

Michigan Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Michigan 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/michigan.html>
- https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_2943-334724--,00.html

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

Michigan-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Michigan Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

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

Arts for All Northern Michigan empowers people of all abilities through accessible arts and culture opportunities while advocating for inclusive community engagement.

Assistive Technology of Michigan delivers technology solutions appropriate for the

individual’s disability, residual abilities, and work or lifestyle needs.

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration

administers Medicaid waivers for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and emotional disorders, and administers prevention and treatment services for substance use disorders.

Brain Injury Association of Michigan - Support Group Listing provides a list of TBI support groups within the state of Michigan.

Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI)

is a public agency that provides comprehensive to increase access to care, support people in crisis, and provide treatment for those with the most serious and complex behavioral health needs regardless of their insurance coverage.

Community Mental Health Services is a page on the Michigan state government website that provides resources regarding mental health in the community.

Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity – Workers Compensation

provides compensation to workers who suffer an injury on the job.

Disability Network/Michigan's focus is on leadership development, relationship building, effective communication and mobilizing around issues that will have the greatest impact on delivering high-quality independent living services to people with disabilities.

Disability Network/Northern Michigan provides various programs and services to promote inclusion and living life to the fullest.

Disability Rights Michigan (DRM) is the independent, private, nonprofit, nonpartisan protection and advocacy organization authorized by Federal and State law to advocate and protect the legal rights of people with disabilities in Michigan.

Disability Rights Michigan provides help to people with disabilities in Michigan to expand and defend their rights, including supporting self-advocacy groups and legal assistance.

Get Help Now – Behavioral Health provides links to county organizations that provide support, treatment, and counseling for substance use disorder, gambling, and mental health.

Great Lakes Loan Closets mission is to provide a directory of organizations that lend medical equipment for minimal or no cost.

Macomb County Community Mental Health guided by the values, strengths and informed choices of the people we serve, provides quality services which promote recovery, community participation, self-sufficiency, and independence.

MI Choice Waiver Program provides an array of Medicaid-covered nursing home services to anyone age 18 or older so that they can remain in their home with the same level of service.

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

Michigan Alliance for Families provides information, support, and education for families who have children and young adults who receive, or may be eligible to receive, special education services.

Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund provides avenues for Michigan residents to apply for financing up to \$30,000 for assistive technology equipment or services.

Michigan Career & Technical Institute (MCTI) develops customized workforce solutions for businesses and individuals with disabilities and provides an educational center for adults with disabilities in Michigan offering career assessment services that help students explore job options.

Michigan Department of Education – Special Education page provides parents with resources about special education, as well as information about the rights and protection for children with disabilities.

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute contribute to the development of inclusive communities and quality of life for people with disabilities and their families through a culturally sensitive, statewide program of training and education, community support and services, research, and sharing of information.

Michigan Disability Resources provides listings of resources and programs offered by the state of Michigan for people with disabilities.

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC) seeks to enhance disability pride and disability diversity by increasing education and resources, hosting special events and campaigns, connecting youth with disabilities,

and providing educational resources for leadership skills.

Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program strives to improve the quality of care and quality of life experienced by residents who reside in licensed long term care facilities.

Michigan Statewide Advocacy Services (MSAS) is a non-profit organization that serves low-income individuals and families as well as lawyers and other advocates in Michigan.

Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council (MiSILC) promotes a philosophy of independent living which includes the full integration and inclusion of people with disabilities. This happens through consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and systems advocacy to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of people with disabilities.

Michigan Traumatic Brain Injury Online Training provides web-based trainings regarding the causes, symptoms, and treatment of TBI for service providers, educators, policy makers, caregivers, the public, and TBI survivors and their families.

Michigan's Assistive Technology Program can help you find resources for assistive technology, look for specific devices, devise a funding strategy and learn more about assistive technology.

Michigan's Trauma-Informed System for Children and their Families contains information about trauma & toxic stress, the impact on health and development and ways to lessen negative outcomes - information from national and state experts that are working to build trauma-informed systems of care for children and their families in Michigan.

Northeastern Michigan Community Service Agency - Transition Navigator Services assists seniors and adults with disabilities to return to the community from nursing facilities.

Recreation for Everyone contains a list of accessible recreation locations in Michigan, including beaches, camping, fishing, and more.

School Wellness Program provides services to promote academic success by helping students achieve their best possible physical and mental health status.

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 Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) mission is to provide statewide leadership, direction, and resources to support Michigan's aging, adult services, and disability networks, with the aim of helping residents live with dignity, meaning, purpose, and independence.

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) is a non-profit organization that provides education, advocacy, research opportunities, support and support groups to brain injury survivors, their families, and the people who serve them.

Financial Aid

Child Care Assistance is available through MI Bridges for parents who cannot afford to pay for childcare services.

Emergency Relief: Home, Utilities & Burial
Emergency support is designed to maintain low-income households that are normally able to make ends meet but occasionally need help when unexpected emergency situations arise.

Food Assistance Program provides temporary food assistance for eligible low-income families and individuals is available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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

Healthy Michigan Plan make health care plans available to individuals at a low cost.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – State Disability Assistance (SDA) provides cash assistance to eligible disabled adults, their caretakers, and people age 65 or older.

Michigan Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides benefits to low-income households who meet all State Emergency Relief (SER) eligibility requirements to help them with household heat and electric costs.

MiChild is a health insurance program for uninsured children of Michigan's working families.

The Children with Special Needs Fund provides support for children in Michigan with special health care needs not available through any other funding source. The Fund helps with the purchase of equipment and services that promote optimal health, mobility, and development, enhancing the lives of children and their families.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program distributes food quarterly to families in need.

The Family Independence Program (FIP) provides temporary cash assistance to families with children and pregnant women to help them pay for living expenses such as rent, heat, utilities, clothing, food and personal care items.

The Home-Delivered Meals Program provides nutritionally sound meals to frail older adults who find it difficult to prepare meals. The meals are delivered to homebound persons 60 years or older, or adults with disabilities, who are unable to shop or prepare meals for themselves.

The Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs provide assistance to people with disabilities. This page provides detailed information to help you understand what to expect from Social Security during the application process.

WIC Project FRESH – Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides low-income, nutritionally-at-risk WIC clients with eligible, locally grown, fresh, unprepared fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers, farmers' markets and roadside stands throughout Michigan.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a federally funded Special Supplemental Nutrition Program of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, serving low and moderate income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Healthcare

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides health coverage to children, pregnant women, parents, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

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.

MI Bridges is a website designed to help you apply for benefits, explore resources, and manage your case.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Coverage for Persons with Disabilities provides information regarding Long-Term Care and Medicare savings programs.

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

Legal Advocacy

Legal Aid and Defender Association is a nonprofit organization that aims to provide holistic, innovative legal services to improve the quality of life and empower vulnerable and underserved individuals in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties who cannot afford an attorney.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan is a nonprofit law firm providing free legal advice and representation in a broad range of areas including consumer cases, family matters, housing problems, government benefits, and much more.

Legal Services of Northern Michigan provides a full range of legal services in areas of civil law, including renters and consumers rights, assistance programs, family law, and financial law for people who meet Federal poverty guidelines or who are 60 years of age or older.

Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) provides free legal advice and representation to low-income individuals, families, and older adults in Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham,

Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties.

Michigan Advocacy Program provides access to the justice system for a variety of populations.

Michigan Indian Legal Services provides legal services statewide to income-eligible individuals and Tribes, advocates for the rights of individuals, which advances systems of justice, and works to preserve Indian families through state and tribal courts.

Michigan Legal Help is for people who are handling their legal problems without a lawyer, but can help individuals find a lawyer, and better understand legal forms and procedures on a variety of topics.

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

Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital Neurological Recovery Systems is committed to helping survivors of brain injury in rebuilding their physical, cognitive, and social skills and abilities, which may have been lost or impaired by their injury.

Aspire Rehabilitation specializes in treating survivors of traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injuries. Services include semi-independent apartments, staff training, individual and family therapy, comprehensive behavioral interventions, and more.

BrainTrainers is a holistic therapeutic day program for brain injury neuropsychological rehabilitation located in Ann Arbor, MI.

Semesters start twice a year in January and July.

Communicare Michigan specializes in post-acute rehabilitation of traumatic brain injury with 3 different therapeutic components, including a comprehensive set of Outpatient Therapies, Day Programs and a Semi-Independent Living Program. Communicare aims to provide customized rehabilitation opportunities in the least restrictive environment for each individual.

Community Connections provides supported independent living services to individuals with brain injuries who have successfully progressed through clinical rehabilitation programs.

Deer Run Rehabilitation has an inpatient facility specifically designed for clients with traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries as well as a semi-independent living program.

Diamond Home Care provides comforting care in the home – so you or a loved one can recuperate, deal with a medical condition, or age safely and securely at home. Specialty services for catastrophic injuries such as traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury and more.

Galaxy Brain and Therapy Center is both Clinic and Home Community based. Treatment focuses on exercising the whole brain while simultaneously exercising the body. This is done through combining neuroscience and functional outcomes to individualize therapy and vocational programming.

Hope Network Neuro Rehabilitation provides post-hospital rehabilitation services and specialized medical care for those who have sustained a brain or spinal cord injury, or other neurological condition.

Independent Life Supportive Services offers semi-independent residential rehabilitation for traumatic brain injury.

Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital provides comprehensive services to individuals with a variety of conditions, including programs for traumatic brain injury programs for adults and children.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) is a statewide network of vocational rehabilitation (VR) professionals developing creative, customized solutions that meet the needs of individuals and businesses. MRS delivers individualized services that assist potential employees with differing abilities prepare for, pursue, and retain careers.

Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM) is a member of the Detroit Medical Center (DMC), and is one of the nation's largest providers of physical medicine and rehabilitation services.

The Habilitation Supports Waiver Program (HSW) is an intensive home and community based, active treatment and support program, designed to assist individuals with severe developmental disabilities to live independently with supports in their community of choice

The Michigan Medicine Traumatic Brain Injury Program is a comprehensive program of cognitive, psychosocial and physical rehabilitation. The Traumatic Brain Injury Program provides intensive services to promote increased independence with inpatient and outpatient settings.

Non-Profit Resources

Alternative Services Michigan Inc. is committed to the belief that everyone has the right to live, work, enjoy rich relationships, and find personal fulfillment, and offers community living supports, specialized residential, and vocational services.

Arc of Michigan 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.

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.

Center for Advancing Policy on Employment for Youth (CAPE - Youth) seeks to improve employment outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities by helping states build capacity in their youth service delivery and workforce systems.

Center for Parent Information and Resources provides information and products created for the network of Parent Centers serving families of children with disabilities

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 Special Health Care Services listing of helpful resources and organizations for children with special health care needs.

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.

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.

Family Connections of Michigan has a vision of supporting and strengthening parents and families with children with special needs. This is accomplished through therapy, resources, and support programs.

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.

Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care (IPFCCC) advances the understanding and practice of patient- and family-centered care through education, consultation, and technical assistance; materials development and information dissemination; research; and strategic partnerships.

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.

Michigan Family to Family has many different ways to serve the families of children with special health care needs in Michigan and the providers who support them through education, speaking engagements, newsletters, and resources.

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 is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with mental illness and their families through support, education, and research.

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.

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 a national program 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.

Sterling Service Dogs is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping disabled children and adults achieve greater safety and independence through partnership with a highly trained service dog.

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 Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) offers emotional support, information, and connections to community-based resources to families of children and youth with special health care needs.

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) provides free one-on-one practical guidance and technical assistance on job accommodation solutions, Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation, and self-employment and entrepreneurship options for people with disabilities.

The National Council on Disability (NCD) is an independent federal agency that provides advice and recommendations to the President, Congress, and executive branch agencies. NCD does not provide direct legal or advocacy services to people with disabilities. However, this page contains a list of resources to assist individuals find services likely to be found at the city or state level.

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.

The Workforce Recruitment Program connects employers with highly motivated postsecondary students and recent graduates with disabilities.

Transition to Adulthood provides resources and links to organization to enhance the transition to adulthood for aging youth. These resources include information on health care, education and employment, and independence.

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.