

Washington Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Washington Long-term Services and Supports Waiver Programs” to find an organized summary of State waiver assistance programs. A few good sites are:

- <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/washington.html>
- <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/stateprofile.html?state=Washington>
- <https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/apply-or-renew-coverage>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

<https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm>

Washington-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights - Washington Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Washington. including, but not limited to

- Disability Advocacy
- Home Health Services
- Community Resources
- Medicaid
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Services

Brain Injury Alliance of Washington

(BIAWA) contains resources regarding advocacy, education, legal referrals, locating support groups, sports related concussion, camps and other resources for children and adults.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Resources

Washington State listing of helpful resources about brain injury as well as brain injury support group information.

Access Washington where individuals can search for charities, file unemployment, among other services.

Aging and Long-Term Support

Administration provides information and support for elders and individuals with disabilities for long-term care and in home services.

Assistive Technology Services is part of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and is responsible for merging assistive technology into the rehabilitation process ensuring individuals with disabilities achieve their employment goals by providing guidance and technical assistance on accessibility, job modifications, accommodations and technology.

Assistive Technology for Special Education

Students provides an overview of assistive technology commonly used in the academic setting, special education requirements, and how to obtain assistive technology for children in special education.

Apple Healthcare for Workers with

Disabilities (HWD) Program allows employed people with disabilities purchase medical coverage by paying a monthly premium that is based on their income.

Basic Food helps people with low incomes make ends meet by providing monthly benefits to buy food.

Brain Injury Organizations & General Information listing of brain injury resources, organizations and general information.

Crisis Connections provides assistance and support for adults and teens facing crisis situations.

Easter Seals Washington provides services to help children and adults with disabilities and/or special needs as well as support to their families.

Fair Housing Center of Washington provides education on policies to prevent and address issues of discrimination, striving to create a culture of inclusiveness in communities and neighborhoods around the state.

Go Wise promotes equitable employment for people with developmental disabilities through innovation, training, and technical assistance.

Return to School (RTS) – Washington State
This site is designed for Washington educators, parents and community providers who support students with brain injury, individuals can register for upcoming events, view past webinars and download resources.

Roads to Community Living is a demonstration project designed to help people with complex, long-term care needs move back into the community.

Team Luke Hope for Minds exists to enrich the lives of children impacted by a brain injury and to give hope to their families through support, education, and resources.

U.S. Department of Labor Disability Resources The federal government website for comprehensive information about

disability-related programs, services, policies, laws and regulations.

Washington Assistive Technology Act Program provides resources and services in selecting, paying for, and using assistive technology devices.

Washington Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs collaborates with families, policy makers, health care providers, agencies and other leaders to identify and improve health system issues, as well provide support for families, care coordination, and health information.

Washington Developmental Disabilities Administration the primary mission of MOD is to ensure the full and equal participation of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life by working to advance legal rights, maximum opportunities, supportive services, accommodations and accessibility in a manner that fosters dignity and self-determination.

Washington Division of Vocational Rehabilitation serves people who seek meaningful, secure employment but whose disabilities may result in one or more barriers to achieving an employment goal.

Washington Disability Determination Services can help you understand your eligibility for social security disability benefits.

Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – Special Education The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) fulfills the requirements of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which ensures all children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education.

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) transforms lives by

supporting sustainable recovery, independence and wellness for youth and adults with addiction and mental illness.

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – Disability Support includes frequently asked questions and answers on how to apply for disability services, assistive technology, employment with a disability, and services and programs available for people with a disability.

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides temporary cash assistance for families in need.

Washington State Community Action Partnership serves communities by fighting to end poverty, helping community members find jobs, and receive training and education.

Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families provides resources to families for childcare/early learning, child development, child welfare, as well as foster and adoption resources.

Washington State Rehabilitation Council partners with the division of vocational rehabilitation to partner individuals with disabilities to gain employment.

Washington 2-1-1 keeps an accurate and comprehensive database to find health and human services to meet your needs.

Washington State Department of Services for the Blind Washington State Department of Services for the Blind (DSB) provides services for people of all ages who are blind or have low vision in the state of Washington.

Washington State’s Community Living Connections (CLC) is here to help you navigate long-term services and supports for you or a loved one

The Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC) promotes a statewide network supporting the Independent Living Philosophy for people with disabilities through advocacy, education, planning, and collaboration.

The Washington State Long-Term Care Ombudsman advocates for residents of nursing homes, adult family homes, and assisted living facilities to protect and promote the Resident Rights guaranteed these residents under Federal and State law and regulations.

Financial Aid

Aged, Blind, or Disable (ABD) Cash Assistance Program is a state funded program that provides cash assistance and a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program to eligible low-income individuals who are age 65 or older, blind, or likely to meet Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria.

Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund is designed to provide for life enriching activities and services not covered by benefits.

Economic Services Administration provides emergency assistance including medical, food, and cash assistance.

GrantWatch - Disability Grants information about available government and foundation grants.

Home and Community Based Waivers (HCBS) contains information from the Developmental Disabilities Administration about the 5 HCBS waivers available.

Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Referral Program provides access to essential needs items and potential rental assistance for low-income individuals who

are unable to work for at least 90 days due to a physical and/or mental incapacity.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides funds from a federal block grant program to help low-income Washington state households maintain affordable, dependable utility services and avoid shutoff during the winter.

Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medicaid Coverage information on eligibility and the application process.

Northwest Access Fund provides customized loans, financial coaching, and other resources to people with disabilities.

Washington State Able Savings Plan Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) allows people with eligible disabilities to save for their everyday needs, invest in a tax-free account, and prepare for the future without losing their state or federal benefits.

Healthcare

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for retirees age 65 or older and people with disabilities.

Medicare Rights Center is a national, nonprofit consumer service organization that works to ensure access to affordable health care for older adults and people with disabilities through counseling and advocacy, educational programs and public policy initiatives.

National Health Law Program includes detailed information about federal health policy, especially Medicaid and Medicare.

Washington Health Plan Finder helps people find free or low-cost Washington Apple Healthcare.

Legal Advocacy

Legal Foundation of Washington non-profit created by the Washington supreme Court to build support for civil legal aid across the state.

Neighborhood Legal Services Assistive Technology Project provides a wide range of Assistive Technology (AT) information and links to support the advocacy efforts of persons with disabilities and their families, attorneys, advocates, and service agencies as they seek funding for AT services and devices.

Northwest Justice Project provides assistance and representation to low-income people in cases affecting basic human needs such as family safety and security, housing preservation, income protection, healthcare access, and other basic needs.

Office of Civil Legal Aid secures, invests in, and oversees the use of public funding for civil legal aid to people with low-income in Washington.

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) is the United States' national self-advocacy organization that works to ensure that people with disabilities are treated as equals and are given the same decision-making opportunities.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetic information.

Washington Access to Justice Board provides equal access to the civil justice system for people with economic barriers.

Washington LawHelp helps people with moderate and low incomes find free legal aid programs in their communities.

Washington State Human Rights Commission mission is to prevent and eliminate discrimination through the fair application of the law, the efficient use of resources, and the establishment of productive partnerships in the community.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program – Rehabilitation Institute of Washington is a comprehensive interdisciplinary program for individuals with post-acute traumatic brain injury or other acquired neurocognitive impairments.

Brain Injury Resource Center listing of resources for brain injury treatment centers and hospitals.

Brain Injury Program – St. Luke’s Rehabilitation Institute uses an interdisciplinary approach in their outpatient clinic to help individuals with brain injury regain their fullest lives, increase patient quality of life, and provides support groups.

Children’s Therapy Center is a nonprofit organization that provides essential services for children with special needs including physical, occupational and speech therapy, early intervention services, and parent education and support.

The Good Samaritan Regional Rehabilitation Center offers inpatient brain injury rehabilitation services for people requiring a high level of medical care, rehab nursing, and therapies.

Innovative Services NW includes a pediatric therapy and neurodevelopmental center with various therapy disciplines, an early learning and childcare, as well as employment services.

Neurological Rehabilitation Services – Virginia Mason Franciscan Health has a large outpatient team who work to support and treat individuals with various neurological conditions including brain injury, TBI, and stroke.

Neuro-Rehabilitation Program – Brain Injury Rehabilitation Clinic at UW Medical Center provides comprehensive outpatient treatment services for people ages 16 and older with acquired brain injury as a result of trauma, stroke, tumor and multiple sclerosis.

Pushing Boundaries – Intensive Exercise Therapy is an outpatient therapy center designed to help people with all kinds of paralysis regain function and independence. The center treats patients who are newly injured, as well as those who have been coping with their injury or illness for years and are looking for new options.

Boyer Children’s Clinic provides Puget Sound-area children with special needs with early intervention services designed to help them reach their maximum potential and improve their quality of life and provides valuable support services to parents that teach them to be the best advocates possible.

Non-Profit Resources

Administration for Community Living was created around the fundamental principle that older adults and people of all ages with disabilities should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and with the ability to participate fully in their communities.

Area Agency on Aging for Pierce County is responsible for local planning, coordination and administration of Federal and State funds targeted to provide a comprehensive system of long-term services and supports (LTSS) designed to address the needs and support community living for older adults, adults with disabilities and their caregivers residing in Pierce County.

Ashley House provides care for medically fragile, medically complex, and psychologically & behaviorally complex children, teens and young adults with 24-hour nursing care in small group home settings.

Bethesda provides services and support to help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities find a sense of community and belonging.

Brain Injury Association of America's mission is to advance awareness, research, treatment, and education and to improve the quality of life for all people affected by brain injury.

Casey's Circle A nonprofit dedicated to helping families of children with special needs find ways for their kids to be kids first - patients later. This is done by providing tools, education, resources and opportunities to help improve the quality of life or medically complex children, their families and their providers, while also strengthening their circle of care.

Catholic Community Services – Catholic Housing Services offers help and support for housing, child/youth/family services, specialized services, services for seniors, mental services, and addiction recovery services.

Center for Independence serves as a resource for individuals with disabilities to fully access and participate in the community through outreach, advocacy, and independent living skills development.

Central Washington Disability Resources advances the empowerment, inclusion, and wellness of all persons with disabilities through advocacy, community education, peer mentoring, and skill development so that they may realize independence and full participation in all areas of life.

Children's Wish Foundation International Grants for wishes for children under 18 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

Chive Charities Funding for rare medical conditions, veterans with medical-related needs, first responders & emergency assistance organizations & underfunded special needs education initiatives.

Clallam Mosaic serves individuals with special needs, their families and caregivers, to provide an inclusive and supportive community.

Clayton Dabney Foundation for Kids with Cancer Last wishes, gifts, special events, family travel & financial assistance for families with children in the last stages of terminal cancer.

Community Homes provides, promotes, and sustains exceptional community-based

housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Concerned Citizens aims to provide support and advocacy for populations with special needs including birth to seniors and their families, supporting their general welfare and quality of life by recognizing individual differences and gifts.

Different Needz Grants for people with developmental disabilities for equipment and medical services. Grant applications become available in January.

Disability Organizations – Washington State Department of Health provides a listing of nonprofit organizations.

Disability Rights of Washington is a private non-profit organization that protects the rights of people with disabilities statewide. Our mission is to advance the dignity, equality, and self-determination of people with disabilities. This organization works to pursue justice on matters related to human and legal rights.

Do It for The Love grants live concert wishes for people with life-threatening illnesses, children with severe challenges & wounded veterans.

Dream Foundation volunteer-driven wish-granting organization that serves children ages 3-18 who have a critical or chronic illness.

EasterSeals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges from child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities.

Elmview the mission of Elmview is to assist people to live full and productive lives in their community by providing employment services, supportive housing, overnight

respite home, community engagement, in school services, training and education.

Exceptional Foresters provides residential, vocational, transportation, and community-based employment services, to individuals over the age of 14 living with various challenges in their lives.

First Hand Foundation Financial Assistance.

Fund It Forward For anyone with a diagnosed disability or medical condition in need of medical devices or equipment.

Granted Wish Foundation Sports/Athlete specific wishes for people with a physical disability age 5-25.

iHOPE - The International Academy of Hope is a highly specialized brain injury school in New York City funded by the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation (SJBFB). The mission of SJBFB is to change the world for children, youth and young adults who suffer from brain injury and other brain-based disorders by improving services, training and research in this country and beyond.

Kitsap County Parent Coalition provides information, resources, training, advocacy, and support for children and adults with different abilities.

L'Arche Tahoma Hope provides housing, community engagement, and farm and garden opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Learning Disabilities Association of Washington (LDA WA) promotes and provides service, resources, and support to improve the quality of life for individuals and families affected by learning and attentional disabilities.

Make A Wish Foundation grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories.

Mclindon Family Foundation Gives adaptive bikes to children with disabilities.

Modest Needs Short term critical-need financial assistance for those who do not qualify for traditional assistance because of income level.

National AMBUCS, Inc. is creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities by therapeutic tricycles to individuals unable to operate a traditional bike, awarding academic scholarships for therapists, and performing various other forms of community service.

National MS Society Resources, support and programs for those living with multiple sclerosis.

National Organization for Vehicle Accessibility small grants to help complete accessible van purchases after other funding has been secured.

National Patient Travel HELPLINE Provides assistance and referral to the best source of charitable medical air transportation help.

Northwest ADA Center is a division of the Americans with Disabilities Act National Network and works towards the mission of changing culture to be user friendly to disability and the effects of a variety health conditions have on society, as well as working to provide access to healthcare.

Parent to Parent connects young families with children with special needs to more experienced parents and provides emotional support, social and recreational events, training and awareness.

Parents Empowered and Communities Enhanced (PEACE) seeks to empower parents and individuals through special education support, training, advocacy, and special celebration.

PAVE provides support, training, information and resources to empower and give voice to individuals, youth and families impacted by disabilities.

Pope's Place provides individualized care for children and young adults with exceptional medical and behavioral needs to strengthen them, their families, and the community.

Ragan's Hope helps parents of children with catastrophic injuries by providing financial, emotional and spiritual support, in the name of Christ.

Ray Tye Medical Aid Foundation Grants for in-hospital life-saving treatments and surgeries for those who do not have medical insurance.

RxAssist Provides information on financial support organizations that help with the cost of prescriptions.

Sibling Support Project is the first national program dedicated to the life-long and ever-changing concerns of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health concerns.

Single Mothers Grants provides financial assistance for utility bills, childcare, college, medical bills, medications, rent assistance, buying a home and more.

Skills'kin is a community-based, nonprofit organization that provides employment and representative payee services to adults with disabilities, helping them grow and thrive within the community.

Tavon Learning Center is a greater Seattle based non-profit with outdoor gardens, real-life settings, and peer coaching, that empowers adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing active learning and community programs.

The Arc of Washington State enhances the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They fulfill this through advocacy for community supports and services that foster social inclusion, self-determination, and equity across all aspects of society.

The Determined Parents Foundation grants money for things like co-pays, deductibles and items insurance only partially covers or does not cover at all.

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is Washington's pre-kindergarten program that prepares children from low-income families for success in school and life. ECEAP focuses on the well-being of the whole child by providing FREE comprehensive nutrition, health, education and family support service

The Family-to-Family Health Information Center helps families of children and youth with special health care needs, and the professionals who serve them, to find healthcare funding.

The Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities (PC2) is a parent-driven organization responsible for providing clear, consistent information for families and individuals who experience developmental disabilities in Pierce County, Washington. Also provides opportunities for community engagement, Art Fridays, Friendship Club, and Senior Families Pizza Parties.

The Special Needs Alliance helps individuals with disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them.

The Sunshine Foundation Grants special dreams to children, ages 3-18, who are chronically or seriously ill, physically challenged or have been abused.

Tierra Village is a Leavenworth, Washington-based non-profit connecting adults with developmental disabilities to nature and community. Tierra Village specializes in residential, educational, recreational and employment services.

United Ability is a non-profit that provides innovative services connecting people with disabilities to their communities and empowering individuals to live full and meaningful lives, particularly through building skills, education, and employment opportunities.

UnitedHealthCare Children's Foundation - Family Grants -UHCCF grants provide financial help/ assistance for families with children that have medical needs not covered or not fully covered by their commercial health insurance plan.

Vibrant Palette Arts Center serves people with and without disabilities and provides a 6-hour structured day program including studio time for painting and clay mediums, guest art teachers, and community outings to local galleries/museums.

Volunteers of America Western Washington serves people and communities in need of food, shelter, behavioral health, disability services, and dispute resolution.

Washington State Fathers Network connects and unites men who have a child with a disability to promote inclusion and advocate for change.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids Wheelchairs, home & vehicle modifications, and devices for children with limited mobility.