# HOW TO ACCESS ONTARIO DISABILITY FUNDING essential CHECKLIST

## Step 1: Confirm Your AccessOAP Registration

- ☐ AccessOAP provides core clinical funding for children with autism in Ontario.
- ☐ Ensuring your child is registered for AccessOAP allows you to build a foundation before stacking non-clinical funding streams.

## Step 2: Apply for Special Services at Home (SSAH)

- ☐ Apply for SSAH through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to receive non-income-tested funding.
- ☐ Use these funds to hire support workers for skill-building, community involvement, and giving primary caregivers scheduled respite breaks.

## Step 3: Secure Monthly Support via Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)

- ☐ Apply for ACSD to obtain monthly financial assistance tailored for low-and moderate-income families.
- ☐ Utilize these monthly grants to help cover extraordinary living expenses such as medical travel, sensory supplies, specialized clothing, or educational tools.

## Step 4: Apply for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

- ☐ Have a medical professional fill out Form T2201 to show that your child with autism has a severe and prolonged impairment.
- ☐ Submitting this form reduces your taxable income through a non-refundable tax credit once approved.

## Step 5: Leverage Additional DTC Benefits (CDB & RDSP)

- ☐ Use your DTC approval to automatically access the tax-free monthly Child Disability Benefit (CDB) supplement.
- ☐ Open a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) to take advantage of matching government grants up to $70,000 over a lifetime.