

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How much funding is available?**

The maximum funding allowed to any individual child will be \$5,000 per fiscal year (April 1-March 31)

### **What if I have more than one child that needs support?**

Funding is allocated per child. If more than one child needs support, you can apply for each child on an individual basis.

### **What if my child is not a Métis Citizen?**

To be eligible for the Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) program either the child or a parent/guardian must be registered as an MNBC citizen. You can access the registry here: [Become A Registered Métis Citizen – Métis Nation British Columbia \(mnbc.ca\)](https://www.mnbc.ca/become-a-registered-metis-citizen).

### **What types of services and supports are covered?**

A wide range of services and supports, including but not limited to respite care; speech therapy; assessments; specialized equipment and mental health supports

### **Who can provide the referral or prescription?**

The referral or prescription that is specific to the request needs to come from a professional that is working with your child such as:

- A teacher, principal, or school-based team
- An early childhood educator
- A doctor
- A social worker
- An Aboriginal Supported Child Development consultant
- A psychologist
- An occupational or speech therapist

### **Can the Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) program cover the cost of tuition, tutoring, child care or extra-curricular activities?**

The Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) program does not cover the cost of tuition, tutoring, child care, or extra-curricular activities.

Métis Nation British Columbia does have the Métis Child Care Benefit that supports families with the cost of child care. Learn more about **the Métis Child Care Benefit** here:

<https://www.mnbc.ca/child-care-benefit/>

### **Can I get reimbursed for past services?**

No, expenses that have already been initiated or have already occurred cannot be funded prior to written approval.

### **Can I submit an application without supporting documents?**

Supporting documents are required. Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application inclusive of supporting documents. It is recommended that all documents are sent together, or applications will be filed incomplete which could cause delays. If you need assistance with what to include, please contact us and we would be happy to help.

### **How do I find services and supports in my area?**

Please connect with your Métis Family Connections Navigator if you require assistance.

### **What is the Métis Family Connections Program and why do I need to be enrolled?**

The Métis Family Connections program is for Métis families with children birth to 8 years. Métis Family Connections is focused on helping families build a network of support that provides children with opportunities for early learning and development. Enrollment will ensure that you are connected to a Navigator in your region and will help us to gather the necessary information needed to move forward with the application process.

### **What if I am not yet enrolled in the Métis Family Connections Program?**

Please connect with us to receive your enrollment form. Or visit our website [Métis Family Connections – Métis Nation British Columbia \(mnbcc.ca\)](https://mnbcc.ca)

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