

## Funding for Special Needs

Children with special needs often require unique equipment, supplies and activities that are crucial to their health and/or enhance their quality of life. Often these essentials are not covered by insurance and may be impossible to acquire, or may critically impact families' financial well-being. Funding special needs items is a challenge, but there are sources that can help.

Requests for funds through OCCYSHN can be submitted through a representative of one of the OCCYSHN Programs (CaCoon, Community Connections Network, Family Involvement Network or other OCCYSHN grant activities), or directly to the Family Support Program by a health, education or agency advocate.



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Family Support Program



OCCYSHN  
OREGON CENTER FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH  
SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS

*The Family Support Program  
provides financial assistance  
for products, resources or  
service items related to the  
care of a child with special  
health needs.*



## Eligibility

### General (\$750 FSP funds per child, per year)

- Children birth to 21 years of age.
- Families must live in Oregon or pay Oregon income tax.

### Medical

FSP is for children who have long-term developmental, physical or medical conditions. All three of the following elements must exist for a child to be eligible:

1. The special health need is complex enough to:
  - a. Restrict growth and development, or
  - b. Restrict the ability to engage in usual activities, or
  - c. Create a functional limitation.
2. The condition requires specialty medical care or more medical services than a typically developing child of the same age.
3. The condition has lasted, or is likely to persist, at least 12 months.

### Financial

- Due to limited funding, priority is given to those families who have a true demonstrated need.
- Family financial need will be determined by the individual facilitating the request on behalf of the family. A statement of financial need is required.
- FSP dollars are the payment of last resort.
- Annual cap of \$750.00 per child, per year.

## Examples of FSP Services

- Adaptive equipment
- Assistive technology and educational devices
- Disposable medical supplies
- Medical equipment
- Oral appliances
- Therapeutic activities
- Equipment rentals
- Specialized nutrition
- Nutrition and feeding supplies
- Interpreter services
- Lodging and transportation (reimbursable expenses)
- Orthotics
- Crisis Fund



## Other Funding

### Zetosch Funds (\$1,000 - \$1,500 per child, per year)

- A private endowment established to support the purchase of adaptive equipment and assistive technology to enhance educational opportunities for children with special health needs.
- Families must be Oregon residents or pay Oregon income tax and have demonstrated financial need.
- Funds must be used for equipment related to educational needs. Covered equipment include: computers, printers, software, communication devices, hearing aids, eyeglasses, van lifts, tie downs, wheelchairs, ramps, and other mobility items.
- Contact: OCCYSHN office  
(see back of brochure for details)



### Street Rods (\$1,000 per child, per year)

- Private funds for residents of Southern Oregon counties (Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake).
- Funds can be used to purchase services, equipment, supplies, adaptive recreation activities, transportation and lodging. Prior authorization of funding is required.
- Apply through the Eugene CDRC Clinic:

Contact: **Marianne Taylor**  
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