

Parent Referral Information

If you would like more information,
or would like to make
a referral please contact us.

**Family Supports for
Children with Disabilities**
Health and Social Services

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We promote partnerships between
parents and service providers.*

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Frequently asked questions...

Who can make a referral to Family Supports for Children with a Disability?

- A parent or guardian.
- Someone working with the child such as a doctor or teacher (with permission of the parent or guardian).

Who is eligible for services?

The following criteria must be met for a child to be eligible:

- The immediate family lives in Yukon.
- The child is under 19 years of age.
- The child must have a chronic developmental, physical, sensory, cognitive, mental health or neurological impairment that significantly limits a child's ability to function in normal daily living. A child does not need to have a diagnosis and can be in the process of assessment to receive supports.

What information will I need to provide?

- The child's name, date of birth, type of disability, caregiver names and if there are any reports regarding the child's disability.

What funding for supports may be available to the child and family?

- respite
- family coach
- family counselling
- inclusion supports
- sibling care

Families will first need to access other appropriate resources prior to accessing the Family Supports for Children with Disabilities program (e.g., private insurance, employee benefit programs, other government programs). No financial information is required to access services.

If the child has complex needs, what specialized funding for interventions may be available?

- research-based therapies
- specialized recreational therapies and camps
- homemaker services for family
- in-home child care
- discretionary funding

What happens after the referral is made?

- A social worker will contact the family to arrange a convenient time to meet and discuss the family's needs. Visits can occur either at the family's home, the Family Supports for Children with Disabilities office or another location. One or two, hour-long meetings may be required.

What should be brought to the initial meeting?

- Yukon Health Care card: for all family members
- Status Indian card (if applicable)

What happens at the initial meeting?

- Introductions.
- Review of confidentiality.
- Further information will be gathered about your child and family's needs.
- Consent forms will be reviewed.
- Discussion of other supports available to the family.
- Explanation of supports and services available to the child and family.