## **GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS**

In addition to services accessed through your area Developmental Services Ontario (DSO), the following government financial programs may be available to you:

## **Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)**

If you have a disability and need help with your living expenses, you may be eligible for the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). ODSP offers:

- financial assistance to help you and your family pay for essential living expenses.
- health benefits, for you and your family, including prescription drugs and vision care.
- help to find and keep a job, and advance your career.

Contact the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) office in your area for more ODSP information.

## **Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)**

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) can help you or your family save for the future. An RDSP can earn interest tax-free until it is taken out of the plan.

The government can make contributions if you have a low or modest family income, regardless of whether or not you contribute financially to your plan. It can also provide grants based on matching contributions from private sources.

The government offers up to \$20,000 in bonds and \$70,000 in grants to eligible individuals.

These government contributions are paid to your RDSP until you become 49 years of age. Any contribution to your RDSP will have no impact on your other federal benefits such as the Canada Child Benefit, the Goods and Services Tax Credit, Old Age Security payments and Employment Insurance.

## **Need more information?**

To find out more about these services, connect with your area DSO, local MCCSS office, 2-1-1, or visit dsontario.ca.









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