# **COVID-19** Resources and Toolkits for Children and Youth with Disabilities and their Families

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## **NATIONAL**

## Financial:

- Government of Canada: Benefits Finder
- Government of Canada: Canada Child Benefit
- Government of Canada: Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit
- Government of Canada: Child Disability Benefit
- MS Society Canada
  - Financial and Government Supports by Province

#### **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

- ARCH Disability Law Centre Advocacy Toolkit Advocating for Your Support
   Person or Attendant to be with You in Hospital During the COVID-19

   Pandemic
- Autism Speaks Canada: Resources for Children and Caregivers
- Better Care Network: Resource Centre on COVID-19 and Children's Care
- <u>Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorder Alliance (CASDA) COVID-19 Resource</u>
   Centre
- <u>Canadian Home Care Association: COVID-19 Resources For Home and</u>
   Community Care Providers
- Canadian Mental Health Association: COVID-19 and Mental Health
- Centre for Research on Work Disability Policy: Resources Related to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Child Bright Network: COVID-19 Resources
- Childhood Disability Link: COVID-19 Resources
- Children's Mercy: Social Distancing with a Plan Family Toolkit
- Communication Disability Access Canada:
  - o COVID-19 Communication Rights Toolkit
  - o Communication Resources
- Connectability: COVID-19 Resources
- <u>Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development: Practical Tools for a Disability Inclusive COVID-19 Response</u>

- Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities: Resources for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Include Me: COVID-19 Resources
- Inclusion Canada: COVID-19 and Disability Resources
- MS Society of Canada: Wellness Resources During COVID-19
- National Centre for Learning Disabilities: Resources and Tools: COVID-19
- The Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance: COVID-19 Resources for PatientsThe
   University of North Carolina: COVID-19 Toolkit for children and youth with
   ASD

#### **Educational:**

- Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority: Home Learning Resources
- Autism Awareness Centre: Free E-Book
- Better Care Network: Webinar Recording: Children with Disabilities in Adversity - Institutions and Protection of Family Life in COVID19 pandemic and sustainable development
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind: Free Virtual Programs
- Learning4Success
- <u>Patient-Provider Communication: Supporting Communication with Patients</u>
   who have COVID-19
- Sesame Street COVID-19 and Autism
- The Mighty: How can we help children with disabilities understand the coronavirus
- Woodbine House: Books

#### **Recreational:**

- Kids Up Front Programs
- Mind Heart: #covibook
- Xenia Livestream Concerts for people with disabilities or anyone

## **Support Systems:**

#### For Parents:

<u>Family caregivers of BC: Toll free support lines, Virtual connections,</u>
 Emotional supports and health care navigation help.

#### For Children and Youth:

- Ability Online
- Best Buddies Canada:
  - o Instagram live schedule and recordings and virtual program toolkit
  - o E-Buddies
- Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Mira Foundation
- MyAbility Online Community

## **ALBERTA**

#### Financial:

Gateway Association: Financial Support During COVID-19 Information

## **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

- Autism Calgary: COVID-19 Resource List for Parents and Children
- Autism Edmonton: COVID-19 Resource List for Parents and Children
- Autism Society Alberta: COVID-19 Resource Page
- Calgary Fetal Alcohol Network: COVID-19 Resources
- Gateway Association:
  - COVID-19 Resource Page
  - Financial Support During COVID-19 Information
- Inclusion Alberta: COVID-19 Parent Toolkit
- LearnAlberta: Resources for parents and teachers to support child learning
- Milestones Autism Resources: COVID-19 Resources for Families
- Sinneave Family Foundation: COVID-19 Resources for Parents and Children

## **Educational:**

- Government of Alberta Weekly Q & A Newsletter
- Government of Alberta: COVID-19 Information FAQ for People with Disabilities
- Inclusion Alberta:
  - o <u>Learning at Home PowerPoint</u>
  - Getting Ready for School PowerPoint

## **Recreational:**

• See support systems for children

## **Support Systems:**

## For Parents:

- Alberta Education Parent Helpline: 780-422-6548 or toll-free 780-310-0000
- Autism Calgary: Support Groups and Family Activities
  - o Keeping it Together Mother's Group
  - o Father's Autism Network
  - <u>Listen, Share, Connect!</u>
- Autism Society Alberta: Virtual Support Meeting for Parents

## For Children and Youth:

- Ability 4 Good: Programs
  - o STRIVE Program
  - o THRIVE Program
  - o Let's Play and Chat Online Group

- Alberta Government: Family Support for Children with Disabilities
- Alberta Government: Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Bridge to Care: Disability Services

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

#### Financial:

## Government of British Columbia:

- Autism Funding
- o Disability Assistance Benefits
- Respite Support
- o COVID-19 Support for Income and Disability Assistance
- BC Housing:
  - o BC Rebate for Accessible Home Adaptations (BC RAHA)

## **Curated COVID-19 Resources Lists and Toolkits:**

- British Columbia Aboriginal Society on Disability Support: COVID-19
   Indigenous Engagement Program
- Community Living BC:
  - Connection and Support Resources During COVID-19
  - o Plain Language Resources
  - o Toolkit for Connection
  - Mental Health and Wellness Resources during COVID-19
- Disability Alliance: COVID-19 Supports and Benefits
- Family Caregivers of British Columbia: COVID-19 Information
- Family Support Institute of BC:
  - Toolkit For Adults with Disabilities and Families in BC For Health
     Care Settings During COVID-19
  - Toolkit for Children with Disabilities and Families in BC Fors Health
     Care Settings During COVID-19
  - o FSI Compiled COVID-19 Information

#### **Educational:**

BC Centre for Ability:

- Stepping Stones
- BC Epilepsy Society: Lecture Series and Educational Events
- Disability Alliance BC:
  - Disability Benefits Help Sheets
  - o Workshops
- Inclusion BC: Virtual Learning Series
- Learning Disabilities Association of British Columbia:
  - o **Events**
  - o Lexia Online Reading Program
- Rare Disease Foundation: Webcast Series
- Virtual Classes and Camps
- Victoria Disability Resource Centre: Workshops

#### **Recreational:**

- Easter Seals BC/Yukon:
  - Summer Camp Programs
  - Virtual Classes
- Family Support Institute of BC:
  - Calendar for Connection
- Victoria Disability Resource Centre: Recreation

## **Support Systems:**

- BC Epilepsy Society: Support Groups
- Rare Disease Foundation: Mental Health and Wellness Program

## For Parents:

- BC Centre for Ability: Family Counselling Support Services
- Easter Seals BC: Programs for Adults and Parents
- Family Caregivers of BC:
  - Family Caregiver Support Groups
  - Support Line
- Family Support Institute of BC: Family Support

Rare Disease Foundation: Parent 2 Parent Resource Network

## For Children and Youth:

- Victoria Disability Resource Centre: Peer Support
- Easter Seals BC/Yukon: Compass Program

#### Services:

- BC Centre for Ability:
  - o Community Brain Injury Program
  - Early Intervention
  - o FASF and Key Workers Support Services
  - o Supported Child Development
- Community Living BC:
  - o L.I.F.E-based Service
  - o Respite Support
- Developmental Disabilities Association:
  - o Family Support Services
  - Infant Development Program
- Disability Alliance BC: Disability Law Clinic
- Easter Seals BC/Yukon: House Respite Program
- Government of British Columbia: At Home Program
- The Right Fit BC
- <u>Victoria Disability Resource Centre: Computer Access and Assistive</u>
   <u>Technology</u>

## **MANITOBA**

## Financial:

- Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba: Grants
- Government of Manitoba: Disability Economic Support Program

#### **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

- Abilities Manitoba: COVID-19 Resources
- Manitoba Possible: COVID-19 Resources
- St. Amant: COVID-19 Resources

#### **Resource Lists**

- Autism Spectrum Disorders Manitoba
  - Resource Database
- Community Living Manitoba
  - Resource List

## **Educational:**

- Abilities Manitoba: Events
- Community Living Manitoba:
  - o Family Guide to the Vulnerable Persons Act
  - O General Resource List
- Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba
  - General Resource List
  - Podcasts

## **Recreational:**

- Inclusion Winnipeg Programs Recreation Activities
- Learning Disability Association of Manitoba: Summer Camps
- Manitoba Possible: Children's Recreation and Leisure

# **Employment:**

- Accessibility Manitoba
- Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Manitoba

## **Support Systems:**

• The Accessibility for Manitobans Act

- o <u>Toolkit</u>
- Inclusion Winnipeg
  - o **Advocacy Services**

#### For Parents:

- <u>Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba: Parenting Support and</u>
   Workshops
- Manitoba Parent Zone

## For Children and Youth:

- Government of Manitoba: Children's disAbility Services
- Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities

- Cerebral Policy Association of Manitoba: Support
- Family Dynamics:
  - Behavior Support
  - O In-Home Family Support Program
- Government of Manitoba:
  - Assistive Technology
  - Services and Programs for Children
- Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba
  - o LINKS
  - Math Tutoring
- Manitoba Possible:
  - Accessible Technology
  - Children's Services Coordination
  - o Communication Centre for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
  - Supports for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
  - O Manitoba Wheelchair Program
  - Parking Permit Program

## **NEW BRUNSWICK**

## **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

 New Brunswick Association for Community Living: At Home - Activities and Resources During COVID-19

## **Educational:**

<u>Education and Early Childhood Development: Learning at Home Resources</u>
 <u>for Families</u>

## **Recreational:**

- Ability New Brunswick
  - o Para NB

## **Support Systems:**

#### For Parents:

The Families United Network (FUN-NB)

- Ability New Brunswick
  - NB Vehicle Retrofit Program
  - o Transition NB
- Government of New Brunswick:
  - Disability Support Program
  - Family Supports for Children with Disabilities
  - Hearing Aid Program
  - o Housing Assistance for Persons with Disabilities
  - Mobility and Adaptive Equipment Loan Program
  - o Orthopedic Program

- o **Prosthetic Program**
- o Vision Program
- New Brunswick Association for Community Living: Resource Catalogue
- Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation: Adaptive Seating Service

## **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

## **Financial:**

• Government of NFLD: Funded Programs

## **Educational:**

• Autism NFLD: Family Resource Kit

## **Support Systems:**

## For Parents:

• Autism NFLD: Support Groups

#### Services:

- Autism NFLD:
  - o **Programs**
- Government of NFLD:
  - Community Behavioral Service (CBSP)
  - o <u>Direct Home Services Program</u>
  - Provincial Home Support Program
  - Residential Options for Individuals who cannot remain in the family home:
  - Therapeutic and Professional Services

## **NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

## **Financial:**

- Government of Northwest Territories:
  - NWT Child Benefit

## **Recreational:**

• Parkland CLASS: Children's Programs

## **Services:**

- Government of Northwest Territories:
  - Community Respite
  - Early Childhood Program
  - Program and Services for Persons with Disabilities Inventory
- Foster Family Coalition of NWT: Respite Program
- Hay River Territorial Health and Social Services Authority: Services and Programs
- Northwest Territories Disability Council:
  - O Accessible Parking Permit
  - Early Childhood Intervention Program
  - Learning Supports for Persons with Disabilities

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

## **Financial:**

Government of Nova Scotia: Disability Support Program

#### **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

Autism Nova Scotia: COVID-19 Resources
 Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia): COVID-19 Resources

#### **Educational:**

**Autism Nova Scotia Autistics Aloud** 

- Brain Injury Association of NS: For Families and Caregivers
- <u>Inclusion NS: Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine: Visual Guide for People with Disabilities</u>

### Recreational

- Bengal Lancers Therapeutic Riding
- Easter Seals Nova Scotia: Camp Tidnish

## **Support Systems:**

#### For Parents:

- Autism Nova Scotia Family Supports
- Brain Injury Nova Scotia Supports
- Caregivers NS
  - o **Resources**
- Inclusion NS: Family Support

## For Children and Youth:

Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia): Peer Support Services

- Autism Nova Scotia:
  - Educational Supports
  - o Family, Respite, and Community Support
  - Quick Start
- Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia): Counselling Services
- Easter Seals Nova Scotia: Assisted Mobility
- Government of Nova Scotia
  - Disability Support Program
- Halifax Transit: Halifax Transit: Access-a-bus
- Independent Living Nova Scotia
  - Community Access-Ability Program

- Business Access-Ability Program
- Housing Nova Scotia
  - Disabled Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program
  - Access-A-Home Program
- Accessibility Directorate
- Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centers

## **NUNAVUT**

## Financial:

- Government of Nunavut:
  - <u>Disabled Incidental Allowance</u>
  - Income Assistance (IA)

# **Employment:**

- PATH employment services
- Ready, Willing and Able

## **Services:**

- CanChild: Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability
- Nunavummi Disability Makinnasuaqatiit Society

## **ONTARIO**

## Financial:

- Autism Ontario: One-to-One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement
   Fund
- Government of Ontario:
  - Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
  - Assistive Devices Program
  - Funding for Special Education

- Special Services at Home
- Holland Bloorview: Family Support Fund
- Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity: Financial Assistance
- Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy: Life Enriching Activity Fund

## **Curated COVID-19 Resources Lists and Toolkits:**

- ARCH Disability Law Centre:
  - Advocacy Toolkit: Advocating for your Support Person or Attendant to be with You in Hospital During COVID-19 Pandemic – Plain Language Version
- Autism Ontario: List of Resources to Help Us Through COVID-19
- Child Development Institute: COVID-19 Resource Centre
- Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy: COVID-19 Resources
- Toronto Public Library: COVID-19 Deaf and Disability Community Resources

#### **Educational:**

- ARCH Disability Law Centre:
  - COVID-19 Factsheet Getting Life Saving Medical Care in Hospitals during COVID-19 Pandemic – Plain Language Version
- Holland Bloorview: ISOfriendships Podcast

#### **Recreational:**

- Autism Ontario: Online Events
- Down Syndrome Association of Ontario: Online Events
- Holland Bloorview: Workshops and Events

## **Support systems:**

## For Parents:

- Autism Ontario: SAAAC CARES Caregiver Support Program (Online)
- Ontario Caregiver Hotline

## For Children and Youth

• Holland Bloorview: Youth Mentorship Programs

## **Services:**

- Government of Ontario:
  - Respite Programs
  - Ontario Community Support Program
  - Ontario Autism Program
  - Ontario Disability Support Program

## **Employment:**

• Holland Bloorview: Youth Employment Programs

# **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

## **Financial:**

- Government of Prince Edward Island
  - AccessAbility Supports
  - o School Age Autism Funding

## **Educational:**

- Learning Disabilities Association of PEI
  - Information Package: Fact Sheets from the Learning Disabilities
     Association of Canada

## **Recreational:**

- Autism Society of PEI
  - o Sylvan Learning Summer Camps
- Parasport and Recreation PEI

#### **Services:**

- Government of Prince Edward Island
  - Autism Services for Children and Youth
- Learning Disabilities Association of PEI
  - o Island Reader Program
  - Jump Math Program
  - o One-to-One Tutoring
- Prince Edward Island Association for Community Living
  - o <u>Finding Respite</u>
  - Supporting Families

## **Employment:**

- PEI council of persons with disabilities
  - Workability Program

## **QUEBEC**

## **Financial:**

- Retraite Quebec: Supplement for Handicapped Children
- Revenue Quebec:
  - Refundable Tax Credit for Child Care Expenses
  - Tax Credit for Caregivers
  - o <u>Tax Credit for Volunteer Respite Ser</u>vices

#### **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

- Connexions Resource Centre: Connexions' Activities and Services for Families with Special Needs
- Inspirations:
  - Resource List for Quarantine
  - Special Needs Database and Community
- McGill: Accessibility Toolkit and Resources

## **Educational:**

- Government of Quebec: Self-care Guide
- Quebec Health: Information for People with Disabilities (COVID-19)

## **Recreational:**

- Action Centre: Online Programming
- Foundation Papillon:
  - o **Butterfly camp**
  - o Papillon Daycare
  - o Papillon Day Camp

## **Support Systems:**

#### For Parents:

Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network: Family Network

#### For Children and Youth:

• Moelle Epinier et Motricite Quebec: Peer Counselling Network

- Angelman Respite Centre
- Autisme Montreal: Services
- Connexions Resource Centre:
  - Services for People with Physical Disabilities
  - Services for People with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum
     Disorder
- Foundation Noel au Printemps
- Foundation Papillon:
  - Papillon Occupational Therapy and Stimulation Clinic
- Inspirations:
  - ESMB Special Needs Programs and Services
- Quebec Cerebral Palsy Association: Resources Available

## SASKATCHEWAN

## **Financial:**

- Government of Saskatchewan:
  - Autism Services
  - Cognitive Disability Strategy Support
  - O Home Repair Program Adaption for Independence
  - o <u>Individualized Funding for Home Care</u>
  - Respite for Families Caring for a Child with Intellectual Disabilities

## **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

- Autism Services of Saskatoon: COVID-19 Resources
- Inclusion Saskatchewan: Resources COVID-19
- Saskatchewan Voice of People with Disabilities Inc: COVID-19 Updates and Resources

## **Educational:**

- Autism Services of Saskatoon: Workshops and Conferences
- <u>Saskatchewan Voice of People with Disabilities Inc: Disabilities Information</u>
   Service
- University of Saskatchewan: Access and Equity Services

#### Recreational:

- <u>Learning Disabilities Association of Saskatchewan: Summer Sunshine Day</u>
   <u>Camp</u>
- SaskAbilities:
  - Camp Easter Seal
  - o Social Leisure Youth Program
  - Summer Fun
- Sask Blind Sports Association

## **Support Systems:**

#### For Parents:

• Saskatchewan Department of Social Services: Family Connect

#### **Services:**

- Government of Saskatchewan:
  - Audiology and Hearing Services
  - o Therapy Services
- Learning Disabilities Association of Saskatchewan:
  - o Academic Tutoring
  - Academic Strategist
  - o ADHD Coaching
  - O Behavior Therapy
  - o Counselling Services
  - o <u>LEGO Club</u>
- Person Centered Saskatchewan
- SaskAbilities:
  - Daily Living and Rehabilitation Services
  - Respite Services
  - O Special Needs Equipment Loan Program and Repair and Maintenance
- South Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre

#### YUKON

## **Curated COVID-19 Resource Lists and Toolkits:**

- Government of Yukon:
  - o Children's Disability Service
  - o <u>Home Care Program</u>
  - Sport and Recreation Funding

# **Educational**

• LDAY Centre for Learning: Workshops

- Autism Yukon: Programs and Support
- LDAY Centre for Learning: Programs and Services