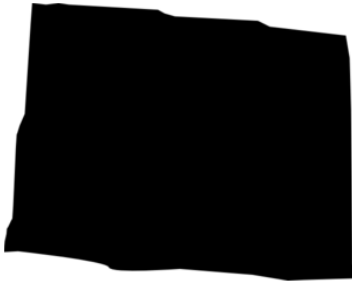


# Colorado Support Programs + Agencies



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

- <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/colorado.html>
- <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-programs>

## Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

*Is my child eligible?*

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

## Colorado-Based Resources

### Olmstead Rights – Colorado Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Colorado: 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

**AbleLink Smart Living Technologies** serves individuals with brain injuries by providing software to simplify computer and phone usage.

**Ability Connection Colorado** exists to provide education, pathways to employment and statewide family support.

**Assistive Technology Act Program of Colorado** helps individuals live a more independent life through information and assistance with finding, funding and evaluating for assistive technology.

**Brain Injury Alliance Colorado** provides guidance, resources, support and education for survivors of brain injury, their families and providers.

**BIAC – Family and Survivor Services** an extensive list of programs within Colorado for brain injury survivors and their families.

**Brain Injury Association of America - Colorado** lists Colorado specific support groups available to individuals who have sustained a brain injury and their families.

**BrainSTEPS CO** is a school re-entry program for educators, parents and students focused on strategies for a successful transition to school after a brain injury.

**Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition** focuses on advocating for disability rights through fighting for social justice.

**Colorado Department of Human Services** connects families to health and human services for independent living within Colorado

**Colorado Kids with Brain Injury** provides information on services that are available and how to access support.

**Colorado Office of Early Childhood** collaborates with families and professionals to provide resources for future success through early childhood supports

**Colorado Respite Coalition** strives to give all Colorado family caregivers access to respite care for all ages with extensive care needs.

**El Grupo Vida** is a Colorado based organization for Spanish speaking families who have children with disabilities to be empowered through education and training.

**Family Voices Colorado** is a parent run organization that supports families of children with special healthcare needs through knowledge and support in navigating the complex healthcare systems.

**Kids Mobility Network** serves un-insured and underinsured families who need durable medical equipment.

**Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Association for Brain Injuries** to support the life of individuals suffering from brain injuries through financial support and assistance regarding hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

**Parent to Parent of Colorado** connects parents of children with disabilities to other families and resources to support emotional and informational needs.

**THRIVE CENTER** is Colorado's only community parent resource center for children with disabilities ages 0-26 that empowers and educates families as advocates.

## Financial Aid

**Brain Injury Hope Foundation** aims to provide financial assistance to those who have sustained a mild traumatic brain injury. Their goals include providing emergency assistance, providing education and technical assistance to survivors and their families.

**Colorado Brain Injury Trust Fund** exists to help Colorado residents who have sustained

a brain injury through client services, research, education and program activity funds. Client services includes connecting with BIAC to access needed supports.

**Transamerica Financial Advisors, Inc.** provides financial strategies for families with children with disabilities with no obligation.

## Healthcare

**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.

## Legal Advocacy

**Colorado Legal Services** is a non-profit focused on providing meaningful civil legal services to provide justice for low income and vulnerable families.

**Disability Law Colorado** exists to protect and promote individual rights by addressing disability issues through legal representation, training and education, information and referrals and legislative analysis.

# Non-Profit Resources

**Adaptive Sports Association** is a Durango based non-profit that aims to enrich the lives of individuals with disability through outdoor, sport and recreational experiences.

**Arc of Colorado** promotes and protects the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through inclusion and participation in the community.

**Begin Again Ranch** is a nonprofit based in Douglas county that assists brain injury survivors and their families regain confidence through working with horses.

**Colorado Discover Ability** provides equal access to outdoor recreation to those with disabilities to regain confidence and increase leisure exploration.

**TBI: Alive Colorado** is comprised of brain injury survivor, families and practitioners focused on promoting cognitive and emotional fitness through community and lifestyle participation.

**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 (SJBFB). The mission of SJBFB 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.

**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.