

About the Ontario Autism Program (OAP)

What is the Ontario Autism Program (OAP)?

OAP is a provincial program that supports children and youth on the autism spectrum up to the age of 18 and provides support to families. OAP is the single-entry point to accessing services at no cost and to getting on the list to receive direct funding which you can use to purchase services for your child.

Your child must have a diagnosis of autism to be eligible for the Ontario Autism Program (OAP).

Different options to getting a diagnosis

- 1. Contact the diagnostic hub in your region to schedule an autism assessment. <u>To learn more about the diagnostic hubs and find the one in your area click here</u>
- 2. Make an appointment with a family doctor or pediatrician to discuss an autism assessment and diagnosis.
- 3. A psychologist may also provide an autism diagnosis on a fee for service basis. You may have to pay out of pocket for this service. Check with your work benefits or private insurance to see if have coverage.

If your child has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder

SET UP AN ACCOUNT WITH ACCESS OAP- <u>Access OAP</u> is the single-entry point that connects families to Ontario Autism Program Services. You must register with Access OAP to access these services and funding to pay for supports.

To learn more about Ontario Autism Program Services click here.

