

Family Support Services Allowable and Non-Allowable Expenses 2023

Butler County families are allocated up to **\$1500** for each qualifying family member for 2023. This **does not** mean that Family Support Services (FSS) has these funds set aside for you. Funds may be exhausted within a program year and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. All requests must meet an assessed need and may require verification of need (VON). **Preapproval is required for all items/services requested.**

Allowable Items/Services:

All items must meet an assessed need related to the individual's disability

MUST have Verification of Need (VON)

Adaptive Equipment Special Diet Items	Ex: wheelchairs*, walkers*, lifts*, communication devices*, educational/developmental tools or equipment, compression vests, adaptive shoes, adaptive bikes, glasses*, special diets with a physician order, mini trampoline, colostomy/ostomy care items *If on Medicaid, must provide a denial letter for the item.
Therapy/Counseling Services -Must be accredited/licensed in a non-educational setting or family home. Must have therapeutic need indicated by a therapist. -Must be provided by licensed/certified professionals.	Ex: Equine, Hippo, music, occupational, physical, speech, swim class, karate class
Technology	Ex: computer*, tablet*, headphones, magnifiers, talking devices -If for education, must provide a denial letter from the school. Not to meet an educational need or service - <u>Please note:</u> Computers/Laptops can be purchased for children 3 years and older --Technology items can be purchased <u>once every three years</u> *If on Medicaid, must provide a denial letter for the device.



Verification Of Need (VON) **NOT NEEDED**

Camps/Respite	EX.: Camp Campbell Gard, Ability First Camp, Breeze Hill Ohio Valley Voices summer school program, We Rock the Spectrum, You've got this
Child Care -Eligible for children ages 22 and under and cannot be provided during school day if enrolled in school	Agency Child Care Providers: Not to exceed \$300/week ----- - Private Party: up to \$15/hr. not to exceed \$300/week
Incontinence Supplies -For individuals over the age of 4 Only	Ex: pull-ups, wipes, depends, poise, training pants, bed pads, gloves, cloth diapers
Education -Must be an accredited/licensed professional	Ex: college program for ASD, tutoring
Training -Must be provided by licensed/certified professionals. Description/brochure must be included	Ex: sign language classes, conferences, workshops, seminars, and training for the individual or family that will aid the family in providing proper care for the individual.

Items not covered:

- ✓ Items of General Utility, (ex.: pool slides, swing sets, trampolines, fences)
- ✓ Memberships/subscriptions (ex: gyms, fitness, organizations)
- ✓ Transportation/travel cost (ex: mileage, motels, meals, bus, cab, uber, Lyft, taxi)
- ✓ Household bills to include but not limited to the following: rent, mortgage, utilities, car, air conditioners, home additions, maintenance/repair, expansion of square footage, taxes, legal fees/fines, food
- ✓ Medical services include but are not limited to the following: Vision, dental, diaper, physician, and hospital services. Oxygen, psychological, testing, rehabilitative, day treatment program, medical/mental health, hearing, hospital laboratory, long-term care, dialysis, durable medical equipment used for medical purposes
- ✓ Medical bills/supplies: copays not related to therapy, treatment, prescription/nonprescription medications, OTC vitamins
- ✓ Tuition at private schools
- ✓ Furniture/household goods including home safety items: (ex: baby gates, strollers, highchairs, car seats)
- ✓ Any services/items covered by another funding source (County vouchers, Medicaid (waivers included) Medicare, Bureau for Children for Medical handicaps, or other medical plans)

Please note: This is not an exhaustive list.