

## **Extra Child Trust Fund payments for disabled children**

From April 2010 the government will start to make extra payments into the Child Trust Fund accounts of disabled children. The extra payment will be £100 per year, or £200 per year if a child is on the care component of Disability Living Allowance at the highest rate.

### **Will all disabled children receive these extra payments?**

No. In order to qualify for an additional payment from the government your child must have been in receipt of **Disability Living Allowance** (DLA) at some point in the previous year. In addition, only children born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2002 have Child Trust Fund accounts.

### **My child gets DLA. What steps do I need to take to ensure my child receives these extra payments into their account?**

The government expects to automatically identify those children who have both DLA and a child trust fund and will then make a payment directly into each child's account. Parents will receive a letter telling them once a payment has been made.

### **When will my child be able to get the money in their account?**

A child must normally wait until they reach 18 years of age to access the money in their account. However if your child has a terminal illness and their death could be reasonably expected within six months, you can get early access to buy things that your child needs.

Phone the Contact a Family helpline for further information (freephone 0808 808 3555).