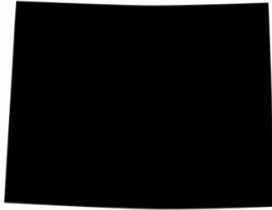


Wyoming Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Wyoming 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/wyoming.html>
- <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/hcbs/>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

Wyoming-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Wyoming Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Wyoming 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 Alliance of Wyoming

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

Brain Injury Support Groups provides a listing of support groups in Wyoming organized by location.

Developmental Disability Advisory Council

advises the Home and Community-Based Services Section on formulating, amending, and implementing programs, activities, and a statewide service delivery system for people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries.

Special Education Programs children who are eligible for special education are entitled to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE) from the age of three through the school year in which the student turns 21 years old.

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 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Section oversees HCBS waiver programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, acquired brain injuries, and who are ages 19-64 with a physical disability or ages 65+ who need nursing facility level of care.

The Wyoming Employment First Initiative states that competitive and integrated employment will be the first option when serving people with disabilities who are of working age to obtain employment, centered on the premises that all citizens are capable

of full participation in integrated employment and community life.

The Wyoming State Hospital provides high quality psychiatric care that anticipates and responds to the changing needs of the people served.

The Wyoming State Independent Living Council (SILC) supports the independent living philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities and the integration and full inclusion of people with disabilities in the mainstream of American society.

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

Uplift Wyoming is a statewide organization that promotes the emotional health and well-being of families across Wyoming. Uplift promotes the beliefs that all children with special needs have a variety of strengths and needs, have a right to be treated with dignity and respect, and to safely participate in community life, live with their families, and attend their local school.

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

Wyoming Aging and Disability Resource Center is committed to making state and local resources accessible to the people of Wyoming to increase self-sufficiency, safety, and the health and wellness of older adults and people with disabilities.

Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources (WATR) is Wyoming's Assistive Technology

Act program and a resource for all assistive technology (AT) needs in Wyoming through information and assistance, training, device loans and demonstrations, financial assistance and more.

Wyoming Department of Family Services work centers around the principles of promoting and ensuring safety at home, giving families opportunities for success, and supporting the people who support families.

Wyoming Department of Health - Brain Injury provides information and resources on preventing traumatic brain injury in Wyoming.

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services - Vocational Rehabilitation is committed to helping people with disabilities establish and reach vocational goals that help them become productive working citizens.

Wyoming Family to Family Health Information Center provides families of children and youth with special health care needs greater access to evidence-based and cost-effective health information, family supports, and training to promote optimal health and patient engagement in health care decision making.

Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (WGDD) purpose is to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

Wyoming Independent Living, Inc. (WIL) is dedicated to the philosophy that every person, regardless of disability, deserves to experience dignity, safety, health, and personal independence.

Wyoming Life Resource Center (WLRC) is a residential community with therapeutic and medical support services that provides 24-hour care, 365 days a year with state-of-the-art care, learning, and job opportunities.

Wyoming Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program acts on behalf of recipients of long-term care services in Wyoming to advocate for adequacy of care received, quality of life, and preserve recipients' independence, dignity, rights, autonomy, and freedom of choice.

Wyoming Pioneer Home goal is to meet each resident's needs in a home-like atmosphere while maintaining the highest possible levels of choice, dignity, respect, privacy, and individuality.

Wyoming Services for Independent Living has a mission to provide for continually increasing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to live as independently as possible.

Wyoming's Early Intervention and Education Program provides free screenings and services to help children get on track to a successful future.

Financial Aid

Child Care Subsidy Program helps low-income families pay for the cost of care when the parent(s) are working, in school, or training.

Community Choices Waiver serves individuals who are aged 65 and older, or individuals who are aged 19 – 64 who have a disability that is verified as meeting Social Security Administration (SSA) disability determination criteria.

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

Home and Community-Based Waiver is designed to meet the needs of people who prefer to get long-term care services and supports in their home or community, rather than in an institutional setting, such as a skilled nursing or intermediate care facility.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program's (LIEAP) purpose is to help low- and fixed-income families and individuals pay their heating bills during the winter months.

POWER Work Program is a cash assistance program that helps families with children become self-sufficient by helping individuals find employment and providing free child support assistance.

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.

Supports and Comprehensive Waivers provides supportive services to eligible individuals of all ages who have an intellectual disability, developmental disability, or acquired brain injury.

Telephone Assistance – Lifeline is a federal discount program that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet service. The program is open to anyone enrolled in SNAP, LIEAP, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, or Federal Public Housing Assistance.

The Wyoming WIC Program offers benefits to low-income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or who just had a baby, and families with children under the age of 5. Nutritious food items, as well as many other benefits, are available for many Wyoming families through WIC.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps households save money on

home heating costs by improving their home's energy efficiency.

WY ABLE Accounts allow individuals with disabilities to grow their savings in a tax-advantaged account without losing government needs-based benefits.

Wyoming Technology Access Program offers people with disabilities an opportunity to finance AT devices and services through loans with very low interest.

Healthcare

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

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

Kid Care CHIP provides affordable health coverage including check-ups, dentist visits, vision care, prescriptions and more.

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.

The Children's Special Health (CSH) program supports eligible clients and their families by offering care coordination services and limited gap-filling financial assistance. These services are available to children and youth with special health care needs who have, or are at increased risk for a

chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition.

The Maternal and Child Health Unit (MCH) provides leadership to ensure Wyoming women, children, and families, including those with special health care needs, have access to prevention services and public health programs.

Wyoming Volunteer Health Services Program supports access to quality healthcare for medically underserved and uninsured Wyoming residents.

Legal Advocacy

Equal Justice Wyoming is a statewide program for improving access to justice and providing civil legal services to Wyoming's low-income citizens.

Legal Aid of Wyoming provides legal assistance to low-income individuals living in Wyoming for a variety of civil legal cases.

Protection & Advocacy System, Inc. is the Wyoming state disability protection and advocacy agency, and has a goal to establish, expand, protect, and enforce the human and civil rights of person with disabilities through administrative, legal, and other appropriate remedies.

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.

Wyoming Children's Law Center, Inc. offers a variety of free legal services, including Special Education advice and legal representation.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Brain Injury Center (BIC) of Wyoming provides the expertise of a Certified Brain Injury Specialist accompanied by specialized treatment options including Day Services, Residential Habilitation, Supported Living and Employment Services.

Core Orthopedic and Spine Physical Therapy has neurological therapists to help you regain function, movement, and promote independent living.

Core Physical Therapy has a Neuro-Rehab program designed for your specific needs to increase function, reduce symptoms, and improve quality of life.

Teton Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy neurological rehabilitation programs for a variety of neurological conditions including brain injury.

Thrive Neurological Rehab Initiative outpatient clinic's goal is to help their patients become stronger and develop greater independence with state-of-the-art equipment and advanced rehabilitation techniques.

Wyoming Specialized Physical Therapy has a comprehensive concussion and mild brain injury program to foster recovery and function.

Wyoming Medical Center Neurosciences combines specialists in neurology, interventional radiology and neurosurgery to offer the region's most comprehensive care of the brain, spine and central nervous system.

Non-Profit Resources

Arc of Laramie County 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.

Best Buddies of Wyoming 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.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program (CNP) is Wyoming's SNAP education program and offers free cooking and nutrition education classes for both children and adults.

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.

Cooper Center for Creative Arts believes that all people deserve the opportunity for creative self-expression without limits and without boundaries. By working alongside trained, professional artists, students can develop technical skills in the arts while exploring their personal creativity.

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.

Easterseals 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 Wyoming 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.

First Hand Foundation Financial Assistance.

Fund It Forward For anyone with a diagnosed disability or medical condition in need of medical devices or equipment.

Got Transition is the national resource center on health care transition (HCT). Its aim is to improve the transition from pediatric to adult health care using evidence-driven strategies for clinicians and other health care professionals, youth and young adults, and parents and caregivers.

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.

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 (NAMI) Wyoming provides a variety of services, support, and education for people with mental illness and their families.

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.

Parent Information Center supports families through the process of special education services and how to communicate effectively with schools to be partners in their children's education and learning.

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.

Special Olympics Wyoming provides year-round participation in sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-Type sports for individuals with a variety of disabilities.

Teton Adaptive Sports offers year-round accessible programming in climbing, camping, cycling, mountain biking, hiking, paddling, alpine and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating/sled hockey with a staff committed to improving quality of life for athletes with disabilities from this area and visiting the Tetons.

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 M.O.R.G.A.N. Project exists to provide families with specialized programs for children with special health care needs, disabilities, sensory issues, and concerns, to improve quality of life for the entire family.

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.

Wyoming Arts Council (WAC) - Health and Wellness through the Arts Program connects artists, arts organizations, and health service providers to deliver creative opportunities to people managing a decline in health, living with a temporary or permanent physical, emotional, or cognitive disability, or wishing to improve daily life. Participation in the arts has a direct effect on improving the health and wellbeing of every individual.