

FAMILY SUPPORT SUBSIDY PROGRAM (FSS)

Program	FSS supports families of children with severe disabilities, allowing them to stay together. It gives them flexibility in purchasing special services and saves money for the taxpayer by avoiding or reducing the need for more costly placements outside the home.
Eligibility	Children under the age of 18 living in their natural or adoptive home, or legal guardians with a family income not exceeding Michigan Taxable Income of \$60,000 per year (line 16 of their Michigan income tax return - MI 1040). The Children must be in a school category of Severe Cognitive Impairment, Severe Multiple Impairment, or Autism Spectrum Disorder and in a program that qualifies under FSS law.
Cost	There is no cost to the family.
Services	The family chooses how to use the funds they receive which is currently \$229.31 per month. They only declare it on the Michigan Property Tax Credit if they are eligible for the credit.
Area	Crawford, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties
Contact Address	Beth Burke, FSS Coordinator Northern Lakes CMHA 527 Cobb Street, Cadillac, MI 49601
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Hours	Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

How to Apply:

Contact your child's local or intermediate school district and request that they send directly to FSS Coordinator, written proof that certifies the child's eligibility.

The following papers must be submitted to FSS Coordinator:

- ❖ Completed DCH-1181 FSS Program Application
- ❖ Signed Release of Confidential School Information
- ❖ A certified copy of child's birth certificate
- ❖ A copy of child's social security card
- ❖ A copy of child's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) social security card
- ❖ A copy of guardianship papers (if applicable)
- ❖ A copy of legal document indicating parent/guardian with physical custody of child (if applicable)
- ❖ A copy of family's most recently filed Michigan Income Tax Return (MI-1040).
 - *If you do not file taxes; complete, sign and return the Michigan Department of Treasury form 4095 with application.*
 - *If you are divorced or legally separated from the child's co-parent, we will need the most current custody agreement from the Friend of the Court. If you are the parent with primary physical custody, we will need your most recently filed Michigan Tax Return. If you have joint physical custody, we will need both your and the co-parents most recently filed Michigan Tax Return.*