

Louisiana Support Programs + Agencies



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

- <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/louisiana.html>
- <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/283> (New Opportunities Waiver)
- <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/234> (long-term care services)
- <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/320>(special Medicaid benefits for children and youth)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible? <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm>

Louisiana-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Louisiana Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Louisiana: 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 Louisiana is a non-profit organization that assists individuals with brain injury, and their families, with finding and obtaining services.

Disability Determination Services is the state agency responsible for determining if individuals are disabled within the requirements for Disability Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income.

EarlySteps from the Louisiana Department of Health, EarlySteps provides early intervention services to families with infants and toddlers aged birth to three years who have a medical condition likely to result in a developmental delay, or who have developmental delays.

Health and Services Division (HHSC) The mission of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services is to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Americans. We fulfill that mission by providing for effective health and human services and fostering advances in medicine, public health, and social services.

Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network assists individuals with disabilities to achieve a higher quality of life and greater independence through increased access to assistive technology as part of their daily lives.

Louisiana Children’s Special Health Services (CSHS) works to ensure that Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs in Louisiana have access to services

that are designed to minimize their disabilities and maximize their ability to live as independently as possible.

Louisiana Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) serves as the Single Point of Entry into the developmental disabilities services system.

Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center provides parents with information and training about disabilities, parent and children's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and other relevant laws, and available resources.

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) assists persons with disabilities in their desire to obtain or maintain employment and/or achieve independence in their communities by providing rehabilitation services and working cooperatively with businesses and other community resources.

Louisiana's Traumatic Head & Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program provides services in a flexible, individualized manner to Louisiana citizens with traumatic head or traumatic spinal cord injuries.

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

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

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

Kinship Care Subsidy Program (KCSP) provides cash assistance of \$222 per month for each eligible child who resides with a qualified relative other than a parent.

Louisiana Temporary Assistance for Needy Families provides financial assistance and/or other services to families who meet eligibility requirements.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides monthly benefits that help eligible low-income households buy the food they need for good health.

Healthcare/Insurance

Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) Louisiana's program to provide health insurance to uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in medical assistance.

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

Disability Rights Louisiana protects and advocates for the human and legal rights of all children, adults, and seniors with disabilities.

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.

Support Groups

Brain Injury Support Group is a private support group on Facebook for brain injury survivors and their families.

Hope After Head Injury support for brain injury survivors. It has a discussion board and weekly live videos to provide emotional support.

Louisiana Brain Injury Support Groups listing of support groups for those who have been affected by brain injury.

ProjectGreenHeartFoundation a group for family members of children with ABI to connect and share stories for comfort and support.

Non-Profit Resources

AMAZE Foundation is a network of thought leaders coming from various walks of life and credentials committed to raising brain health awareness and providing support, education, resources, and a community.

Arc of Louisiana is a non-profit, volunteer-based membership organization whose primary role is to advocate for the rights and protections of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Provides support for families as they seek to understand the waiver system, access education, find employment, access housing, and much more.

Easterseals Louisiana Assists children with physical and intellectual disabilities achieve independence. Provides services to help people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to live, learn, work, and play.

Families Helping Families of Louisiana The Families Helping Families (FHF) network is comprised of 10 individual nonprofit, family-driven resource centers that provide support and information to families who have members 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.

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.