

Other Funding Suggestions

There are various general Disability and ASD specific funding options that are offered, some ongoing and some, one off. This is not an exhausted list. If you are aware of a program, please send the information to the ASD Case Consultant Practitioner for inclusion on the website.

Do you (or your client) qualify for any of the following?

□ **Department of Human Services Disability Support Programs**

Do you want to know:

- What supports are available for adults and children with a disability?
- Who can access disability supports?
- What will the department's Disability Intake and Response service need to know?
Do I get a say in what kinds of supports I receive?
- How do I access short term supports?
- How do I access ongoing supports?
- How long will it take me to get an ongoing support?

See this link to answer the above questions.

http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/649405/dsr_disability_support_programs_fact_sheet_pdf_0811.pdf

□ **Contenance Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS)**

This replaces the previous Contenance Aids Assistance Scheme (CAAS)

From 1st July 2010 this scheme provides up to \$497.79 subsidy per year to eligible individuals. To find out more please call Medicare Australia on 132 011 (select option 1) or visit <http://www.bladderbowel.gov.au/furtherinfo/caps/default.htm>

□ **Better Start Program**

Better Start, supporting families of kids with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Fragile X Syndrome, eligible hearing and vision impairments including deaf/blindness. Please note that if you are accessing The helping Children with Autism program, then you are **not** eligible to access the Better Start Program as well. Please call Carer Advisory Service on 1800 242 636.

Brochure

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/progserv/people/betterstart/Documents/betterstart_brochure.PDF

Information for Parents and Carers

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/progserv/people/betterstart/Documents/parent_carer_fs.pdf

Information for Service Providers

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/progserv/people/betterstart/Documents/service_provider_fs.pdf

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iPad's and Computers

□ **The Adam Scott Foundation Autism Grants Program**

This grant is currently closed. Please visit the website below for any upcoming grants.

The Adam Scott Foundation provided an opportunity for school age students with ASD to apply for an iPad.

For more information from Autism Queensland, please visit www.autismqld.com.au or the assistance page http://www.autismqld.com.au/index.php?page_id=310

For more information from the Adam Scott Foundation Autism Grants Program, please visit <http://adamscott.com.au/as-foundation/foundation-news.html>

□ **Refurbished Models**

For people looking for cheaper iPads, refurbished models are available straight from the Apple Store at a discounted price. Please visit the Apple store at <http://store.apple.com/au> and look for the "Refurbish" link at the bottom of the left hand side.

<http://store.apple.com/au/browse/home/specialdeals/ipad>

□ **WorkVentures**

Workventures supplies professionals refurbished computer packages suitable for all key computer and internet tasks. All computer packages include Windows XP Professional & Office 2007. Phone: 1800 112 205

<http://www.workventures.com.au/connectit>

□ **GREEN PC**

Green PC's are recycled personal computers that are refurbished and then made available to low income communities, individuals and community organisations. Phone: (03) 9418 7400

<http://www.greenpc.com.au/>

□ **ComputerBank**

Computerbank recycles donated computers and distributes them to disadvantaged individuals and community groups. We also offer free training with each computer. This work is carried out by volunteers and staff

<http://www.computerbank.org.au/>

Employment & Study

□ **Support for Australian Apprentices with disability**

Support is available to Australian Apprentices with disability to help them reach their full potential.

http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/FAQ/Documents/FactSheet_SFAAWD.pdf

<http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/FAQ/Publications.asp#Factsheets>

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□ **RiAC Scholarship Scheme**

This is available for senior secondary tertiary and vocationally based students with disabilities (Living in RiAC catchment areas) who may be able to access up to \$5000 Scholarship for assistance with their studies/equipment. This link will take you to the guidelines and application form.

http://www.riac.org.au/upload/scholarship_guidelines.pdf

Carers

□ **Victorian Carer Card Program**

The Victorian Carer Card Program was launched by the Victorian government on 1st July 2010. The Carer Card is a discounts and benefits card for unpaid primary carers in Victoria. To find out more call 1800 901 958 or visit <http://carercard.vic.gov.au/>

□ **Companion Card**

The Companion card enables eligible people with a significant and permanent disability, who always require attendant care, support to attend sporting and cultural events and other activities without incurring the cost of a second ticket for their companion. To apply for a Companion Card, contact the Victorian office on 1800 650 611 or visit

<http://www.companioncard.org.au/>