

## Autism Funds: Under Age 6 may only be used for:

- Services of behaviour consultants, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and physiotherapists who are listed on the Registry of Autism Service Providers (RASP), at <http://www.actcommunity.net/>.
- Behaviour interventionists
- Administrative costs (up to \$100 monthly).
- Applicable employer costs (e.g. employee income tax, Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance and Workers Compensation Board premiums, 4% vacation pay).

## Autism Funds: Ages 6 – 18 may only be used to for:

- Behaviour consultants
- Speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists
- Behaviour interventionists
- Life skills and social skills programs
- Out-of-school support/tutoring (not part of regular school program)
- Specialized therapeutic activities and camps designed to address your child's ASD
- Dietary or nutritional counselling from a registered dietician/nutritionist
- Family counselling/therapy
- Other interventions recommended by a professional/specialist\* (pre-approval suggested)
- Administrative costs (up to \$50 monthly).
- Applicable employer costs (e.g. employee income tax, Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance and Workers Compensation Board premiums, 4% vacation pay).

## Up to 20% of BOTH Autism Funds: Under Age 6 and Autism Funds: Ages 6-18 may be used for:

- Training within BC
- Travel costs to access autism intervention or training within BC (round trip greater than 80kms)
- Equipment, as necessary for effective intervention, outlined in a Justification for Equipment/Supplies form completed by a professional/specialist\* (behaviour consultant, physiotherapist, speech-language pathologist, paediatrician, psychiatrist, registered psychologist, registered psychological associate, neurologist or occupational therapist). Pre-approval suggested.

**Call 1 877 777-3530 for further information**

For additional information on the Autism Funding Programs see [A Parent's Handbook: Your Guide to Autism Programs](#).

\*Please note that some interventions and equipment recommended by a professional/specialist are not eligible expenses.

The following are examples of items that are not eligible:

- Home repairs/renovations/swimming pools/ hot tubs/trampolines/playground equipment
- Household items, including appliances
- General recreation and sports enrolment fees
- Sports/fitness equipment, including bicycles
- Electronics, including televisions, CD players, stereos, MP3 players, game systems, video games, tracking devices, and cellular phones/palm pilots
- Non-ASD specific CDs, DVDs, and videos
- Musical instruments
- Vitamins/medical supplies/incontinence supplies/orthotics
- Clothing/helmets
- Food (small reinforcers for Applied Behaviour Analysis therapy may be eligible)

Not all ineligible expenses are listed. It is recommended that families contact the Autism Funding Unit at 1 877 777-3530 for pre-approval before purchasing items.