

The Family Support Grant Program is administered by the Department of Social Services to provide a monthly subsidy to a parent or other family member of a child with a developmental disability, other than mental retardation, in order to meet the extraordinary expenses of that child.

The grant can be used for ongoing costs such as:

*medical expenses*  
**special equipment**  
*medical transportation*  
**special clothing.**

Developmental disability means a severe, chronic disability of a person five years of age or older which:

- is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments,
- is manifested before age 22,
- is likely to continue indefinitely,
- results in substantial functional limitations in three or more

areas of major life activity such as:

*self care,*  
**receptive and expressive language,**  
*learning,*  
**mobility,**  
*self-direction,*  
**capacity for independent living,**  
*economic self-sufficiency.*

**To be considered for the program you must meet the following conditions:**

- be a resident of Connecticut, and
- have a child in your household for whom you have primary responsibility to care for, who is under 18 years of age who has a developmental disability, not including mental retardation, and
- have a gross income that is not greater than 140% of the previous year's median family income for Connecticut.

Income includes the gross income of the family applicant, any legally liable relative in the household and any income of the child with the disability.

Income may be reduced by disability-related expenses. These are costs incurred on behalf of the child and are directly associated with his or her disability. These may include disability-related expenses not covered by or reimbursable by insurance or other funding sources, including:

*medical supplies*  
**equipment**  
*prescriptions*  
**medical and dental care**  
*transportation costs.*

### **Benefits**

The amount of the benefit is up to \$250 per month (\$3,000 annually). Checks are sent monthly to the parent or guardian. Cases are reviewed semi-annually and at each review the parent or guardian must give an accounting of how the benefit was used for the child.

The Family Support Grant Program is not an entitlement program. Funding is provided within the available appropriations.

The Department has established a waiting list. Names are added to the list in the order they are received.

Persons interested in having their names added to the list, may contact any local office of the Department of Social Services, or the Disability Services Unit at 860-424-5388.

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The Department of Social Services' programs are available to all applicants and recipients without regard race, color, religious creed, sex, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, criminal record, political beliefs, sexual orientation, mental retardation, mental disability, learning disability or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness.

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