

# Provider Guide: Special Needs Rate



## What is the Special Needs Rate?

The **Special Needs Rate (SNR)** provides up to 20% additional funding above the infant rate for approved children. Funding is determined by the individualized accommodations and supports your program puts in place for the child.

## Who is Eligible?

**You may qualify for additional funding to support children with special needs if you serve a School Readiness (SR) child who:**

- Has an Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP)
- Has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Has a medical diagnosis (autism, ADHD, developmental delay), or
- Receives therapy (speech, occupational, physical, or behavioral therapy)

## The Additional Funding Can be Used For...

- Lower classroom ratios
- Sensory materials and visual learning supports
- Adaptive or specialized equipment
- Professional development, training, or staff certifications
- Other accommodations that promote the child's development and inclusion

## Think You May Qualify?

**Obtain Caregiver Consent & Submit a Special Needs Request**



**Submit Request**