

# FAQ

## Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)



### 1 What does FSCD do? Who are they?

FSCD is a *voluntary* program that helps families with the extraordinary costs of raising a child with a disability (0-18).

### 2 How long is the wait to receive an FSCD contract?

The wait time to receive an FSCD contract varies. Sometimes, it can take up to one year from start to finish for a contract to be completed.

### 3 What can I do while waiting to speak with an FSCD worker?

- Access Alberta Health Services
- Access PUF funding
- Access community-based programs
- Play, talk, and read with your child
- Hire a private team and personally cover the costs

### 4 Is FSCD the same as PUF?

No, FSCD and PUF are not the same.

PUF (Program Unit Funding) is provided to school authorities for children with disabilities who require additional educational support.

FSCD does not have anything to do with educational supports.

### 5 Does FSCD pay for tutoring?

No, they do not. However, you can check out our [Community Resource Database](#) and search for tutoring options. There are a few free options available!

### 6 My child is two years old and has just been diagnosed. I don't have an FSCD contract or PUF yet. What can I do?

If your child is young and does not qualify for PUF funding yet or if the wait time for FSCD is long, you can check to see if there are any mom and tot groups available in your community that you can access in the meantime.

### 7 Once I receive my contract, should I just automatically sign it?

It is always good practice to thoroughly review the contract and ensure all needed support is in place before signing the contract. However, contracts can be revisited at any point by contacting your worker.

### 8 Should I communicate with my FSCD worker if there are any changes to my child's health or any extra supports needed before my present contract expires?

Absolutely. You can email or phone your FSCD worker to notify them of any changes. To best support you and your family, your FSCD worker needs to be updated on all changes, in a timely manner.

### 9 What is respite? How can I use it?

Respite funding is available so that you, as the parent/guardian, can receive a break and maintain your health and wellness. You can be as creative as you wish when using your approved respite hours.

### 10 Is FSCD based on income level?

No, FSCD is not based on family income or a particular diagnosis.