

Ontario Autism Program (OAP) Contact Information

The Ontario Autism Program

The Ontario Autism Program (OAP) is funded through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS).

Who can register for the Ontario Autism Program?

All the information you need about this government program and how to register is located at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-autism-program>

To register for the Ontario Autism Program, your child must:

- be under age 18
- currently live in Ontario, and
- have a written diagnosis of autism from a qualified professional

If your child or youth is not diagnosed with Autism

To have your child or youth assessed to determine if they have autism, you can do one of two things:

1. Complete a referral for the ASD Diagnostic Hub – West Region

Children and youth may be referred for a free diagnostic assessment at the West Region Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnostic Hub at McMaster Children's Hospital/Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre

905-521-2100 ext 78222

DPR-intake@hhsc.ca

Visit <https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/mcmaster-childrens-hospital/areas-of-care/developmental-pediatrics-and-rehabilitation/asd-diagnostic-hub/>

Then scroll down the page to *Referral Process* to find the form that you need to complete and have signed by your doctor.

2. Visit a qualified professional

You can also obtain a diagnostic assessment for your child or youth from a qualified professional who has undergone specific training. These professionals include, but are not limited to:

- doctors, such as family physicians, pediatricians, developmental pediatricians and psychiatrists
- psychologists and psychological associates
- nurse practitioners

If your child or youth is diagnosed with Autism

Register your child/youth with the OAP!

We encourage all families of children and youth who have a written, confirmed diagnosis of autism or ASD, to [register with the government of Ontario's OAP](#). There are many services and supports across the province that you can access once your child/youth is registered.

To register, or if you have questions:

MCCSS Central Resource Team

1-888-444-4530

oap@ontario.ca

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
P.O. Box 193
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1N3

This is where you can also:

- Ask questions about registering for the OAP and the waitlist
- Your situation if you're registered with the OAP but not yet connected with AccessOAP
- Ask questions about your childhood budget, interim one-time funding, funding agreement or budget reconciliation
- Learn about eligible and ineligible expenses

AccessOAP

1-833-425-2445

info@AccessOAP.ca

AccessOAP
P.O. Box 187 STN P
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 2S7

Ask AccessOAP about:

- How to create an account with AccessOAP
- General questions about the OAP
- Or your situation once you have created an account with AccessOAP and given consent to the ministry to transfer your OAP record to AccessOAP

Navigating the OAP

Autism Ontario can help you understand the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) and which services and supports are available in your area. Each region in Ontario has an Autism Ontario **Service Navigator** who can:

- Help families understand the new OAP and the services available to purchase with their childhood budgets and/or interim one-time funding
- Find qualified service providers
- Support families in navigating their local autism services to access meaningful and effective treatment and supports
- Provide access to parent resources and webinars

Autism Ontario

1-800-472-7789

www.autismontario.com

Contacting the Ministry

If you have questions about your child in the OAP, contact the **Central Resource Team**. If you have questions, suggestions or concerns about the OAP itself, you can contact the local Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) Program Supervisor. Scott will listen to your issue, answer your questions and/or bring your concerns forward.

MCCSS Program Supervisor

Scott Gregory

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905-481-4871

Autism & Behavioural Services (ABS) at TVCC

TVCC provides information, support, education and treatment for children and youth with ASD and their families. To access some of these services, children need to be registered with the OAP. Call us to find out more.

Autism Family Liaison

Lynn Seward

abs@tvcc.on.ca

1-866-590-8822 ext 1

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