

Alaska Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Alaska 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/alaska.html>
- <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/cfc-IDW.aspx>
- <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/HCBWprogram.aspx>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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

Alaska-Based Resources

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

Alaska Brain Injury Network is the statewide leader in brain injury advocacy, information, support, and trainings; advocates for a comprehensive service delivery system for traumatic brain injury survivors and their families.

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services- Office of Children’s Services has the mission to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of children by strengthening families, engaging communities, and partnering with tribes.

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services- Senior and Disabilities Services promotes health, well-being and safety for individuals with disabilities, seniors and vulnerable adults by facilitating access to quality services and supports that foster independence, personal choice, and dignity.

Alaska Disability Determination Services DDS is contracted to the Social Security Administration (SSA) to adjudicate medical eligibility for disability benefits under Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income rules and regulations.

Alaska Infant Learning Program is a statewide system of professionals dedicated to serving all Alaskan families with children who are at risk for or experience developmental delay.

Alaska Senior and Disabilities Services- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Unit is responsible for monitoring service providers and supports systems serving individuals who experience intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Alaska Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury (TABI) program Through the Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska's TABI program funds non-profit agencies to provide services to individuals who have been diagnosed with a traumatic or acquired brain injury.

Assistive Technology Program Alaska's Assistive Technology (AT) program improves access to and acquisition of assistive technology for Alaskans with disabilities of all ages in the areas of education, employment, community living, information technology and telecommunications.

Brain Injury Association of Alaska has a mission to advance awareness, research, treatment, and education and to improve the quality of life for all people affected by brain injury; state-specific resources for Alaskans.

Brain Injury Support Groups in Alaska listing of Brain Injury support groups in Alaska. Locations vary.

Disability Law Center of Alaska is an independent non-profit law firm providing legal advocacy for people with disabilities anywhere in Alaska.

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

Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) provides cash assistance and work services to low-income families with children to help them with basic needs while they work toward becoming self-sufficient.

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

Supplementary Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food benefits to low-income households.

Healthcare

Denali KidCare: Alaska's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is Medicaid coverage for children from birth through age 18.

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Medicaid Office Medicaid provides basic health care for people who have a disability, limited income, or receive certain other government benefits.

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

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Arc of Anchorage has a full array of disability services from birth throughout life for Alaskans who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities, behavioral and mental health challenges.

Easterseals Alaska provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play.

Family Disability Services provides services for both children and adults with developmental disabilities, and offers a support system for their families.

HOPE Community Resources Inc. is a private, not for profit agency operating in the state of Alaska to provide services to individuals who experience a disability.

Stone Soup Group is a statewide non-profit that provides information, support, training and resources to assist families caring for children with special needs. They work to assist other families as they navigate through what is often an overwhelming and confusing process following a diagnosis or at times of transition down the road.

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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.