

North Carolina Support Programs + Agencies



Search “North Carolina Long Term Services and Support Waiver Programs” to find an organized summary of state waiver assistance programs. Two good sites are:

- http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/north_carolina.html
- <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/programs-and-services/behavioral-health-idd/nc-innovations-waiver>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

North Carolina-Based Resources

Brain Injury Association of North Carolina

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

Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center

helps parents navigate the special education system, their needs and using their voice. Information, support and resources are also provided to assist families care for children with special needs.

North Carolina Children’s Services provides health care, financial assistance and access to nutrition programs to children who require extra support.

North Carolina Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Help Line is a free information and referral source for caregivers of and professionals who work with children and youth who have or are at risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions, needing health services beyond the care that a child typically needs.

North Carolina Child Support Services works to ensure that both parents are responsible for the support of their children to the best of their ability and assists those who need help collecting child support through state and locally run offices.

North Carolina Community Rehabilitation Services offer a range of employment-related and support services to those with specialized needs. Services include things like vocational evaluation, community-based assessment, job development, and job coaching. Individual or group-supported employment and work-adjustment activities are designed to improve work skills, work behaviors, and emotional/physical tolerances.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services works closely with health care professionals, community leaders and advocacy groups in order to serve North Carolinians, specifically elders, children, disabled, and low-income citizens. There has been specific grants passed to treat those with TBIs.

North Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council works to improve the life and opportunities of those with a brain injury or developmental disability, ensuring that people with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to culturally competent services and supports.

North Carolina Employment Services for People with Disabilities helps people with disabilities achieve their employment goals. Services can provide counseling, education, training, job placement assistance, assistive technology and many other services, depending on what one needs to meet their goals for competitive, integrated employment.

North Carolina Health Service Regulation provides effective regulatory and remedial activities for the health, safety and well-being of all North Carolinians. This includes consultation, training opportunities and improved access to health care delivery systems.

North Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services works to promote excellence in prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs. The program provides support to achieve self-determination for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and quality services to promote treatment and recovery for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders.

North Carolina In-Home Aid Services provides licensed professionals to help individuals who have functional, physical or mental impairments accomplish their daily activities and care assistance.

North Carolina Independent Living for People with Disabilities helps consumers live a more independent life and provides an alternative to living in a nursing home or other facility for eligible individuals. Services include guidance and counseling, rehabilitation engineering, home and vehicle modifications, independent living skills training, certain equipment purchases, assistance with leisure activities, and personal assistance services.

North Carolina Service Animals for People with Disabilities Through the independent living for people with disabilities, the state provides a registration for a service animal, whether it being for emotional or physical support.

North Carolina Support Groups a list of virtual and in-person support groups across North Carolina.

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

Work First Family Assistance Cash benefit programs provides parents with short-term training and other services to help them become employed and move toward self-sufficiency.

North Carolina Low Income Energy Assistance is a federally funded program to help eligible households, including a person aged 60 or older or disabled persons, providing for a one-time vendor payment to pay their heating bills.

NC Community Services Block Grant works to offer support to individuals who are currently at or below 100% of the federal poverty level. Community Action Agencies (listed on linked page) will help meet employment, housing and crisis prevention needs.

North Carolina Family Prevention Services is a financial assistance program aimed at families who are at high risk of placement out of their home. Qualified families can receive crisis intervention, emergency financial public assistance funds, individual and family therapy, mentoring, client advocacy, and case management.

North Carolina Food and Nutrition Services is a federal food assistance program that provides low-income families the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet.

North Carolina Lifeline-Linkup Programs provide a discount of up to \$9.25 per month on either a home telephone or a wireless telephone service for low-income participants.

Healthcare

Health Choice for Children is a North Carolina health coverage program for low-income children who may not qualify for Medicaid.

Medicaid is a health insurance program for low-income individuals and families who cannot afford health care costs

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.

NC Drug Discount Cards are available to help you compare costs of prescription medications of the pharmacies in your area. This is not an insurance card but can help you if you do not have insurance.

National Health Law Program includes detailed information about federal health policy, especially Medicaid and Medicare.

North Carolina Med Assist is a statewide non-profit pharmacy in North Carolina, providing prescription and over-the-counter medications to our neighbors in need at no cost.

Legal Advocacy

Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy providing services including healthcare access, home preservation, immigration, income security and tax disputes. The center also works to ensure vulnerable populations, such as children, immigrants, people living with disabilities, seniors and veterans have the assistance they need.

Disability Rights North Carolina defends the rights of people with all types of disabilities, of all ages, statewide. DRNC's areas of practice include education, housing, health and mental health care, community access and support, voting rights, and monitoring and investigating abuse and neglect in facilities, such as psychiatric hospitals, developmental centers, prison, jails and schools.

Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity.

North Carolina Justice Center works to eliminate poverty in North Carolina by ensuring that every household in the state has access to the resources, services, and fair treatment it needs to achieve economic security.

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.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Lutheran Services Carolinas offers long term supportive services such as group homes, whole person care, crisis intervention and stabilization, family host homes, and home and community-based services for those who have a traumatic brain injury.

Mission Health CarePartners provide services and care such as rehabilitation, home health, adult care, and hospice after a serious illness or injury.

Neuro Community Care specializes in community-based support services for persons with traumatic brain injury, neurological disorders, or other physical challenges. They focus on case management, community support, and rehabilitative efforts to help ease the transition from inpatient programs.

Non-Profit Resources

Able to Serve Provides services for older youth/adults with disabilities to encourage lifelong learning, establish meaningful relationships within the community, and create opportunities to serve others in need through community service partnerships.

Alliance of Disability Advocates works to assist people with any disabilities to fully participate in their communities without boundaries in the Raleigh-Durham and surrounding area.

Hinds Feet Farm works to maximize the post injury potential of persons living with brain injury with programs that allow members to pursue meaningful activities while developing a sense of belonging at home and in the surrounding communities. This is accomplished with unique, person-centered, post-rehabilitation, community-based programs.

North Carolina Disability Advocates and Resource Center works to help people with disabilities be able to live independently, providing information & referral, peer mentoring, skills training and advocacy.

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.

McIndon 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.