

How Do I Access Support Through the CDS?

1. *Fill out an application. Individuals or anyone who supports someone with a cognitive disability can apply. Applications are available through most schools, service providers and through the Cognitive Disability Consultant.*
2. *The cognitive disability consultant will contact the referral source and the family to get more information and proceed with the application process.*

If you are unsure if you or your family is eligible, contact the Consultant for more information.

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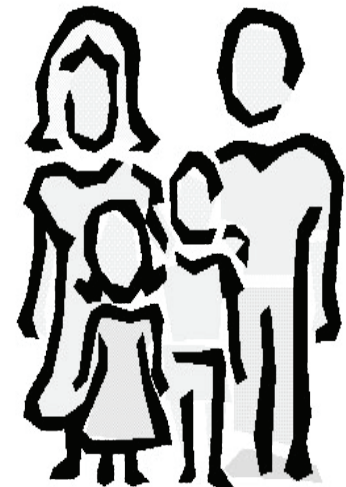
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Cognitive
Disability Strategy

Information for Parents and Service Providers



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What is the Cognitive Disability Strategy?

The Cognitive Disability Strategy (CDS) is a provincial government initiative directed at bridging the gaps in services that most individuals and families with cognitive disabilities encounter.

The Goals of CDS are:

- Improving accessibility to assessment and treatment services
- Provide training and education to caregivers, teachers and service providers who work with people experiencing cognitive disabilities
- Provide funding for individuals and families to access services that may not be available in the community
- Provide support and funding to ensure children and adults with cognitive disabilities can participate in school and community

What is a Cognitive Disability?

- *Serious limitations in learning and processing information that affect a person's ability to retain information, learn new skills, make good decisions and communicate with others*
- *There may be behaviours which reduce a person's ability to function socially and emotionally*
- *Developmental challenges that limit a person's ability to care for themselves, their level of independence and/or their ability to participate in work, leisure or the community*
- *Limitations are typically long term*
- *Are not specifically tied to an IQ score*

What Can CDS Do For Me and My Family?

Services provided by CDS are tailored to the needs of individuals and families; however the following are examples of requests made by other families:

Funding For:

- Mentors
- Respite
- Therapeutic services
- Personal care items
- Residential support for independent persons
- Academic supports
- Diagnostic services
- Special dietary needs

Please note that eligibility for **funding** is based on Daily Support Living Assessment Scores and are subject to Income Testing

Other Supports:

- Information on disorders/diagnoses
- Assistance finding community based services
- In home behavioural support
- Information and education for service providers