

California Support Programs + Agencies



Search “California Long-term Services and Supports Waiver Programs” to find an organized summary of State waiver assistance programs.

- <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Medi-CalWaivers.aspx>
- <https://www.chcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/MediCalExplainedProgramOverview.pdf> (Medi-Cal explained)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

Waivers

CA Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver (0139.R05.00):

Provides community transition services, comprehensive care management, continuous nursing and supportive services, developmentally disabled/continuous nursing care, transitional case management for medically fragile and technology dependent individuals, among other services for all ages.

CA In Home Operations (0457.R02.00):

Provides case management/coordination, rehabilitation services, home respite, waiver personal care, community transition, environmental accessibility adaptations, family/caregiver training, medical equipment operating expense, PERS-installation and testing, PERS, private duty nursing-including shared services, transitional case management for medically fragile and technology dependent individuals for all ages.

CA Pediatric Palliative Care Waiver

(0486.R02.00): Provides care coordination, home respite care, expressive therapies, family counseling, family training, out of home respite care, pain and symptom management for medically fragile and technology dependent individual’s age 0 – 20.

In-Home Operations Waiver: offers services in the home or in the community to Medical beneficiaries who would otherwise receive care in a skilled nursing facility. The level of care per waiver participant is determined by the Medical beneficiaries’ medical needs and substantiated by a physician via a completed Plan of Treatment and a home evaluation. Some of the services offered by the two waivers are private duty nursing, case management, and waiver personal care services (WPCS)

California-based Resources & Programs

Brain Injury Association of California is California's authority for education, resources, and community support for brain injury survivors, caretakers, family, friends, and professionals.

Brain Injury Support Center Provides a comprehensive list of brain injury resources available throughout California to speed recovery for brain injury survivors and their loved ones.

- Diagnosis, treatment, & rehabilitation
- Vocational resources
- Independent living & disability resources
- TBI support groups

BrainLine offers education, resources, and community support for brain injury survivors, caretakers, family, friends, and professionals.

California Brain Injury Lawyers at Bisnar Chase: Representation for children with head injuries.

California Department of Health Care Services provides Californians with access to affordable, integrated, high-quality health care.

California Health Advocates: Provides quality Medicare and related health care coverage information, education, and policy advocacy for families.

Child Health and Disability Prevention

Program: a preventive program that delivers health assessments and services to low-income children and youth in California. This includes care coordination to assist families with medical appointment scheduling, transportation, and access to diagnostic and treatment services.

CHOC's Children's Concussion Program is a pediatric health care facility for families in Orange County that includes concussion-trained pediatricians, neurologists, neuropsychologists and neurosurgeons, as well as physical, occupational and speech therapists. This program partners with area coaches, school nurses and community providers to evaluate every child and teen who experiences a hit to the head.

Cottage Concussion Clinic is a program that provides care for children and youth participating in contact sports. They also offer free concussion baseline testing in their Ventura clinic.

Disability Rights California is California's protection and advocacy system; the largest disability rights group in the nation. This nonprofit works to protect and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities through advancing legal rights and community-based services.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP): Assists individuals and families with eligibility questions and problems related to Medicare, prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D, and other health care issues, including managed care, long-term care planning and health insurance. Community education and individual counseling are available in all California counties.

Help for Brain Injured Children (HBIC)

assists in medical rehabilitation and educational processes suited for each individual child.

Making Headway Centers for Brain Injury

Recovery: Aims to prevent brain injuries through education and awareness and helps people who have sustained brain injuries to gain access to individualized services, support, and opportunities. Trained case managers meet with clients; study clinical and/or psychological records; assess particular needs; create a customized plan; and carefully monitor progress toward clients' specific goals

Patient Advocate Foundation: A national 501 (c)(3) non-profit that provides direct services to patients with chronic, life threatening and debilitating diseases to help access care and treatment recommended by their doctor.

Psychology Today: Sport Concussion Education and Support Group support group that builds positive habits after a brain injury.

Rowan Center for Behavioral Medicine

provides an integrated healthcare experience to help individuals improve their quality of life supported by a community of experts in both mental and physical health. This includes brief cognitive evaluations and regular and on-going follow-up visits with a psychologist who specializes in Rehabilitation Psychology. Treatments typically involve providing strategies, coaching, and support to improve functioning in the real world.

Schurig Center For Brain Injury Recovery

offers an array of rehabilitative and supportive services to help survivors and their families adjust to a changed life after brain injury, concussion, or stroke in the Bay area of California.

Special Needs Network: Raises public awareness of developmental disabilities and impacts public policy, while providing education and resources to families, children and adults.

Non-Profit Resources

Team Luke Hope for Minds enriches the lives of children with a brain injury and gives hope to families through support and education.

Best Day Foundation is a nonprofit that serves in Los Angeles, Orange county, San Diego county, Santa Barbara county, and Ventura county. The organization allows children with severe injuries or disabilities to build connections, confidence, and self-esteem through fun adventure activities.

Brainstorming 4 Us provides services to those whose lives are affected by brain injury within the state of California. Accessible services include patient advocacy, resources; support groups, special social events, educational training for law enforcement, schools, and speaking engagements.

Brain Injury Center improves the quality of life for those impacted by brain injury living in Ventura County. Services include care transitions, individual support and care coordination, support groups, social opportunities, training and skill development, and a resource library.

B.R.A.I.N. (Brain Rehabilitation and Injury Network) is a non-profit recovery and resource center for people in California who have suffered a brain injury. BRAIN offers a variety of support programs, classes, and therapies to meet each individual's rehabilitation needs.

Cali Kids Medical Foundation provides support and assistance to families who have a child admitted in a California hospital. Hospital care packages, meal delivery, grocery & gas gift cards, child gifts, and holiday gift assistance are a few examples of ways families are helped through this nonprofit.

Jacks Helping Hand assists children with special needs through financial support and programs.

Cerebal Palsy Group General information on CP as well as support resources.

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

Cherished Creations Dream requests for children with serious illnesses.

Children's Wish Foundation International is a non-profit wish granting organization that fulfills the favorite wish for children with life-threatening illness; specifically for children under the age of 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.

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.

Coastal Kids Home Care is a non-profit pediatric home health agency for children healing from injuries or with chronic health issues in Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Benito counties. They offer pediatric palliative care, In-home medical care, counseling services, and shift/respite nursing programs.

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 is a nonprofit organization that helps children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted.

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.

Holton's Heroes is a non-profit that provides support, information, and rehabilitative devices for children and their families affected by a post-birth brain injury.

iHOPE - The International Academy of Hope is a highly specialized brain injury school in New York City funded by the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation (SJBF). The mission of SJBF 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.

Miracles For Kids provides monthly financial aid, subsidized housing, and counseling to families with critically ill children in Southern California.

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.

Rest Haven Children's Health Fund is a California 501 c (3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to addressing the health needs of children. Rest Haven's mission is to provide funds for health-related services for children in San Diego and Imperial counties when no other funds are available.

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

San Diego Brain Injury Foundation (SDBIF): resource for brain injury survivors in San Diego County, as well as their caregivers and their families, to provide information, support, education, and community awareness

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 Dream Factory is a children's wish-granting organization that doesn't limit its help to only children with life-threatening illnesses. They hope to relieve children with chronic illnesses' physical and emotional pain by making their dream come true.

The Joni and Friends International Disability Center is a faith-based organization that provides practical resources to people impacted by disability around the globe.

The Maryam Parman Foundation for Injured Children is a nonprofit organization in Southern California that funds medical treatment and other necessities for children who have experienced a catastrophic injury. Each child is treated case by case to provide the best care possible.

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.