

# Iowa Support Programs + Agencies



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

- <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/iowa.html>
- <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/long-term-care>
- <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/Waiver-Descript-Factsheet/IA>

## Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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

supports as well as training service providers and other professionals on how to best work with people who have sustained a brain injury.

## Iowa-Based Resources

**Olmstead Rights- Iowa Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations** contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Iowa: 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

**Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa** offers resources on brain injury prevention, advocacy, education, research, and support.

**Brain Injury Services Program- Iowa Department of Public Health** works to improve the lives of Iowans living with brain injuries by linking those individuals and their families to needed information, services, and

**Disability Services- Iowa Department of Human Services** disability service resources and information including, but not limited to: community-based services, employment supports, resource centers, state supplementary assistance, and targeted case management.

**Early ACCESS Program- Iowa Department of Education** is Iowa’s system for providing early intervention services. It is available to infants and toddlers from birth to age three years who have a disability.

**Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network (IBIRN)** is made up of locations across the state which have expressed a commitment to support individuals with a brain injury. The three components of IBIRN include the Tote Bag Program (brain injury informational kits), Support Groups, and Neuro-Resource Facilitation.

**Iowa Department of Human Services** oversees the financial assistance programs for low income, disabled residents. They are wide ranging and very often depend on federal government grants and funding.

**Iowa Disability Determination Services (DDS)** makes disability determinations for Iowans. DDS works with those who apply for and receive Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits to improve their quality of life. Those benefits include Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

**Iowa Office of Persons with Disabilities** exists to promote the employment of Iowans with disabilities and reduce barriers to employment by providing employers and citizens with disabilities (all services free of charge):

- Information
- Referral
- Assistance and guidance
- Training
- Advocacy services

**Iowa Program for Assistive Technology** is Iowa's state assistive technology program under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998. The program's goal is to improve access for individuals with disabilities and aging Iowans to assistive technology that promotes their independence at home, work, school, and in the community.

**Iowa Respite and Crisis Care Condition**  
This agency and its staff work to provide temporary relief to caregivers or parents of individuals with a disability. The Respite Care can be provided to individuals of any age, whether children, seniors, or adults.

**Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services** provides expert, individualized services to Iowans with disabilities to achieve their independence through successful employment and economic support.

**REM Iowa** is a resource offering adults, children, young people, and their families innovative, quality services and supports that lead to growth and independence, regardless of the physical, intellectual or behavioral challenges they face.

**The Legal Center for Special Education** coordinates legal aid (for free or low cost) and advocacy for parents of a child with a disability. The main office is in Des Moines and can be reached at (515) 309-0033.

**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 Investment Program (FIP)** is Iowa's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. FIP provides cash assistance to needy families as they become self-supporting so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.

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

**State Supplementary Assistance (SSA)** is a fully state-funded program that was designed to meet the additional special needs of aged, blind, and disabled people not met by the standard benefit rate paid by Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

## Healthcare

**Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki)** The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is offered through the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa program. Iowa offers Hawki health coverage for uninsured children of working families.

**Iowa Medicaid** is a federal health insurance program based on income.

**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.

# Non-Profit Resources

**Arc of Iowa** 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.

**ASK (Access for Special Kids) Resource Center** is a parent training, information, and advocacy center for families of children with special needs across the state of Iowa.

**Disabilities Resource Center of Siouxland (DRC)** is a non-profit organization that provides independent living skills, peer support, home modifications, transportation and housing support, employment services, and youth programs.

**First Resources Corporation** is a private non-profit agency with locations throughout southeastern Iowa. Their list of resources includes, services for people with disabilities, family and children services, and mental health services.

**Iowa Compass** is a local non-profit organization located in the University of Iowa that connects people with disabilities and complex health-related needs to services and supports in their communities throughout Iowa.

**On With Life, Inc.** assists and runs programs for those with a brain injury or some type of life altering condition. Medical care, case management, information on Medicaid, and more support is offered.

**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 (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.

**Medical Transportation Program** Covers transportation costs for those eligible for Medicaid or children with special health care needs.

**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, child care, 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.