



TOOLBOX FOR PARENTS

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Integration into childcare services

- My child has just obtained an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis. I would like to enroll him in a childcare facility, are any resources available to help my child within this structure?

Your child has just obtained an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis, and you would like to enroll him in childcare facility. Before enrolling your child, it is important to be aware of the different types of childcare services available. Some are entirely or partially subsidised, and others are entirely private. Only subsidised childcare services have access to an allowance to help integrate a child with a disability into a childcare centre.

- Which childcare services are subsidised?

Early Childhood Centres
(Centre de la petite enfance, CPE)

Subsidised private daycares
Subsidised home daycares

- What is the allowance to help integrate a disabled child?

The ministère de la Famille is responsible for subsidised childcare services. These services are supported through special funding to integrate children with disabilities into childcare services, as per its integration policy. This funding is divided into two components:

- The first component is dedicated to administrative costs, such as costs related to managing the child's file as well as those associated to material resources (Ministère de la Famille, 2017)
- The second component is dedicated to putting in place the means to ensure that integration targets are met, such as decreasing the number of children per educator, hiring staff or assistants, training or replacing staff receiving training etc.

Childcare providers who work with a child with a disability are **responsible** for promoting the child's integration and for using these funds solely for the above purposes.

- Which documents are needed to obtain this allowance?

In addition to a professional report attesting to your child's disability, your child's application to childcare services must also include recommendations from at least one professional on measures to put in place in order to promote your child's integration. These recommendations should more specifically clarify the material and human resources necessary to support your child. A form currently exists that professionals may fill out. Finally, a childcare integration plan is mandatory for this process.

- Which professionals can fill out this form?

Physicians
Occupational Therapists
Physical therapists
Optometrists
Audiologists
Speech therapists
Psychologists
Psychoeducators
(Ministère de la famille, 2017)

- What processing times can I expect?

"Childcare service providers are eligible to receive the allowance starting from the date where the parent's file contains all required documents" (Ministère de la famille, 2017)

- My child displays daily problem behaviours, are childcare services within their right in turning away my child?

"Although childcare and educational services may select their clientele (depending on their organisational structure and resources), the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms prohibits any discrimination on the basis of disability. Therefore, it is expected that educational settings will undertake reasonable efforts to integrate a child with a disability when parents require a place." (Ministère de la famille, 2017)

- What if I have further questions of a complaint to lodge?

You must contact the Minister of Families. 



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