

Information for parents about the Direct Funding Option for IBI programs

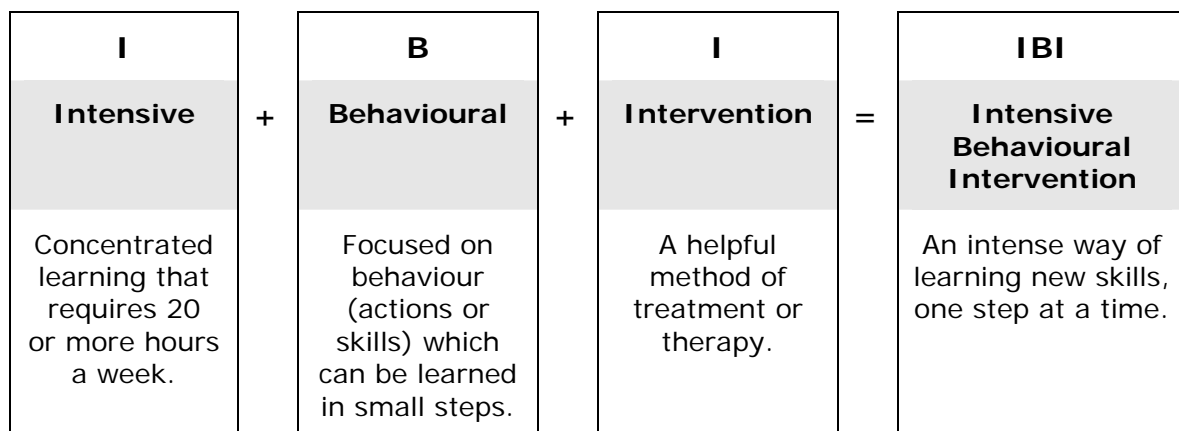
What is IBI?

IBI means “Intensive Behavioural Intervention”. This is a proven treatment program for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD.

IBI can:

- teach children new skills
- improve their development
- help them catch up with their peers

IBI may also help children become ready to take part in school.



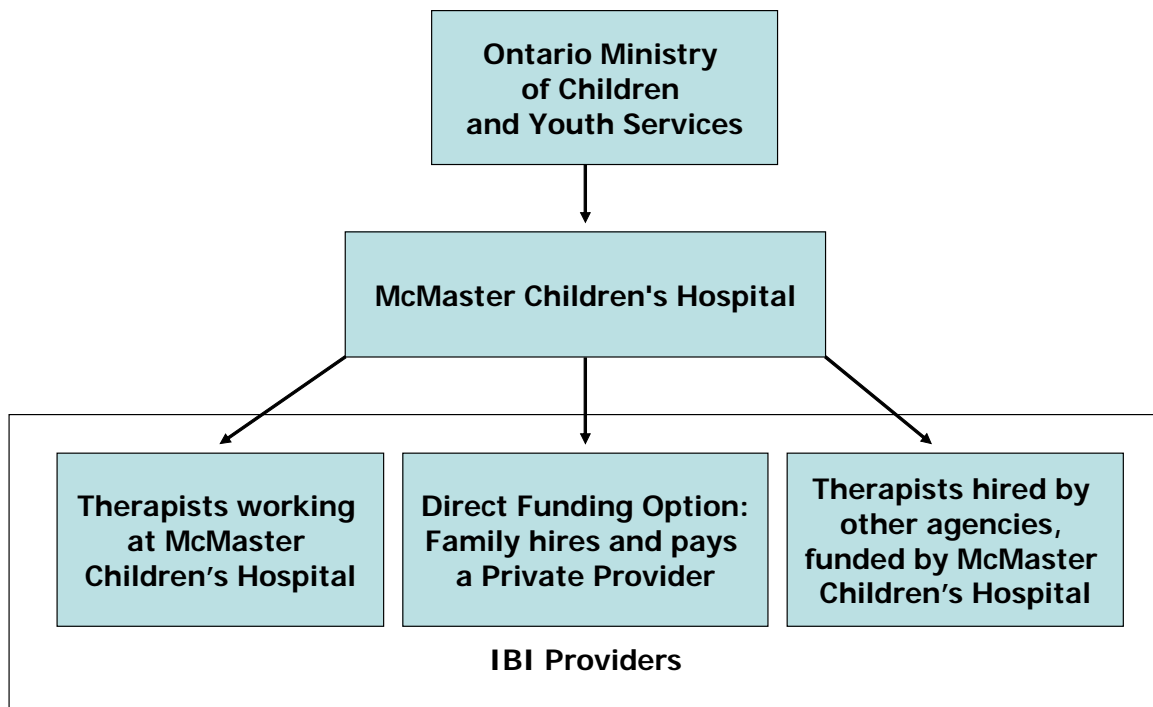
Based on your child’s abilities, the Clinical Director of the Hamilton-Niagara Regional Autism Intervention Program (AIP) determined that your child is eligible for IBI. You can choose who will provide IBI for your child.

This booklet gives you information about the Direct Funding Option, which lets you hire and manage your child’s IBI program and provider with support from the regional program.

Who provides IBI?

In the Hamilton-Niagara region, IBI programs can be provided by:

- Therapists who work at McMaster Children's Hospital or therapists from a local agency who are hired by McMaster Children's Hospital. The money to pay the therapists comes from the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services.
- A private provider, hired by the family. The money to pay the provider comes from the Hamilton-Niagara Regional Autism Intervention Program. This is called the Direct Funding Option or DFO.



Who is a private provider?

A private provider is:

1. An agency or a person hired by the family to develop, supervise, review and revise your child's IBI program.

and

2. A member of the College of Psychologists or Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, who has experience providing IBI to children with autism.

A private provider offers the services of a Clinical Supervisor who oversees the IBI program. Some private providers also hire the therapists who will work directly with your child. However, some do not and you will hire the therapists.

There is a list of private providers to choose from at Autism Ontario's website: www.abacuslist.ca

Who should choose the DFO?

The DFO is a good choice if you are willing and able to take an active role in managing your child's IBI program.

With the DFO you are the employer. You will be responsible for:

- finding a private provider
- working with the provider to monitor your child's treatment and progress
- keeping records of monthly expenses and therapy schedules, and sending paperwork to the regional program
- paying your provider with funds from the AIP

How much funding will I receive?

You will be paid the standard rate for every hour of IBI treatment your child receives - up to the maximum number of hours approved for your child. These funds may not cover all of the expenses for your child's IBI.

Where can I get more information?

Autism Ontario:

Abacus

www.abacuslist.ca

- Information about Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) services for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Ontario.
- A glossary of words related to ASD and its treatment.
- This website is supported by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services.



Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services:

Programs and Services for children with Autism

www.gov.on.ca/children/english/programs/needs/autism/index.html

- Information about the services provided by the Government of Ontario and a newsletter for families and general information about ASD.

McMaster Children's Hospital:

Hamilton-Niagara Autism Intervention Program

www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca/body.cfm?id=116

- Information about the services provided by the Autism Intervention Program in the Hamilton-Niagara Region.
- Email: asdmch@hhsc.ca