

If your child is 5 years or older or is turning 5 and on the IBI waitlist

- You will have the option of:
 - Receiving continuous service based on your child's individual needs through direct funding; **OR**
 - If preferred, immediate and continuous access to ABA services during the transition period
- Families will continue to receive this choice until a spot in the new program becomes available.
- Children will be supported as they transition to school.

If your child is 5 years or older and is receiving IBI services

- Service will continue without interruption. Based on your child's clinical assessment, a plan to gradually transition your child to the new program will be developed.
- The *Connections for Students* program will be available to those children transitioning to school.

If your child is 5 or older and receiving ABA services

- Your child will continue with their current ABA service. Families can continue to re-apply for ABA services as long as they need to.

If your child is on the ABA waitlist

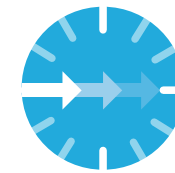
- Your child will receive ABA services when a space becomes available. Spaces will be made available more quickly due to the new Ontario Autism Program

If your child is under 5 years and is receiving IBI services

- Services will continue without interruption. When your child turns 5 years old, a plan will be developed to gradually transition your child to the new program.

If your child is under 5 and on the IBI waitlist

- Your child will remain on the IBI waitlist. If your child turns 5 during the transition period, you will be eligible for direct funding of \$8,000 to purchase services, followed by additional direct funding payments or immediate and continuous access to ABA services.



**Accelerated
Transition to
New Ontario
Autism
Program
reduced from
two years
to one**

**NEW ONTARIO
AUTISM PROGRAM
BEGINS IN 2017**

New Ontario Autism program is for all children and youth with autism.

The new program will provide all children, regardless of age, with more flexible services at a level of intensity that meets each child's individual needs, significantly reduce wait times for therapy, deliver diagnosis earlier in a child's development and increase the number of treatment spaces available to serve more children.

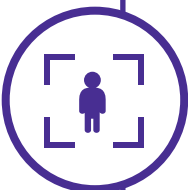
There will be **one point of entry** into the Ontario Autism Program.

In the new program, **all children, including those 5 and older** will be assessed upon entry and receive supports at the level of intensity they need based on their individual needs.

The amount of service that each child receives will not be pre-set. The goal is to **maximize the amount of service available** for children, based on their individual needs as determined by a clinician.

Enhanced options for direct funding will be made available.

An advisory committee of parents, advocates, service providers and experts will continue to provide advice to the government on the design and implementation of the Ontario Autism Program.



Do you have questions about other programs and services available to your child?
Visit **Ontario.ca/autism** for more information and call 1-888-284-8340 to find a ministry office near you.