Supplies Grant

- Easter Seals Ontario offers funding for children and youth between ages of 3 to 18 years with physical or developmental disabilities who require the use of diapers and incontinence supplies.

COVID update: This grant is still open and accepting new applications at this time

For further information and application form visit

<http://www.easterseals.org/services/incontinence-supplies-grant/>

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# Holland Bloorview Family Support Fund

- **New applications forms released as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**
- The Family Support Fund offers financial support to Holland Bloorview families during a time of transition or stress. It may support a client's respite needs, equipment, recreation and life skills programs, modifications to home or car, medications or other medical needs experienced during their journey.
- The fund is inclusive to all income levels, diagnoses and residential statuses. However, it is limited to Holland Bloorview Clients under the age of 19.

To apply or for more information, visit:

- <https://hollandbloorview.ca/our-services/family-workshops-resources/holland-bloorview-family-support-fund>

# Other Support Services

## TTC Support Person Assistance Card

- The TTC support person assistance card is a photo card that identifies the card holder as a person who, because of disability, needs to be accompanied by a support person.
- A support person accompanying a person with a disability is not required to pay a fare on TTC

To apply and for more information, visit

[https://www.ttc.ca/PDF/Support%20Person\\_Assistance\\_Card\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](https://www.ttc.ca/PDF/Support%20Person_Assistance_Card_Application_Form.pdf)



# Other Support Services

## Easter Seals Access 2 Entertainment Card

- Access 2 card is for people of all ages and types of disabilities who require assistance of a support person. When a cardholder presents the Access 2 card at a participating movie theatre or selected attraction across Canada, the support person is then given one free admission.
- The person with the disability pays regular admission
- There is a fee for this card - \$20 for 3 years or \$30 for 5 years

To apply or for more information visit their website [Here](#)



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# Other Services

## Accessible Parking Permit

- People with certain health conditions can apply for an accessible parking permit.
- Accessible parking permits are issued to a person or business and not a vehicle. Permit holders must have been in the vehicle and the permit displayed on the dashboard in order to park in an accessible parking space.

For further information or to apply, please visit

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-accessible-parking-permit>

**COVID Update:** The expiry date of accessible parking permits for people with disabilities has been extended (permanent, subject to change or temporary). You do not need to renew at this time.

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## Did you know?

- [Respiteservices.com](https://www.respiteservices.com)

Support by phone and virtual workshops to complete funding forms such as SSAH and ACSD. Call 416-322-6317 ext. 1

- [Surrey Place - how to fill out SSAH Video](#)

- [Surrey Place how to fill out ACSD Video](#)

Step-by-step video guides produced by Surrey Place

- [Autism Ontario Virtual OAP Information sessions](#)

In addition to these information sessions, Service Navigators are available to support families in completing their OAP paperwork and understanding the funding

- Call 1-800-472-7789

- Register for an OAP Service Navigator here:

<https://www.autismontario.com/programs-services/under-18/service-navigation>

# Pro Bono Legal Services at Holland Bloorview

- Our Pro Bono Lawyer is **Hannah Lee**. She can help you with the appeal process if you've received a negative decision on your funding application for ACSD or SSAH or for a benefit such as the Disability Tax Credit
- Pro Bono Ontario offers a free onsite legal assistance program at Holland Bloorview for qualifying clients and families. The onsite lawyer can help with housing, education, immigration and employment law as well, among others.
- Take the [Legal Health Questionnaire](#) today to see if you might benefit from this service!
- Contact Hannah: at [hannah@ProBonoOntario.org](mailto:hannah@ProBonoOntario.org)





# Please Stay to Join a Breakout Room

Please visit Holland Bloorview's Website for information on

## Monthly Paperwork Parties

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7pm-8:15pm**

[www.hollandbloorview.ca](http://www.hollandbloorview.ca) & search 'virtual paperwork parties'

You can find a database of funding sources at  
[www.hollandbloorview.ca/fundingprogramsguide](http://www.hollandbloorview.ca/fundingprogramsguide)

If you have questions about funding, you can contact our Family  
Resource Centre at [resourcecentre@hollandbloorview.ca](mailto:resourcecentre@hollandbloorview.ca)

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# A few things to keep in mind

- This event is meant to be a supportive space where families can support each other to complete funding forms that need to be completed.
- Aim to create a comfortable space where you can ask staff or a Family Leader for advice, tips or strategies when filling out forms.
- We are not able to fill out the forms *for* you, but are able to provide ideas and guidance on filling out the forms.
- We know these forms can be long and frustrating. We want to make sure this session is a good use of your time and helpful for you, so we encourage you to focus on one thing you would like to get out of this workshop to help you in your process
- Paperwork Parties are monthly – you can always join another!

