



2008/09 Budget and People with Disabilities

FACTS

- The 2008–09 Provincial Budget provides over \$20 million to support the inclusion of people with disabilities in the social and economic life of our province.
- These investments demonstrate government’s commitment to securing the future for people with disabilities.

2008-09 Budget Highlights by Ministry:

Social Services

- A \$2.4 million investment to expand community-based residential and day program supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- \$1.6 million to community-based organizations funded through Community Living Division for a 2.3 per cent wage increase and selected non-salary expenses.
- \$700,000 increase to the Cognitive Disability Strategy to provide supports for people with cognitive disabilities and their families.
- \$635,000 increase for approved private service homes that provide residential services.
- \$400,000 increase to the Disability Rental Housing Supplement for accessible housing.
- \$100,000 increase for the Family Respite Program so more Saskatchewan families may purchase alternate care for their child (or children) with an intellectual disability.

Education

- \$3.2 million to support the inclusion of children with disabilities in child care facilities. This includes a \$1.7 million increase to Enhanced Accessibility Grants to improve access to licensed child care.
- \$3 million increase to the special needs/intensive supports factor of school operating grants to provide individual programming and supports for students with learning difficulties/disabilities.
- \$300,000 increase to Early Childhood Intervention Programs that deliver home-based support to children with disabilities.

Health

- Continuation of the \$3 million investment for autism programs and services announced last fall.

Finance

- \$3 million for the following:
 - Caregiver Tax Credit increases from \$4,095 to \$8,190;
 - Infirm Dependant Tax Credit (DTC) increases from \$4,095 to \$8,190;
 - Disability Supplement Tax Credit (DTC Supplement) increases from \$4,095 to \$8,190; and,
 - Disability Tax Credit (DTC Amount) increases from \$7,021 to \$8,190.

Government Services

- \$1.97 million to make government buildings more accessible.

Disability-related Tax Credit Amounts by Taxation Year

	2007	2008
Caregiver amount	\$4,095	\$8,190
Infirm dependant amount	\$4,095	\$8,190
Disability supplement	\$4,095	\$8,190
Disability amount	\$7,021	\$8,190

2008-09 Budget Summary

Total \$20.35 M

