

Services Available through Ontario Autism Program

There are 5 service streams available for families that register with AccessOAP.

Services available free of charge

FOUNDATIONAL FAMILY SERVICES These programs are available free of charge for all families registered with the OAP. Services provide families with the support needed for their child's ongoing development and specific needs. These are offered on-line or in person and are tailored to the family's needs. Families can register with an agency that is offering the program.

CAREGIVER-MEDIATED EARLY YEARS PROGRAM These programs are free of charge to those registered with the OAP. The programs are offered to families with children between ages 1-4 years. Workshops are offered once per fiscal year and they run for either 6 or 12 months depending on the workshop selected. In these play-based programs, caregivers will learn strategies based on their child's specific learning and development needs such as social interaction, communication, play and emotional development. Families will be contacted when the program is available to them.

ENTRY TO SCHOOL PROGRAM This program is free of charge to those registered with the OAP and may have some additional eligibility requirements. The program is available for children ages 3 to 6 years old who will be transitioning into school for the first time. The program offers up to 6 months of skill building in class or through the childcare consult stream and up to another 6 months of transitional support once they enter school. Families will be contacted when the program is available to them. To learn more, click [here](#).

URGENT RESPONSE SERVICE This is a time limited program available for children and youth who are registered with OAP. Urgent Response Services offer a multidisciplinary approach to supporting caregivers with coping strategies to manage emerging challenging behaviour to prevent further escalation. Urgent Response Teams may include a Registered Behaviour Analyst, Social Worker, Respite Worker and Service Coordinator. Appointments for this program typically occur in the family's home, where mediator training can occur. This program is free of charge and offered by specific agencies in your area.

Services you can purchase with your OAP funding or other money

CORE CLINICAL SERVICES These include applied behaviour analysis, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, mental health services, and technology and program materials. These services can be purchased using the funding provided directly to families by the government of Ontario. You may also pay out of pocket or use benefits if you have these available.

To learn more about the Ontario Autism Program and the 5 Service Streams available, visit
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-autism-program>