

The Children's Link Society

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Developmental Delays General resources:

- ◆ **Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) – (403) 955-6955.** AADL assists families raising a child with a long-term disability, chronic or terminal illness, with the extraordinary cost of medical equipment or supplies needed for day-to-day living. Please see the enclosed brochure for more information.
- ◆ **Family Supports For Children with Disabilities**
Phone: (403) 297 - 6022
Websites: <http://www.calgaryandareacfsa.gov.ab.ca>
[http://www.calgaryandareacfsa.gov.ab.ca/CRV.nsf/\(Search\)/Family+Support+for+Children+with+Disabilities-Overview](http://www.calgaryandareacfsa.gov.ab.ca/CRV.nsf/(Search)/Family+Support+for+Children+with+Disabilities-Overview)

The policy and procedures manual for FSCD is available online at the above websites.
Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) provides funding/financial support to families under Family *Focused* Services and the Child Focused Services.

- ◆ **Respite List** - Enclosed is a list put together by The Children's Link Society that lists agencies that provide relief and respite services for families. Many of the agencies bill FSCD directly. Please take the time to look over the different agencies, as some would be more suitable than others for your family. Also see our web site at www.childrenslink.ca for up to date caregiver options.
- ◆ **DDRC -Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary- (403)-240-3111.** DDRC is an organization dedicated to including people with developmental disabilities in the community in real and meaningful ways.
- ◆ **The Alberta Child Health Benefit – 1-877-469-5437.** The Alberta Child Health Benefit is a health benefit plan for children in low-income families. The program offers coverage of dental, optical, emergency ambulance and prescription drug services. Please see the enclosed brochure for program details and eligibility.
- ◆ **Supported Child Care Program – Child Care Services – (403) 297-6100 – Marg Stastny.** Calgary Rocky View Child and Family Services Supported Child Care Program assists licensed and approved childcare programs in the provision of developmentally appropriate childcare services to children with special needs. Please see the enclosed information on the program or contact **Marg Stastny** at the above number.
- ◆ **Pediatric Behavioral Developmental Clinic (Sunridge Professional Building) – CHR – (403) 663- 3040 and The Alberta Children's Hospital Child Development Centre ((403) 955- 5900.** To access a developmental clinic, a referral must be made

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by a physician. Please contact one of the above developmental clinics for more information or contact your pediatrician or general practitioner. www.cpsa.ab.ca

- ◆ **Pediatricians List** – For an up to date listing of pediatricians in Calgary, go to <http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca:82/hsd/>. This is a very helpful site in that you can specify the area of the city close to you.
- ◆ **In-Home Supports for Parents and Children.** Often families raising children with special needs require in-home support for their family. As parents of children with special needs and having “been there”, we have enclosed a list of agencies that provide support in a number of capacities to families dealing with the day-to-day challenges of raising a child with special needs. Please see the enclosed list of agencies that may be helpful for your family.
- ◆ **The Disability Tax Credit Information** – This is a non-refundable tax credit that you can use to reduce the amount of income tax you have to pay. Please call **1-800-959-8281** for information on how to apply for this credit and form - T2201A from Revenue Canada. Website: www.cra.gc.ca/alternate
- ◆ **The Children's Link Society's Family Link Program** – (403) 230-9158. The Children's Link Society offers the Family Link *a program* which works at bringing families together to share their expertise, joys and frustrations and the special understanding of having a son or daughter with a disability. *Coffee* socials are held for this parent-to-parent connection. Please contact 403-230-9158 for more information. website: www.childrenslink.ca
- ◆ **Calgary Health Region (CHR) Early Intervention Program** – (403) 955-5944. *A family can participate in the Early Intervention Program if their child is under 3 years of age and has a diagnosed delay/disability or is experiencing a delay in development that has not been diagnosed.* Assessment information is also available through the CHR. Please call for more information on the services that they provide.
- ◆ **Special Education Funding – Program Unit Funding (PUF) - 1-780-422-6326 or toll free by dialing 310-0000 and then dialing (780) 422-6326.** Preschool children that have special needs are eligible for PUF funded preschool programs. Please see the criteria in the information enclosed.
- ◆ **Preschool Options List** - We have enclosed our preschools options list for your information. On this list, you will find preschools that specialize in programs for children with special needs and programs that integrate children with special needs. Many of the preschools listed on our list, also have support staff such as speech therapists, physical therapists and occupational therapists. They may also have a higher ratio of adults to children and the schools listed have had experience accessing PUF funding. Community preschools may also access PUF funding, but they must be an accredited ECS operator and an ECS teacher must oversee the program. Community preschools can contact Alberta Learning – Special Education Funding, at the above number for more information.

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- ◆ **The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) – Parkdale Centre – (403) 777-7240.** Parkdale Centre is the School, Student and Services Centre that parents may call when placing their child with the CBE. The Emily Follensbee School is an example of a school providing a comprehensive program to students with complex learning needs. For more information on Emily Follensbee School, please call 403-777-6980. (Website: www.cbe.ab.ca.)
- ◆ **The Calgary Catholic Board of Education -** Registration for students with special needs information for parents enclosed. If you need further information please contact Heather Rose, Supervisor, and Instructional Support Team at 403-291-1581 (Website: www.cssd.ab.ca)
- **Alberta Education.** Alberta Education can be reached by dialing 780-310-0000 then dialing 780-422-6326. This is a toll free number. *The Learning Team* is an information handbook for Parents of Children with Special Needs. It provides helpful information for parents on policies, procedures, individualized program plans, transition planning, collaboration and resolving differences. You can find a free PDF version of this resource at: www.learning.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/spec-ed/partners/ or you can purchase a copy for \$5.70 + GST from Alberta Learning.
- ◆ **Alberta Education Special Education Coding** – Please see the enclosed listing of Special Education Coding which is used in the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic Board of Education.
website: www.learning.gov.ab.ca/K_12/specialneeds/SpecialEd_def.pdf
- ◆ **Private School Options** – Please see attached information for more details.
- ◆ **Home Schooling Options** - Please see attached information for more details

Recreational options

- ◆ **Recreation Options for Children with Special Needs.** Enclosed is a listing of recreational options for children with special needs. Also enclosed is a listing of a number of options for day and residential **summer camps**.

I hope the enclosed information will be helpful for your family. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 403-230-9158.

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