

# Pennsylvania Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Pennsylvania 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/pennsylvania.html>
- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Home-and-Community-Based%20Services.aspx>

## Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

*Is my child eligible?*

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

## Pennsylvania-Based Resources

### Olmstead Rights- Pennsylvania Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Alabama 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

**Advocacy Alliance:** Providing advocacy and culturally competent services for child and family mental health.

1-877-315-6855

### Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania:

Fosters a community of education,

advocacy, support, and research to maximize the quality of life for those with brain injuries and their families.

Resource Line: 1-800-444-6443

**Child Care Works:** helps low-income families pay their childcare fees.

### Children's Health Insurance Program

**(CHIP):** Pennsylvania's program to provide health insurance to uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.

**COMMCARE Waiver (ages 21+):** Home and community-based program developed for individuals who experience a medically determinable diagnosis of traumatic brain injury.

**COMPASS:** An online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs.

**ConsultLine:** Toll-free information help line for parents and advocates of children with disabilities who have questions or concerns about the education of a school-aged child.  
*1-800-879-2301*

**Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania:** The Pennsylvania state disability protection and advocacy program.

**Early Intervention Services Pennsylvania:** Provides support and services to families with children, from birth to age five, with developmental delays and disabilities.  
CONNECT Helpline at *1-800-692-7288*.

**Health and Human Services Division (HHSC)** The mission of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Americans. They fulfill that mission by providing for effective health and human services and fostering advances in medicine, public health, and social services.

**Help in PA - Resources for Your Family's Health** (Resources by County)

**Independent Enrollment Broker:** facilitate and streamline the eligibility/enrollment process for applicants seeking services for several Pennsylvania waivers/programs.  
*1-877-550-4227*

**Infants, Toddlers, and Families Waiver:** provides services to children from birth to age three who need early intervention services and would otherwise require the

level of care provided in an intermediate care facility.  
*717-346-1119*

**Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center:** Works with families, youth and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs to help them understand their rights and advocate for themselves.  
*1-866-950-1040*

**Parent to Parent, Pennsylvania:** A one-to-one match between an experienced mentor parent, called a peer support parent, and a parent seeking individualized support from another parent who has been there.  
*1-888-727-2706*

**Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program:** Program provides support and advocacy services to individuals of any age who have a developmental disability.  
*814-781-7860*

**Pennsylvania Families, Inc.:** Family network that convenes families of children in child-serving systems, connects them to information and resources to maximize their quality of life, and collaborates to improve community supports, services, and family outcomes.  
*1-800-947-4941*

**Pennsylvania Head Injury Program:** Helps pay for head injury rehabilitation services for people who qualify.  
*717-772-2763*

Brain Injury Help Line (toll free):  
*1-866-412-4755* for enrollment specialist

**Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation:** Provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with

disabilities prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment.

**Special Kids Network:** Helpline assists providers and parents of children and youth with special health care needs access local services and supports.

*1-800-986-4550*

**Success Rehabilitation:** Specializing in Acquired & Traumatic Brain Injury, Success Rehabilitation provides a comprehensive continuum of care for patients with brain injury.

**The Arc of Pennsylvania:** Promotes human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

## 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.

**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 Assistance Transportation Program Covers** Provides transportation to medical appointments for Medical Assistance

recipients who do not have transportation available to them.

**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 assessable 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.

**Works For Me** Employment solutions for people with disabilities in Pennsylvania.

**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.