



Supporting Nova Scotians who need it most

Budget 2016–2017 will deliver quality support and services to those who need it most, including people with disabilities and women at risk. There is also much-needed support for vulnerable families and wage increases for early childhood educators.

A strong Nova Scotia means improving the health and well-being of all citizens. Nova Scotia is not the wealthiest among provinces and so we must spend wisely, helping those who need support the most and ensuring our investments have impact over the long term.

Budget 2016–2017 includes

- \$9.9 million more for the Disability Support Program
- \$5.4 million more for children, youth, and family support services through Community Services
- \$7.5 million more for Employment Support and Income Assistance, with each eligible person getting up to a \$20/month increase
- \$6.6 million to subsidize childcare spaces, increase wage grants for early childhood educators, and support childcare centres in providing inclusive programming
- \$3.6 million more to expand the Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention program to meet the needs of pre-schoolers with autism preparing to enter school
- \$3 million more to help Nova Scotians with disabilities transition out of facility-based care into the community
- \$2 million to support the Sexual Violence Strategy
- \$700,000 for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program
- \$398,000 to continue Domestic Violence Court in Cape Breton
- \$500,000 to implement the Between the Bridges program in Dartmouth, providing social network supports for community members
- The introduction of a food bank tax credit for farmers who donate produce to local food banks