

Family Service & Support Funds (FSS funds)

What is Family Service & Support?

Family Service and Support (FSS) is a program that is designed to provide reimbursement in a variety of areas to families who are caring for individuals with a developmental disability living in their home.

What can FSS assist with?

This program can help cover the cost of things such as:

- **Counseling, Training, Therapy, and Education**
- **Special Diets**
- **Respite Care**
- **Adaptive Equipment**
- **Home Modification**
- **Developmental Equipment**
- **Other:** Community memberships, Medical expenses not covered by insurance and related to the individual's disability.

Who qualifies?

Parents/caregivers of individuals who are eligible for LCBDD Services are able to apply. Factors such as household income and the timeframe in which the application is submitted will determine if and what allocation of funds is eligible. Funds are pro-rated based on the time of the year. FSS is NOT an entitlement program. Funds are based on availability. If there is another source of income for your family member (Individual Options Waiver, Level 1 Waiver, SELF Waiver or Individual Budget), they will not be eligible for FSS funds.

How do I apply?

Once your child is eligible for LCBDD services, you are encouraged to talk with your ongoing worker or to contact Vicky Lambert at 419-381-6139. Vicky will assist you in completing your one page application to determine approval of funds.

If my family is approved, how soon before I can start to access funds?

Generally you can begin to access Funds right away as long as we make sure that each request meets the State guidelines of supporting the individual at home. Prior approval needs to be obtained for any items or services. All requests will be considered, however, your request may or may not be approved.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions or need clarification?

Vicky Lambert phone: 419-381-6139 or email: vlambert@lucasdd.org

FSS funds are not a guarantee. Funds and co-pay amounts are determined by your Household taxable income:

Income	Co-Pay
\$0-27,258	0%
\$27,259-37,759	10%
\$37,760-48,260	30%
\$48,261-62,261	50%
\$62,262-79,762	75%
\$79,763 ++	100%