

Nebraska Support Programs + Agencies



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

- <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/Waiver-Descript-Factsheet/NE>
- <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/medicaid-and-long-term-care.aspx>
- <https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/nebraska/medicaid-waivers/aged-and-disabled>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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

Nebraska-Based Resources

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) assists older adults, individuals with disabilities and their family members improve and coordinate long-term care services locally.

Answers4Families provides individualized services to assist every person with a disability in achieving his or her maximum potential at home, school, workplace, and in the community.

Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) Helps Nebraskans with disabilities, their families, and professionals get devices and services

Brain Injury Alliance Nebraska creates a better future for all Nebraskans through brain injury prevention, education, advocacy, and support.

Department of Education – Special Education Nebraska Department of Education information about Special Education.

Disability Services Hotline information and referral for Nebraskans who have questions or concerns related to a disability (information about rehabilitation services, transportation, special parking permits, legal rights, and other questions related to a disability).

Nebraska Brain Injury Support Groups listing of brain injury support groups in Nebraska.

Nebraska Brain Injury Regional School Support Teams contact a Brain Injury School Support Team (BIRSST) member to assist a student transitioning into the classroom after a brain injury.

Nebraska Resource and Referral System Statewide database created with input from Nebraska families, service providers, and organizations.

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

PTI Nebraska (Parent Training and Information) is a resource for families of children with disabilities or special health needs. Empowers parents and provides knowledge to improve education and healthcare for children.

Financial Aid

Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) Payment Program provides cash payment to persons who are blind or disabled based on Social Security qualifications.

Disabled Persons and Family Support (DPFS) Program provides state-funded assistance to persons of all ages who meet certain tests, including income and disability tests. The program helps people with disabilities remain employed, stay independent, and live at home. Eligible individuals may receive funding for specific services, up to \$300 a month or \$3,600 annually.

Economic Assistance Programs promotes wellbeing and provide support to achieve self-sufficiency of families, children, individuals, elderly, and persons with disabilities by providing medical, nutritional, and financial services.

Emergency Assistance Program provides help to families in situations which are threatening the health or wellbeing of an eligible child and family. Emergency assistance payments may be made for shelter expenses, relocation expenses or non-medical transportation.

Katie Beckett Program provides Medicaid eligibility to children who otherwise would be hospitalized because of their high level of health care needs. Through Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Medically Handicapped Children's Program provides specialized medical services for children and youth with special health care needs. Services include service coordination/case management, specialty medical team evaluations, access to specialty physicians, and payment of authorized medical services.

Nebraska Community Action Agencies Nebraska has nine community action agencies located across the state that offer support to low-income individuals and families. Services can include economic assistance, employment supports, loans and education programs.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DHHS-DD) provides funding and oversight for Medicaid home and community-based developmental disabilities waiver services. This includes determining eligibility, providing service coordination for eligible people, monitoring services and paying DD providers.

Legal Advocacy

Disability Rights Nebraska provides individual advocacy, advice on legal rights, information about disability rights and services, and referrals.

Legal Aid of Nebraska assistance with legal issues.

UNL Center for Children, Families, and the Law works to improve systems and outcomes for children and families.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Madonna Rehabilitation Brain Injury rehabilitation program serving all levels of brain injury.

Munroe-Meyer Institute Provides services and support for people with intellectual, developmental, and genetic disorders.

QLI Omaha Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program is a specialized, post-hospital center of excellence for individuals who have sustained an acquired brain injury.

Non-Profit Resources

Arc of Nebraska is a non-profit, volunteer-based membership organization whose primary role is to advocate for the rights and protections of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Provides support for families as they seek to understand the waiver system, access education, find employment, access housing, and much more.

Easterseals Nebraska Provides services to help people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to live, learn, work, and play.

Nebraska Ticket to Work A centralized source of information to explore competitive employment opportunities.

Nebraska VR assists individuals with injuries, illnesses, or impairments achieve competitive employment and increased independence.

United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska Educates, advocates, and provides support through an affiliate network to ensure a life without limits for people with disabilities.

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.

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.

Special Olympics Nebraska Non-profit organization that uses sports to encourage and empower people with intellectual disabilities, promote acceptance and foster understanding and respect.

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 Exceptional Foundation of East Alabama seeks provides opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to engage in social and recreational activities.

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.