

Georgia State Support Programs & Agencies



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

- <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs>
- <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/georgia.html>

There are several waiver programs offered by the State of Georgia that may require an intensive application along with the possibility of being placed on a waiting list before being accepted. Thus, it is highly recommended that families get started on applications as soon as possible for services that will make a big difference later.

- **Am I eligible?** – Visit this link to be guided to more information about eligibility for Georgia’s government programs and eligibility to receive Medicaid:
<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/eligibility-faqs>

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Commission (BSITF) is Georgia’s lead agency for traumatic brain injury (TBI) and spinal cord injury (SCI) services. Grants are given to Georgians for their post-acute care and rehabilitation; grants include a variety of resources such as transportation, support services and medical care.

Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) is a waiver program that offers services to children under the age of 21 who are in need of at-home medical care and support.

Georgia Money Follows the Person (Ga MFP) is a grant program that helps and coordinates patients shift out of long-term institutional care to at-home and community-based services while still receiving the necessary services and support needed.

Long Term Services and Support is a Medicaid-based program that assists patients with the necessary services and support at their chosen area of living (at home, at caregivers home, at institutional living, etc.).

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation covers transportation costs for those eligible for Medicaid or children with special health care needs.

Children’s Medical Services (CMS) provides access to care coordinators to families with children who have chronic medical conditions to help plan and prioritize the specialty healthcare services required to help maintain the child’s health and well-being.

Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) is a waiver program that links primary medical care with a wide range of long-term health services to actively work with the child at his/her home or selected community setting.

New Options Waiver Program (NOW) & Comprehensive Support Waiver Program (COMP) work together to provide home and community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities. These programs offer a wide variety of services to fit the specific needs of the child.

Katie Beckett Medicaid Program works under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) to allow the State of Georgia to look past the family income in order to provide Medicaid benefits to children that qualify as being disabled.

Non-Profit Resources

Brain Injury Association of Georgia is the affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America. This program enriches the lives of those who have been effected by a brain injury through its mission of hope, help, and support.

AlTernative Gym is a unique fitness center that is home to individuals with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, brain/spinal injuries, stroke survivors, etc., to further help in re-gaining their full physical capacities.

Bethany's Equine and Aquatic Therapy Services (BEATS) serves children with a variety of disabilities through the use of unique therapeutic services (hippotherapy & aquatic therapy) to maximize patient outcomes.

InCommunity provides community-based support and services for children/adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Services include alternative living options, temporary funding for families, establish employment opportunities, scheduled services assists for patients at home and/or community-living, and more.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) provides specialized at-home medical equipment for patients within the metro-Atlanta area.

Northwest GA Brain Injury Support Group is facilitated by the Jimmy Simpson Foundation and is held on the second Tuesday of each month to provide information about brain injuries along with upcoming social activities that may interest patients and the patient's family.

Walton Foundation for Independence strives to inspire philanthropic events to further support the programs and services that work to improve the lives of those with disabilities and their journey towards independent living.

Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse is an advocacy organization that utilizes community participation, education and research to assist and guide individuals with a brain injury to work through the challenges and reach their full potential and quality of life they deserve.

Lekotek of Georgia is a non-profit program that encourages development in children with a variety of differing disabilities with the power of play! This program helps children learn to interact and communicate freely with others during play sessions while taking a break from the rigorous hospital visits and therapy sessions.

Parent to Parent of Georgia is committed to providing families with children with special health care needs with useful health information, training and support.

Tools for Life is Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program which provides assistive technology devices to individuals with disabilities of all ages.

The Arc of Georgia works hand-in-hand with individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities to promote and protect human rights for all.

FOCUS strives to make the lives better for not only the children with disabilities, but also the families of the child through the help of support groups, hospital visits, and providing useful information and education.

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

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.

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.

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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 assessible 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.