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Executive Summary

Children and youth with complex care needs are among the most vulnerable populations served by our health and social care systems. Life-saving interventions and advances in medical technology enable children with complex care needs to live well into adulthood and beyond. Parents of children with complex care needs play a unique and special role in supporting their child to live a healthy and productive life at home. The often complicated health and social systems require parents and other family members to learn a variety of skills and develop incredible stamina to enable their child to remain safe at home and active in the community.

This report describes the findings of a pan-Canadian scan undertaken by the Canadian Home Care Association, in collaboration with key informants and subject matter experts, to gain an understanding of the current programs available through provincial and territorial governments for children with complex care needs. Specifically, the project scope included:

- the identification of existing home-based programs and services for children with complex needs across Canada;
- a description of the availability of programs and services, accessibility, eligibility, limitations or restrictions, funding eligibility and caregiver supports;
- an understanding of the issues, challenges and opportunities for home-based services for children with complex care needs;
- listening to the perspective and advice of parents who provide necessary care and support; and
- the identification of services available through provincial and territorial funding to Aboriginal children (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) with complex needs who live on- and off-reserve.