

For More Information

For more information on speech-language pathology services:

Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (OSLA) - visit www.osla.on.ca or by phone 1-800-718-6752

The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (CASLPO) - visit www.caslpo.com or by phone 1-800-993-9459

To find a private speech-language services:

- Speak with your family doctor
- Visit www.osla.on.ca/en/childirectory for their “find a practitioner” tool, or by phone 1-800-718-6752



Funding Sources for private speech -language therapy



...Inspiring possibilities for children and youth with special needs.

Primary Funding Sources

Families seeking assistance to cover the cost of private therapy should exhaust personal and government supports, prior to accessing charitable funding. Some of these sources include:

Extended Health Insurance - many employee benefits include coverage for assessments and therapy. Please contact your insurance provider regarding your plan.

Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) - Ministry of Children and Youth Services. This program provides financial support for low- to moderate-income families to cover some of the extra costs of caring for a child who has a severe disability. www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/disabilities.aspx

Special Services at Home (SSAH) - Ministry of Children and Youth Services. This program helps families pay for special services in or outside the family home. Families can apply for this support if their child has a developmental or physical disability, lives in Ontario and needs more support than most families can provide. Children must be living at home with their family to be eligible. www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/specialneeds/specialservices.aspx

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and/or Ontario Works (OW) - Ministry of Community and Social Services. Families receiving this benefit should contact their local office regarding specific needs. www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/social/odsp/income_support/odsp_add.aspx

Private Funding Sources

The following charitable organizations may be able to assist with private speech therapy for your child. Please visit the organizations websites for specific details regarding application guidelines.

Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity assist seriously ill children and their families with special treatment needs, medical expenses and financial assistance in times of need.

www.jennash.org

To qualify for assistance, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Child (18 and under)
- Diagnosed physical disability, severe medical issue or mental health disorder
- Household annual income \$60,000 or less
- The financial need must be a direct result of the disability
- Must be a Canadian citizen and/or have permanent resident status in Ontario

Partners in Service / Local Community Clubs may be able to assist one-time requests for support, such as a block of therapy. Requests should include a letter of support from a therapist or physician, as well as a quote outlining the fees and service details.

Ceridian Cares provides grants to support families with basic and essential needs as well as quality of life.

www.ceridiancares.ca

To qualify for assistance, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a Canadian resident
- Must be in need of financial assistance related to items supported by Ceridian Cares
- Must meet income requirements
- Applicant must be 18yrs or older (recipient can be younger)

A Child's Voice Foundation - Kids Life Line assists families with a one-time fulfillment of a necessary product or service that will enhance a child's quality of life.

www.acvf.ca/kids-life-line

Additional Options

For families that are not able to access any of the assistance listed, additional options may include:

- Discuss possible payment options with the provider.
- Host a fundraising event. Examples may include a community dinner, golf or card tournament, car wash, etc.
- Submit receipts for out-of-pocket therapy fees as part of your medical deductions on your income tax.
- Look into service delivery options. Perhaps a Communicative Disorders Assistance or Speech-Language Therapy Assistant can follow the treatment plan at a reduced fee.

