

Optional/Available Services

- **Respite Care** to provide primary caregiver(s) with temporary relief from the stress and intensity of caring for a child with special needs
- **Assistive Technology** such as video modeling, DVDs, equipment, language generating devices, etc.
- **Memberships** to community organizations directly related to voucher-funded services
- **Registration** to workshops or training for independent living skills
- **Adaptive sports and activities** related to voucher-funded activities

Optional/Available Services (continued)

- **Transportation**
- **Specialized camps**
- **Parent training**
- **Educational materials**
- **Tutoring**
- **Sensory equipment**
- **Safety equipment**
- **Self-care equipment**

NOTE: House Bill 1038, approved during the 2013 North Dakota Legislative Session, created the autism voucher program and specified that vouchers cannot cover behavioral therapies.

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Autism Services Voucher Program

Who?

What?

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Who qualifies for the voucher program?

Families of children ages 3 through 17 *diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder* that have a gross family income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty level, and are not receiving services through a Medicaid waiver, may qualify for the **Autism Services Voucher Program**. See details at www.nd.gov/dhs/autism.

Why apply?

The goal of the **Autism Services Voucher Program** is to address gaps in non-therapy related services and to provide education and support to families who may not qualify for other help.

What does the program do?

The voucher program helps pay for assistive technology, training, and other approved support services that enhance the quality of life of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and help meet the unique needs of their families.

The program provides vouchers totaling up to \$12,500 per year, per qualifying child, to help eligible families with the cost of supporting a child with autism.

IMPORTANT: Early intervention and therapy services are not covered by the voucher program.



How do families apply?

To apply for voucher services, a family must complete an application, which is online at www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn60611.pdf or available from the Autism Services Unit at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C, Bismarck, ND 58501-1208.

Families must provide proof of income, proof of ND residency of at least six-months, and a copy of a confirmed diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

In addition, professional recommendations are required for approval of all voucher purchases. The application and income chart, as well as other information about autism-related services, are online at www.nd.gov/dhs/autism.