

### Adoption Financial Assistance – Ongoing Maintenance

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: 18 or younger

Disability Type: Not specified

Children become eligible for adoption through Child and Family Services either because birth parents have consented or because the Court has determined that the parents are unable to care for the child. Where possible, social workers with Child and Family Services involve birth parents in planning for their child. There is particular recognition given to preserving the unique heritage and cultural ties of aboriginal children. Family service and adoption workers with Child and Family Services agencies get to know the children who come into their care. Where children will not be able to return to their families, it will be determined whether adoption or long-term care is in the children's best interest. If the child is old enough, he or she helps to make this choice.

Following adoption placement of a permanent ward, financial assistance is available for families who adopt a child with special needs that require special services or for families who are adopting more than one child from the same family.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
No	No	

Web Link: [http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/adopt\\_wards.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/adopt_wards.html)

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### Child Related Income Supplement

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Parents of children under 18

Disability Type: Not specified

MCB is a provincial income supplement program providing monthly benefits to lower-income Manitoba families needing assistance with the cost of raising children.

Under the program rules, you cannot receive MCB benefits if you receive income assistance. If you receive only the health care benefits portion of

provincial Employment and Income Assistance, you can apply for MCB benefits. Wards of the Province and children in temporary placement under The Child and Family Services Act are NOT eligible for MCB. Treaty Indians may be eligible for benefits, except those persons living on a reserve or in receipt of income assistance from the Government of Canada or from an Indian Band.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
Yes	No	

Income/Asset Conditions: based on eligibility for the Canada Child Tax Benefit and not receiving Employment and Income Assistance Benefits

Web Link: [www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/pubs/mcb\\_app\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/pubs/mcb_app_guidelines.pdf)

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### Employment and Income Assistance

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Not specified

The program provides financial assistance to those who require help to meet basic personal and family needs. The program aims to assist participants to find and sustain employment, and increase self sufficiency.

Basic personal and family needs may include food, shelter, clothing, utilities, and transportation to medical appointments, as well as certain health related costs. For persons with disabilities an additional Income Assistance for Persons with Disabilities benefit is provided to assist with the additional cost of disability.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
Yes	Yes	Yes

RDSP Exemption: The Manitoba Government has announced that they will exempt the RDSP from affecting eligibility for Employment and Income Assistance.

Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/eia.html>

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### Families First

Offered by: Healthy Child Manitoba

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Not specified

Families First offers home visiting supports to families with children, from pregnancy to school entry. There is no cost. Families First is delivered across the province by community public health. First a public health nurse will visit with you to talk about your family. Together you will decide what community resources would be best for your family.

Home visiting may be one of the options available to you. A home visitor will meet with you and your family on a regular basis for up to three years. The home visitor will support you in building a strong relationship with your child and family, while sharing information and suggesting activities to help your child grow up healthy and happy.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
No	No	

Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/inclusion.html>

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### Income Assistance for Persons with Disabilities

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Not specified

The Income Assistance for Persons with a Disabilities Program provides financial and employment assistance for adults with a disability who are enrolled in the Employment and Income Assistance program. This additional financial assistance is provided in recognition of the additional costs of persons with disabilities which are associated with living in the community.

As well, if you are enrolled in the Persons with Disabilities category, you may receive the following extra assistance:

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt

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[www.plan.ca](http://www.plan.ca)

Yes	Yes	Yes
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RDSP Exemption: The Manitoba Government has announced that they will exempt the RDSP from affecting eligibility for Income Assistance for Persons with Disabilities.

Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/pwd/iapd.html>

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### Manitoba Child Benefit

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Dependent children under 18 and who are listed on your Manitoba Health card.

Disability Type: Not specified

The Manitoba Child Benefit provides financial assistance which will help ensure parents will not lose all support for their children when moving off welfare. Up to 33,000 families with children will benefit.

For low-income, working families of up to \$420 tax free each year for every child. Monthly payments will begin in January 2008. For a single parent of three children working full or part time and earning \$15,000 or less, this totals \$1,260 with partial benefits for parents who earn \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
Yes	No	

Income/Asset Conditions: Cannot be in receipt of Employment and Income Assistance unless you are ONLY receiving the health benefits portion of EIA

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### Manitoba Child Care Program – Inclusion Support Program

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Not specified

The Child Care Inclusion Support Program funds child care centres, nursery

schools, family and group child care homes to reduce or eliminate barriers to allow a child with additional support needs to fully participate in an early learning and child care program.

All children should have equal opportunity to access licensed child care in their community. This includes those who require additional program supports due to a special need. Inclusion in early learning and child care is the practice of educating and caring for children of all abilities together in the group setting. The goal is to enhance each child's development within the regular daily program and foster positive social attitudes toward all abilities.

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Yes	No	

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### Manitoba Home Care Program

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Not specified

The Manitoba Home Care Program, established in its present form in September 1974, is the oldest comprehensive, province-wide, universal home care program in Canada. Home Care is provided to Manitobans of all ages based on assessed need and taking into account other resources available to the individual including families, community resources and other programs. In 2007-08 the average number of clients receiving coordinated Home Care services each month was 22,986 and an estimated 39,000 Manitobans in total received Home Care services in the year. Most of the individuals served are seniors.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
No	No	

Income/Asset Conditions: Based on assessed needs of the individual taking into account resources available for the person, including family.

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Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/homecare/index.html>

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### Manitoba Shelter Benefit - Persons with Disabilities

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Not specified, depends on which group, (families, senior, persons with a disability)

Disability Type: Not specified

Up to \$210 per month is available to eligible persons who rent their living accommodation in the private market and who are required to spend a large portion of their income on rent. The amount of the benefit depends on household income and the monthly cost of renting.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
Yes	No	

Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/shelterbenefit-disabled.html>

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### Manitoba Student Loan – Interest Relief Program

Offered by: Advanced Education and Literacy

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Not specified

Both the governments of Canada and Manitoba have Interest Relief programs available if you are experiencing difficulty making your minimum monthly payments on your student loans.

If you are approved for Interest Relief, the benefit covers a six-month period. During this time, you are not required to make payments on your student loan; the government makes your interest payments on your behalf. Every six months, you must either reapply for the program, or resume making payments on your loan.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt

Yes	No	
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Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/download.html>

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### Supported Living

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Not specified

Services are provided to eligible adults with a mental disability in each region of the province. Services are planned on a person-centered basis to meet the unique need of each individual.

Residential Services - provide care and accommodation to assist adults with a mental disability to live in the community in their residential option of choice including a family home, independent living and residential care facilities.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
No	No	

Web Link: [http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/building\\_independence.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/building_independence.html)

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### Telecommunications Program

Offered by: Manitoba Health

Age Limit: Not specified

Disability Type: Profoundly deaf or speech impaired

Manitoba residents who are profoundly deaf or speech impaired as diagnosed by a medical practitioner specializing in otolaryngology or an audiologist and do not have the costs paid through other provincial or federal programs are eligible.

Manitoba Health will provide assistance towards the cost of telecommunications equipment which allows telephone conversations to be conducted by keyboard and display terminal instead of voice. Manitoba

Health will pay 80 per cent of the equipment cost to a maximum allowable rebate of \$428.00. Manitoba Health will reimburse one telecommunications device every five years.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
No	No	

Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip/telecommunications.html>

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### Manitoba Shelter Benefit - Seniors

Offered by: Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Age Limit: 55 or older

Disability Type: Not specified

The 55 PLUS Program, a Manitoba Income Supplement, provides quarterly benefits to lower-income Manitobans who are 55 years of age and over, and whose incomes are within certain levels. Eligibility is based on income reported in your tax return from the previous year. Applications can be submitted anytime during the year.

Applicants who are not yet receiving benefits through the Old Age Security Program are required to submit a new application each year. Benefits are mailed four times a year, in late April, July, October and January. When it has been determined that you are eligible, you will receive a benefit cheque for each three-month period. Your first payment will include benefits for the three-month period during which your completed application is approved.

Income Tested	Asset Tested	RDSP Exempt
Yes	No	

Web Link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/shelterbenefit-seniors.html>

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