

Child Disability Benefit

The government of Canada has introduced an income benefit to help children with severe and prolonged disabilities living in low and modest income families. The first payment of the **Child Disability Benefit (CDB)** will be issued with the March 2004 Canada Child tax Benefit and will include a retroactive amount from July 2003 to March 2004 inclusive.

What is the Child Disability Benefit?

The Child Disability Benefit (CDB) is a tax –free benefit up to \$1,600. per year for low and modest income families caring for children under the age of 18 who have severe and prolonged mental or physical impairment. The CDB will be included as a supplement to the **Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB)** payments.

Who can receive the Child Disability Benefit?

Families who are eligible to receive CCTB for a child will receive the CDB only if the child also qualifies for the disability amount, also known as the **Disability Tax Credit**.

You can obtain more information on **Child Disability Benefit** and/or **Disability Tax Credit** by visiting the web site of Canada Revenue Agency <http://www.cra.gc.ca/benefits/disability-e.html> or

by contacting Lorraine Donald, Family Support Social Worker at 549-1281 Ext. 215 or email Family.support@nona-cdc.com