

April 25, 2022

MEMORANDUM TO: Services Providers

FROM: Jeff Gill
Director, East Region

RE: **Family Supports Programs for children and youth with special needs: Launch of online application forms**

I am writing to inform you of a new way for families to apply for two direct funding programs that provide support for families of children and youth with special needs: the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) and Special Services at Home (SSAH) programs.

Effective April 29, 2022, the ministry will be offering an online application form for these two programs that can be used by all families, and agencies that support families, to apply for these programs.

The online application forms are available on the program page of each program as follows:

- ACSD: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistance-children-severe-disabilities-program>
- SSAH: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/special-services-home>

Paper forms have been updated to match the content of the online forms. Paper forms will continue to be accepted. Note that the SSAH form is currently being updated and will be posted to the SSAH page of Ontario.ca shortly.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact your program supervisor.