

what adoption support programs are available?

MCFD's Post-adoption Assistance Program

The Ministry of Children and Family Development recognizes that families who adopt children with special needs are often taking on extraordinary demands and may require financial and other support to meet the child's needs. The Post-adoption Assistance Program is child specific; it is based on the services required to meet a specific child's needs.

The Post-adoptive Assistance Program is available for children placed through the ministry and designated as having special needs. The program provides payment for specific services related to the child's special needs, such as respite, counseling or therapy, equipment, corrective dental treatment or medical expenses not covered by the parents' extended medical plans. It may also cover services for the family, as a whole, such as counseling, homemaking services and parenting support.

For more information about the Post-adoption Assistance Program, call your local ministry Adoption office, listed in the blue pages of your local phone directory.

In addition to ministry programs, there are other agencies offering a network of support to adoptive families. The Adoptive Families Association (AFA) is a province-wide organization providing information and support to prospective adoptive families. The AFA provides opportunities for you to share your feelings, experiences, challenges and joys with other adoptive parents, either when you have adopted, are going through the adoption process, or thinking about adoption.

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