

Non-FSCD Community & Government Resources for Children with Disabilities in Alberta

A Reference Guide for Service Providers and Families | March 2026

Important Note: The resources in this document are specifically separate from the Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) program. They can be used to supplement FSCD supports, accessed while awaiting FSCD approval, or used by families who do not qualify for FSCD.

1. Alberta Health Services (AHS) — Pediatric Community Rehabilitation

Funding Source: Alberta Health / AHS — Free, publicly funded

AHS provides Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), Occupational Therapy (OT), and Physiotherapy (PT) for children 0–18 years through the public health system. A broad range of services are offered for children 0–5 years. Children and youth 6–18 may qualify when there is a significant change in their medical or neurodevelopmental condition, injury, surgery, or illness.

- Speech-language pathology (communication, feeding, swallowing, AAC)
- Occupational therapy (daily living skills, sensory, fine motor)
- Physiotherapy (gross motor, movement, development)
- Registered dietitians and social workers

How to Access: Referrals accepted from self/parent, caregiver, physician, public health, school, or rehabilitation staff.

Website: albertahealthservices.ca (search "Pediatric Community Rehabilitation")

Phone: Health Link at 811

2. Alberta Education — Program Unit Funding (PUF)

Funding Source: Alberta Education — Free to families

PUF provides educational and therapeutic supports within an Early Childhood Services (ECS) setting for children with significant developmental delays or disabilities. It is accessed through a school board or registered ECS operator — parents cannot apply directly.

Alberta is the only province that funds education supports for children as young as 2 years 8 months.

- Children with severe disabilities or moderate-to-severe language delays may begin at age 2 years 8 months
- May include Speech-Language Therapy, OT, PT, music therapy, and behaviour support

How to Access: Contact your local school board or an independent ECS operator. A screening/assessment determines eligibility.

Website: alberta.ca/early-childhood-education

3. Alberta Education — Mild/Moderate Funding

Funding Source: Alberta Education — Free to families

For children who do not meet PUF eligibility criteria but still require additional support. This funding supports children with mild to moderate delays or disabilities attending preschool or daycare settings.

How to Access: Through a school board or private ECS operator. Eligibility is assessed by the program provider.

Website: alberta.ca/early-childhood-education

4. Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP / EIP)

Funding Source: AHS & community funding — Free

AHS's Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP) serves children from birth to 3½ years who have, or are at risk of, developmental delays. Services include home visiting, family support, and planning for preschool years.

- A formal diagnosis is not required to access ECIP
- Focus is on early intervention and family coaching
- Partners include Connect Society (Deaf & Hard of Hearing), Transitions EIP, and Robin Hood Association EIP (depending on zone)

How to Access: Physician referral or self-referral in some zones. Call Health Link at 811 for your local program.

Website: albertahealthservices.ca (search "Early Childhood Intervention Program")

5. Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

Funding Source: Alberta Health — Subsidized (cost-share)

AADL provides funding for basic medical equipment and supplies for Albertans with long-term disabilities, chronic illness, or terminal illness, enabling them to live at home and in their community. Available to children and adults.

- Wheelchairs, walkers, and mobility aids
- Orthotics and prosthetics
- Communication devices and hearing aids
- Feeding and respiratory equipment

How to Access: Requires clinical assessment by an AADL-approved authorizer (registered nurse, OT, or physiotherapist).

Website: alberta.ca/alberta-aids-to-daily-living

Phone: Alberta Supports at 1-877-644-9992

6. Disability Tax Credit (DTC) & Child Disability Benefit (CDB)

Funding Source: Canada Revenue Agency — Tax credit / Monthly payment

The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is a non-refundable federal tax credit that reduces the income tax payable for a person with a disability or their supporting family member. Qualifying for the DTC also unlocks access to other programs.

The Child Disability Benefit (CDB) is a monthly tax-free payment automatically added on top of the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) once a child is approved for the DTC — no separate application needed. Qualifying conditions include autism, ADHD, cerebral palsy, and many other physical or mental impairments. DTC approval is also a gateway to the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP).

How to Access: A medical professional completes Form T2201. Apply through the Canada Revenue Agency at any time of year.

Website: canada.ca/en/revenue-agency (search "Disability Tax Credit")

Phone: CRA at 1-800-959-8281

7. Jordan's Principle — First Nations Children

Funding Source: Government of Canada — Free (First Nations children only)

Jordan's Principle ensures First Nations children under 18 (living on or off reserve) can access disability-related, health, social, and educational services without gaps or delays due to jurisdictional disputes. Covered services include therapy (SLP, OT, PT), health expenses, social inclusion, and education support.

The First Nations Health Consortium can assist families with the application process at no cost.

How to Access: Families can self-apply or contact the First Nations Health Consortium for help.

Website: sac-isc.gc.ca (search "Jordan's Principle")

First Nations Health Consortium: firstnationshealthconsortium.com

8. Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) — Indigenous Children with Status

Funding Source: Government of Canada — Free (status First Nations and recognized Inuit)

The NIHB program provides coverage for essential health services not covered by provincial health insurance for eligible Indigenous clients.

- Psychological counselling (Registered Psychologist or Registered Social Worker)
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Dental care, vision care, and prescription medications

How to Access: Families apply through Indigenous Services Canada.

Website: canada.ca (search "Non-Insured Health Benefits")

9. Autism Canada — Community Assistance Program (CAP)

Funding Source: Charitable — Grant-based (up to \$2,000/year per client)

CAP provides subsidized financial support to reduce barriers to care for autistic individuals of any age, including children, youth, and adults, as well as their families and caregivers. It covers services not funded by public or private insurance.

Important: Applications must be submitted by a registered CAP service provider on behalf of the family — families and caregivers cannot apply directly.

- Psychological assessments (diagnostic or clarifying purposes)

- Mental health supports: counselling, psychotherapy, CBT, trauma-informed care
- Speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy
- Respite care and transition supports for youth/adults
- Assistive technology and other autism-related services

How to Access: Families must access CAP through a registered service provider. Ask your service provider if they are on the CAP Roster, or check the CAP Service Provider Roster on the Autism Canada website.

Website: autismcanada.org/cap

10. Alberta Child Health Benefit (ACHB)

Funding Source: Government of Alberta — Income-tested, free for eligible families

ACHB provides supplemental health benefits for children in lower-income families, including dental care, optical care, prescription drugs, and ambulance services. This is separate from FSCD and does not require a disability diagnosis.

How to Access: Apply through Alberta Supports. Income thresholds apply.

Website: alberta.ca/alberta-child-health-benefit

Phone: Alberta Supports at 1-877-644-9992

11. Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP)

Funding Source: Government of Alberta — Grant

RAMP provides grants to help low-income Albertans with disabilities modify their homes to improve accessibility and allow them to remain living at home (e.g., ramps, grab bars, widened doorways). Available to families with children with disabilities.

How to Access: Apply through Alberta Supports.

Website: alberta.ca/residential-access-modification-program

Phone: Alberta Supports at 1-877-644-9992

12. 211 Alberta — Community Services Directory

Funding Source: Community-funded — Free to use

211 Alberta is a searchable directory of hundreds of community services across the province, including food banks, housing, mental health, transportation, Indigenous supports, and disability services. Covers services not tied to any single government program.

Phone: Dial 2-1-1 (24/7)

Website: ab.211.ca

13. FCSS — Family & Community Support Services (Community-Based Supports)

Funding Source: Provincial & Municipal (80/20 partnership) — Free to families

FCSS funds nearly 200 community-based programs across Alberta. While FCSS does not fund therapy or disability-specific services directly, many FCSS-funded programs offer supports highly relevant for families of children with disabilities.

What FCSS-funded programs can offer families:

- Parenting workshops and family skills programs (e.g., Triple P Parenting)
- Short-term counselling and mental health supports
- Newcomer and multicultural family supports
- Youth mentorship and inclusion programs
- Community navigation and referral
- Volunteer coordination and peer support

FCSS is a funder, not a direct service provider. Families access supports through FCSS-funded agencies in their community.

To find your local FCSS program: Visit fcssaa.org/about-fcss-programs/find-your-fcss-program or search by map/region. The full searchable database of all ~200 programs is available there.

FCSS Directory — Alberta-Wide (by Region)

Source: FCSSAA member directory. Contact information current as of early 2026 — always verify directly.

CALGARY – BOW RIVER REGION

Community	Phone	Email
Airdrie FCSS	403-948-8800 ext 8497	natasha.guillot@airdrie.ca
Banff FCSS	403-762-1255	shawn.carr@banff.ca
Canmore FCSS	403-678-7130	tara.gilchrist@canmore.ca
Cardston FCSS	403-653-3366	fcss@cardston.ca
Carstairs FCSS	403-940-3327	lorik@carstairs.ca
Castor & District FCSS	403-882-2115	castordistrictfcss@telus.net
Chestermere FCSS	403-207-7050	csinfo@chestermere.ca
City of Calgary FCSS	403-510-1282	robbie.white@calgary.ca
Claresholm FCSS	403-625-4417	fcss.director@claresholm.ca
Coaldale FCSS (BEW)	403-715-2260	zakk.morrison@fcss.ca
Foothills County FCSS	403-603-6229	FCSS@foothillscountyab.ca
Innisfail FCSS	403-227-3376	kristen.mackenzie@innisfail.ca
Irricana FCSS	403-935-4672	brook@irricana.com
Olds FCSS	403-556-7480	fcss@olds.ca
Pincher Creek FCSS	403-627-4406	fcss@pinchercreek.ca
Ponoka FCSS	403-783-4462	shannon@ponokafcscs.net

Community	Phone	Email
Provost & District FCSS	780-753-2288	director@pdfcss.com
Red Deer & District FCSS	403-877-6476	fcss@reddeer.ca
Redcliff FCSS	403-548-3232 ext 123	melody.astika@redcliff.ca
Rimbey FCSS	403-843-2030	info@rchhs.ca
Rocky View County FCSS	403-520-3957	jmckay@rockyview.ca
Special Areas 2,3,4 (Hanna)	403-854-5605	darren.jones@specialareas.ab.ca
Starland County FCSS	403-772-3793	matthewk@starlandcounty.com
Stavelly FCSS	403-489-1661	fcss@stavelly.ca
Stettler & District FCSS	403-742-2337	shelly.walker@stettlercsc.ca
Strathmore FCSS	403-934-9090	fcss@strathmore.ca
Sundre FCSS	403-638-1011	info@mygnp.org
Sylvan Lake FCSS	403-887-1137 ext 429	amcdonald@sylvanlake.ca
Veteran FCSS	403-575-3954	villageofveteran@gmail.com
Vulcan & Region FCSS	403-485-2192 ext 104	director@vulcanandregionfcss.com
Wheatland FCSS	403-934-5335	cgaudet@wfcss.org

EDMONTON – EVERGREEN REGION

Community	Phone	Email
Alix FCSS	403-747-2495	cao@villageofalix.ca
Amisk FCSS	780-856-3980	village@amisk.ca
Bashaw FCSS	780-372-3911	bdss1@telusplanet.net
Beaumont FCSS	780-929-8782	fcss@beaumont.ab.ca
Bon Accord FCSS	780-921-3550	ffayant@bonaccord.ca
Breton FCSS	780-696-3636	bfcss@telus.net
Buffalo Lake Metis	780-689-2275	csd@blmetis.ca
Camrose & District FCSS	780-672-0141	director@camrosefcss.ca
Drayton Valley & District FCSS	780-542-7000	fcss@draytonvalley.ca
Redwater FCSS	780-942-4101	dgordey@redwater.ca
Rocky Mountain House FCSS	403-845-5422	fcsscoordinator@rockymtnhouse.com
Ross Haven FCSS	780-999-6654	cao@rosshaven.ca
Ryley FCSS	780-663-3653	fcss@ryley.ca
Sandy Beach FCSS	780-967-2873	svsandyb@xplornet.ca
Spruce Grove Community Social Dev.	780-962-7618	csd@sprucegrove.org
St. Albert FCSS	780-914-3513	csmigielski@stalbert.ca
Stony Plain Community & Social Dev.	780-963-8588	lgilchrist@stonyplain.com
Strathcona County FCS	780-464-4044	kesa.shikaze@strathcona.ca

Community	Phone	Email
Sturgeon County FCSS	780-939-8351	tosborne@sturgeoncounty.ca
Tofield-Beaver County West FCSS	780-662-7067	tboastradley@tofielddalberta.ca
Wetaskiwin FCSS	780-312-7486	emily.thompson@wetaskiwinfcss.com
Wetaskiwin County FCSS	780-352-3321 ext 227	glynch@county10.ca
Yellowstone FCSS (Summer Village)	587-862-0500	office@svyellowstone.ca

EAST CENTRAL REGION

Community	Phone	Email
Barrhead & District FCSS	780-674-3341	executive.director@barrheadfcss.org
Bassano FCSS	403-641-3788	fcss@bassano.ca
Bonnyville & District FCSS	780-826-2120	bdfcss@town.bonnyville.ab.ca
Cold Lake FCSS	780-594-4494	fcss@coldlake.com
Flagstaff Family & Community Services	780-385-3976	director@flagstaffcs.ca
Kitscoty / Vermilion River County	780-846-2244	cmclean@county24.com
Lac la Biche County FCSS	780-623-6754	fcss@laclabichecounty.com
Smoky Lake County FCSS	780-656-3730	badamson@smokylakecounty.ab.ca
Smoky Lake FCSS (Town)	780-656-3674	fcss@smokylake.ca
St. Paul Regional FCSS	780-645-5311	fcss@town.stpaul.ab.ca
Thorhild County FCSS	780-398-3741 ext 2820	kelly.patry@thorhildcounty.com
Two Hills FCSS	780-657-3540	heather.landiak@twohillscss.com
Vegreville & District FCSS	780-632-3966	fcss@vegreville.com
Vermilion FCSS	780-581-2413	ccoleman@vermilion.ca
Viking/Beaver FCSS	780-336-4024	dchrystian@vbfcss.ca
Vilna FCSS	780-636-2077	librarian@vilnapubliclibrary.ab.ca
Wainwright & District FCSS	780-842-2555	director@wainfcs.ca
Waskatenau FCSS	780-358-2208	waskvillage@mcsnet.ca

NORTHEAST REGION

Community	Phone	Email
Athabasca County FCSS	780-675-2623 ext 8311	dwood@athabascacounty.com
Kikino Metis Settlement	780-623-7868	kiadmin@telus.net
Wood Buffalo FCSS (Fort McMurray)	780-743-7978	martin.byaruhanga@rmwb.ca
Youngstown FCSS	403-779-3873	admin@youngstown.ca

NORTHWEST REGION

Community	Phone	Email
Fairview FCSS	780-835-5471	fcss@fairview.ca
High Prairie / Peavine Metis	780-523-4495	dolores.flett@peavinemetis.com
Rainbow Lake FCSS	780-956-3778	splatt@rainbowlake.ca
Saddle Hills County FCSS	780-864-3760	fcss@saddlehills.ab.ca
Sexsmith FCSS	780-568-4345	fcss@sexsmith.ca
Slave Lake FCSS	780-849-8003	fcss@slavelake.ca
Smoky River FCSS (Falher)	780-837-2220	crystal@srfcss.com
Spirit River FCSS	780-864-3500 ext 206	fcss@mdspirriver.ab.ca
Swan Hills FCSS	780-333-4119	fcss@townofswanhills.com
Wembley FCSS	780-766-2269	fcss@wembley.ca
Westlock & District FCSS	780-349-5900	tproulx@westlock.ca
Whitcourt FCSS	780-778-3637 ext 409	angelamitchell@whitcourt.ca
Woodlands County FCSS	780-778-8400	communityservices@woodlands.ab.ca

SOUTH / WEST CENTRAL / YELLOWHEAD REGIONS

Community	Phone	Email
Jasper FCSS	780-852-2100	cread@town.jasper.ab.ca
Three Hills / Kneehill Regional FCSS	403-443-3800	angie@krfcss.com
Yellowhead County FCSS (Edson)	780-325-3782	cmcnernie@yhcounty.ca

This list covers the majority of FCSS programs in the FCSSAA public directory. With nearly 200 programs province-wide, some smaller communities may not appear above. Always use the full FCSSAA searchable directory for the most complete and up-to-date listing.

FCSSAA Program Finder: fcssaa.org/about-fcss-programs/find-your-fcss-program

Provincial FCSS Info: alberta.ca/family-and-community-support-services-fcss-program

Quick Reference Summary

#	Program	Funder	Phone / Website
1	AHS Pediatric Rehab (SLP, OT, PT)	AHS	811 / albertahealthservices.ca

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2	Program Unit Funding (PUF)	Alberta Education	alberta.ca/early-childhood-education
3	Mild/Moderate Funding	Alberta Education	alberta.ca/early-childhood-education
4	Early Childhood Intervention (ECIP)	AHS	811 / albertahealthservices.ca
5	Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)	Alberta Health	1-877-644-9992 / alberta.ca/aadl
6	Disability Tax Credit / Child Disability Benefit	Federal (CRA)	1-800-959-8281 / canada.ca
7	Jordan's Principle	Federal	sac-isc.gc.ca
8	Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB)	Federal	canada.ca/nihb
9	Autism Canada CAP	Charitable	autismcanada.org/programs/cap
10	Alberta Child Health Benefit (ACHB)	Alberta Government	1-877-644-9992 / alberta.ca
11	Residential Access Modification (RAMP)	Alberta Government	1-877-644-9992 / alberta.ca
12	211 Alberta	Community	2-1-1 / ab.211.ca
13	FCSS Community Supports	Provincial/Municipal	fcssaa.org / local municipality

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