

What does an Independent Facilitator do?

An Independent Facilitator can...

- Assist individuals and/or families to develop a vision for their future, using a person-centered approach;
- Assist individuals to identify their needs for disability related supports as well as possible options for meeting those needs using both unpaid and paid sources of support;
- Act as a representative for persons who are applying for supports under the Disability Support Program;
- Assist individuals in making informed choices based on all options available in their communities;
- Assist individuals in preparing an application for disability supports and with the presentation of an individualized disability support plan for consideration for funding by the Department of Social Development;
- Assist individuals to apply for other government or community programs or services.

What is Independent Facilitation?

Independent Facilitation is a way for people with disabilities to get information, advice, and help to:

- Identify goals, requirements for disability support services, and different ways to have supports and services provided; and
- Develop a disability support plan and negotiate with government ways to use individualized funding to receive disability supports and services.

Independent facilitation is provided by an agency (NBACL) that is not involved in:

- Funding disability supports and services; or
- Providing disability supports and services.

An Independent Facilitator works directly for and on behalf of a person with a disability. The facilitator can represent the person with a disability in discussions with government, professionals, service providers, and others in the community.

How To Apply For The Disability Support Program

Once you've decided that you or somebody you know should be referred to the Disability Support Program, the next step is gathering some basic information on the person being referred.

Make sure to have their date of birth, medicare number, address, and telephone number on hand when calling the Social Development office in your region.

To contact Social Development please call the toll free number for your regional office.

Acadian Peninsula (Region 8)	1-866-441-4149
Chaleur (Region 6)	1-866-441-4341
Edmundston (Region 4)	1-866-441-4249
Fredericton (Region 3)	1-866-444-8838
Miramichi (Region 7)	1-866-441-4246
Moncton (Region 1)	1-866-426-5191
Restigouche (Region 5)	1-866-441-4245
Saint John (Region 2)	1-866-441-4340

Independent Facilitators Are Available to Assist You

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Independent Facilitation Supports



for the NB Disability Support Program



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What is the Disability Support Program?

The Disability Support Program (DSP) is a program through the Department of Social Development (GNB) that:

- Provides funding for personalized, flexible disability supports;
- Encourages people with disabilities to be directly involved in developing their personal disability support plans;
- Allows for the provision of independent facilitation and the use of “person centered” approaches to planning and designing disability supports.

Who Qualifies For The Program?

You may qualify for the DSP if you:

- Are a resident of New Brunswick;
- Are 19 to 64 years of age;
- Have a long term disability that substantially limits your ability to carry out regular daily activities; and
- Require disability related supports in order to address an unmet need for personal care and/or enhancing independence and community involvement.

What Disability Supports Might I Receive?

Personalized disability supports that might be provided include the following examples:

- Home Support Worker
- Respite
- Personal supports and assistance within or outside your home
- Supports for community involvement and participation
- Personal living skills training
- Transportation supports that are disability specific
- Technical supports and assistive devices not covered under other programs

Please note the Disability Support Program is a personalized planning and funding program. The list above are examples of common supports provided, but the program will also review requests for other disability-specific supports that are not funded by other programs.

How Will Disability Supports Be Paid For?

Under the DSP, government funded disability supports will be paid for using “individualized funding.” This means that:

- Funding is provided in a way that meets some or all of the individual’s specific needs for support that are identified in a disability support plan; and
- The individual (and his or her personal network) will identify how funds for approved disability supports should be spent.

For people eligible to receive government funds for disability supports, monthly payments can be made directly to the individual or to a trustee on the individual’s behalf. Payments can also be made directly to a service provider selected by the individual or his or her representative.

