

# New York Support Programs + Agencies



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

- [http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/new\\_york.html](http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/new_york.html)
- [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/longterm/omrdd.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/longterm/omrdd.htm)
- <http://www.wnylc.com/health/entry/129/>

## Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

*Is my child eligible?* <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm>

## New York-Based Resources

**Olmstead Rights- New York Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations** contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in New York: including, but not limited to

- Disability advocacy
- Home health services
- Home care
- Nursing aide services
- Medicaid
- Accessing other community resources to help people with disabilities

**BINA Brain Injury & Stroke Assistance** works to ensure that brain injury survivors and their families are not alone as they struggle to navigate the journey along the road to rehabilitation. BINA's comprehensive system of rehabilitation offers referrals based on extensive research, along with a wide

array of support services including case management and crisis intervention, support groups and educational programs, allow brain injury survivors to access the best possible level of care as they travel on the long road to the rehabilitation process.

**Brain Injury Association of New York State** ensures hope and support by providing brain injury prevention, awareness, education, and advocacy to survivors and their families.

**New York Brain Injury Support Groups** listing of brain injury support groups in Massachusetts.

**New York Child Support Program** provides custodial parents with assistance in obtaining financial support and medical insurance coverage for their children by locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing support orders, and collecting and distributing child support payments.

**NY Department of Health – Traumatic Brain Injury** compilation of information and state resources for traumatic brain injury.

**New York Office for People with Developmental Disabilities** is responsible for coordinating services for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities. It provides services directly and through a network of

approximately 500 nonprofit service providing agencies.

**New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance** is responsible for supervising programs that provide assistance and to support eligible families and individuals.

**New York Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID) Program** helps persons with disabilities to obtain needed assistive technology services and devices.

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

**U.S. Department of Labor Disability Resources** The federal government website for comprehensive information about disability-related programs, services, policies, laws and regulations.

## Financial Aid

**Family Assistance** provides temporary cash assistance to eligible needy families that include a minor child living with a parent or a caretaker relative.

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

**New York State Supplement Program (SSP)** provides state-funded assistance to aged, blind and disabled individuals and is part of the monthly benefit paid to most Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** offers aid to eligible low-income families and individuals to ensure these families are able to obtain a nutritious diet.

## 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.

## Legal Advocacy

**Disability Rights New York** is the Protection & Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program for persons with disabilities in New York State. DRNY advocates for the civil and legal rights for New Yorkers with disabilities.

**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.

# Non-Profit Resources

**Arc of New York** 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.

**ARCH New York City** is a family governed organization committed to finding ways for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to build full lives as defined by each person and supported by dedicated families, staff, and community partners.

**CID NY** provides services that include benefits counseling, independent living skills development, direct services, information and referrals, and recreational activities.

**Easterseals New York** provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunity to live, learn, work and play in their community.

**Headway of Western New York** is a support and advocacy agency for persons with brain injuries.

**Helping Hands for the Disabled of NYC** provides help for the disabled in the home.

**Sprout** is dedicated to helping people with developmental disabilities grow through challenging, creative and fun experiences that enhance socialization, self-confidence and inclusion.

**Cerebral Palsy Group** General information on CP as well as support resources.

**Cerebral Palsy Guidance** General information on CP as well as financial assistance resources.

**Cherished Creations** Dream requests for children with serious illnesses.

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

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

**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.

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

**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.

**Easter Seals** 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.

**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.

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

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

**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.

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

**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 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.

**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.

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

**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.