

South Carolina Support Programs + Agencies



Search “South Carolina 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/south_carolina.html
- <https://ddsn.sc.gov/services/medicaid-home-and-community-based-waiver-services>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

South Carolina-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- South Carolina Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

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

Brain Injury Association of South Carolina

promotes hope and support by providing brain injury prevention, awareness, education, and advocacy to survivors and their families.

South Carolina Assistive Technology Program (SCATP) enhances independence, productivity, and quality of life for all South

Carolinians through access to assistive technology devices and services.

South Carolina Brain Injury Support Groups

has a listing of brain injury support groups in South Carolina. The list is available for download.

Camp Burnt Gin is a summer camp in run by the DHEC, for children who have physical disabilities and chronic illnesses.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs – Head and Spinal Cord Injury

oversees services for people with Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Spinal Cord Injury and similar conditions.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) plans, develops, oversees, and funds services for South Carolinians with severe, lifelong disabilities of intellectual disability, autism, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries, and conditions related to these disabilities.

Department of Health and Environmental Control – Getting Help for People with Disabilities

provides information and resources for people looking for assistance for themselves or a family member with disabilities.

Department of Health and Environmental Control – Help for Brain Injury Patients and Families provides information and resources for people with brain injuries.

Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) promotes and protects the health of the public and the environment in South Carolina.

Family Connection of South Carolina changes lives by making connections, raising awareness, and promoting inclusion for those with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Get Care South Carolina provides a guide to available resources for older adults, people with disabilities, their family members, and their caregivers in South Carolina.

Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Services provides community-based services and supports for individuals with acquired brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, or related disabilities to increase capacity for independent living, community participation, and employment. HASCI Services also provides support groups for brain injury survivors and their families.

Home Again is South Carolina’s state Nursing Home Transition Program that helps senior and people with disabilities move from skilled nursing facilities into communities and receive appropriate services and supports.

Individuals Motivating People to Achieve Change Together (I.M.P.A.C.T.) is a state-wide self-advocacy council for South Carolina, and provides information, training, and leadership opportunities to enhance self-advocacy for people with disabilities.

SC Respite Coalition strives expand quality respite opportunities in South Carolina throughout the lifespan for South Carolina families who have a member with special needs.

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

South Carolina Assistive Technology Exchange is designed to promote equipment exchange between individuals who need equipment and those who are no longer using their equipment.

South Carolina Client Assistance Program (CAP) advocates, advises, and informs clients, client applicants, and other individuals with disabilities of all the available services and benefits under the Rehabilitation Act.

South Carolina Department of Education – Special Education Services provides information and resources for schools, children with special needs, and their families.

South Carolina Department of Mental Health supports the recovery of people with mental illness through a statewide network of community mental health centers, clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes.

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council provides leadership in planning, funding, and implementing initiatives that lead to improved quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

South Carolina Facility Locator allows users to search for different types of facilities using specific search parameters.

Team Luke Hope for Minds exists to enrich the lives of children impacted by a brain injury and to give hope to their families through support, education, and resources.

The Lowcountry Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) provides assistance and services to eligible seniors and people with disabilities.

The South Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting Independent Living for people with disabilities throughout the state.

Transition Alliance of South Carolina provides interagency teams resources to serve young adults with disabilities who are transitioning from high school to adult-life.

U.S. Department of Labor Disability Resources The federal government website for comprehensive information about disability-related programs, services, policies, laws and regulations.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Department prepares and assists eligible South Carolinians with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment.

VR's Disability Determination Services (DDS) unit processes Social Security Disability Insurance claims as well as Supplemental Security Income claims for the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Financial Aid

Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS) provides financial assistance to families of children under age 18 with one or more chronic illnesses and disabling conditions to pay for medical services, supplies, equipment, and prescription medications.

Community Choices Waiver provides assistance to individuals who want to remain in the community, but who require the level of care necessary at a nursing facility.

Community Supports Waiver serves people with intellectual disability or related disabilities in their home and/or community and offers opportunities for self-directed services.

DHEC Financial Help for Your Child with Special Healthcare Needs provides some financial assistance to help children with special health care needs, including payment for medical services, supplies, equipment, and prescription medications.

DHEC Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs provides information and resources to receive certain services.

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

Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver recipients receive Medicaid-funded services and supports in their homes and other community settings instead of in a hospital, nursing facility, or institution.

SCDDSN Funding for Specialized TBI/SCI Post-Acute Rehabilitation pays for medical rehabilitation for uninsured or underinsured people with TBI and/or SCI in inpatient/outpatient TBI/SCI rehabilitation programs.

South Carolina Thrive provides innovative and efficient access to quality-of-life resources such as food, security, healthcare resources, and financial wellness.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers aid to eligible low-income families and individuals to ensure these families are able to obtain a nutritious diet.

The Intellectual Disability and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) Waiver provides assistance for individuals with intellectual or related disabilities to receive necessary services.

Healthcare

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for retirees age 65 or older and people with disabilities.

Medicaid provides health coverage to eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults, and people with disabilities.

BabyNet is South Carolina's interagency early intervention system for infants and toddlers under three years of age with developmental delays, or who have conditions associated with developmental delays.

Community Long Term Care (CLTC) offers programs to help individuals who want to live at home, need assistance with their care, and are financially eligible for Medicaid.

Healthy Connections is South Carolina's Medicaid program. It is a medical assistance program that helps pay for some or all medical bills for many people who cannot afford medical care and provides a variety of programs.

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.

South Carolina Drug Card is a free statewide prescription assistance program that offers free drug cards to all South Carolina residents.

Special Formula Program provides nutritional preparations recommended by licensed dietitians to children and youth with selected medical conditions who require

nutritional supplements for adequate growth and development.

The Free Medical Clinic provides quality health care, at no cost, to uninsured residents of the community who cannot pay for such services.

Legal Advocacy

Disability Rights South Carolina works to improve laws, regulations, policies, or practices to prevent abuse or neglect of individuals with disabilities to gain greater independence and full inclusion in the community and the workplace.

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. promotes the mission of protecting the rights of people with disabilities in South Carolina by enabling individuals to advocate for themselves, speaking on their behalf when needed, and by promoting policies and services which respect their choices.

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) is the United States' national self-advocacy organization that works to ensure that people with disabilities are treated as equals and are given the same decision-making opportunities.

South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program provides professional legal services with no or reduced fees.

South Carolina Legal Aid provides free legal advice or legal representation for eligible individuals who cannot afford legal services.

South Carolina Legal Services (SCLS) provides free legal assistance in a wide variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low-income residents of South Carolina.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Columbia provides neurological rehabilitation for brain injuries, with customized treatment plans to address each client's specific needs and goals.

Health Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Rehabilitation Hospital combines clinical collaboration and advanced technologies to provide personalized care to help their clients regain independence after a life-changing illness or injury.

Inpatient Brain Injury Program of Roger C. Peace Hospital (RCPH) provides rehabilitation to individuals with brain injuries of all levels of severity.

Roger C. Peace Outpatient Brain Injury and Young Stroke Program is the only program of its kind in South Carolina and maintains specialty accreditation for brain injury, stroke, and vocational programs by the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Roper Rehabilitation Hospital's Brain Injury Specialty Program provides comprehensive, specialized care to clients recovering from brain injury in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Non-Profit Resources

Able SC is an organization built on the central concept of self-empowerment. It's a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability nonprofit that provides an array of independent living services.

AccessAbility South Carolina promotes the full integration of people with disabilities in their communities by empowering the to realize their full potential.

Arc of South Carolina enhances the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They fulfill this through advocacy for community supports and services that foster social inclusion, self-determination, and equity across all aspects of society.

ARTS ACCESS SC is a nonprofit organization that provides children, youth, and adults with disabilities quality and accessible arts experiences.

Babcock Center exists to ensure that people with disabilities are given every opportunity and resource to live full lives, by promoting abilities and respecting choice.

Best Buddies of South Carolina is an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employments. They also arrange e-Buddies for individuals.

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.

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.

Children's Wish Foundation International Grants for wishes for children under 18 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

Chive Charities Funding for rare medical conditions, veterans with medical-related needs, first responders & emergency assistance organizations & underfunded special needs education initiatives.

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.

Dream Riders provides opportunities for people with special needs to benefit from

equine assisted activities in a safe and rewarding environment.

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.

Easterseals South Carolina provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunity to live, learn, work and play in their community.

Family Voices is a national family-led organization of families and friends of children and youth with special health care needs and disabilities.

First Hand Foundation Financial Assistance.

Florence County Disabilities & Special Needs Board (FCDSNB) provides services throughout Florence County that bring out the best in people while promoting opportunities, broadening their abilities, and supporting choices.

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.

HEART provides visual arts, music, and performing arts mentorships and community engagement for adults with disabilities who want to grow and develop as artists.

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 Alliance on Mental Illness South Carolina serves residents across the state with free mental health support, online support groups, resources, educational classes, and advocacy programs.

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 Organization for Vehicle Accessibility small grants to help complete accessible van purchases after other funding has been secured.

National Patient Travel HELPLINE Provides assistance and referral to the best source of charitable medical air transportation help.

Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services (PAALS) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to enriching and empowering children and adults with physical disabilities and social needs by training assistance animals and providing

animal assisted educational and recreational activities.

Parents Reaching Out to (PRO) Parents of South Carolina, Inc., is a private, non-profit organization which believes that parents can be the best advocates for their children, and provides information, training, and education to families of children with all types of disabilities.

Patient Services Inc. provides information about help with insurance coverage and medical co-payments.

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.

Sibling Support Project is dedicated to the life-long and ever-changing concerns of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health concerns.

Single Mothers Grants provides financial assistance for utility bills, childcare, college, medical bills, medications, rent assistance, buying a home and more.

South Carolina Accessible Playground Directory provides a listing of accessible playgrounds in South Carolina.

South Carolina Wheelchair Accessible Trails and Maps provides information and locations for wheelchair accessible trails in South Carolina.

Southeast ADA Center provides information, training, and guidance on disability access and South Carolina Disability Services.

Special Olympics South Carolina provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with disabilities.

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 South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families works to create stronger, more successful families by helping fathers build the skills they need to be responsible and engaged.

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.

Voice of Reason (VOR) advocates for high quality care and human rights for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Wheelchairs 4 Kids Wheelchairs, home & vehicle modifications, and devices for children with limited mobility.