

Connecticut Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Connecticut 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/connecticut.html>
- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/home-and-community-based-waivers>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

Connecticut-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights – Connecticut Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

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

211 Connecticut connects to local services and resources in your area for various needs.

A.B.I Resources provides a wide range of services across Connecticut for home-based disability support. This includes waiver programs, school support, life skills and job support.

Acquired Brain Injury Services

Connecticut’s government program that serves to facilitate recovery and encourage empowerment.

Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut

supports individuals impacted by brain injury, their families, caregivers and professionals through support, resources, education, and advocacy.

Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

is a part of Connecticut’s department of public health that assists families of children who have chronic conditions.

Connecticut Birth to Three supports families of children aged birth to three meet developmental and health related needs.

Connecticut Brain Injury Support Groups a list of support groups based off of location.

Connecticut Department of Social Services

is Connecticut’s public agency that provides a wide range of services to families who need assistance

CT Brain Injury Support Network

focus on improving the lives of those impacted by brain injury through education, support and advocacy.

Connecticut State Department of Children and Families works together with Connecticut families to ensure safety and well-being of children within the community. Children who are neglected or abused are protected by DCF services.

Connecticut State Department of Developmental Services works alongside individuals and families to support the lives of those with disabilities through meaningful participation in the community.

Connecticut Tech Art Project (CTTAP) aims to increase independence by improving access to assistive technology that will improve the lives of individuals with disabilities.

Level Up is a program for individuals aged 16-21 who have an IEP, 504 plan or related challenges. The goal of the program is for these individuals to be ready to go out into the world.

NEAT is an assistive technology service that empowers individuals to live independently through the latest technology.

Partners for Community: ABI Services is for residents of Connecticut who have sustained severe brain injuries. Services include community living support, homemaker, independent living skills and pre-vocational services.

Supported Living Group, Inc is a Connecticut based program that seeks to empower, and support acquired and traumatic brain injury survivors through ABI waiver community-based rehabilitation support and programs.

Financial Aid

CHOICES is Connecticut's State Health Insurance Program that assists Medicare eligible individuals and their families navigate health insurance questions.

State Supplement Cash Assistance provides cash assistance to the aged, blind or disabled 18 plus to maintain them at a standard of living.

Temporary Family Assistance provides families who are eligible with monthly cash and employment assistance.

Healthcare

Husky Health Connecticut is the state's health program for eligible children, parents, caregivers, 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.

Legal Advocacy

Disability Rights Connecticut provides legal advocacy and protection for individuals with disabilities, including help with neglect, discrimination, assistive technology and community integration.

The Center for Medicare Advocacy is for older individuals and individuals with disabilities living in Connecticut. This organization provides legal analysis, education and advocacy to advance health equity.

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.

Non-Profit Resources

Arc of Connecticut is an advocacy group that seeks to protect the rights of individuals with intellectual and development disabilities by promoting community opportunities.

Connecticut Community Care partners with BIAC to provide services for ABI survivors ages 18-64. Upon admission to the program, assessments, care plan development and coordination, and monitoring will occur.

Connecticut Family Support Network supports families of children with disabilities in Connecticut through support, information and empowerment. All staff members are parents, family members or caregivers to an individual with special needs.

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center aim to provide families of children with a disability, ages birth to 26, through education, support and empowerment.

CT Sibling Network is affiliated with PATH and supports siblings of individuals with disabilities through peer support, workshops and advocacy.

Cultivating Change is a Connecticut counseling service that specializes in brain injury.

Disability Network of Eastern CT, Inc serves persons of all ages with a disability to re-enter or remain in the community through services such as peer mentoring, self-advocacy and independent living skills.

EasterSeals Connecticut provides services for families of children and adults with disabilities.

Handz-On Inc. is an agency that provides in home and community-based services around Connecticut that help the families of individuals with disabilities.

PATH Parent to Parent Family Voices of Connecticut is a parent specific community that supports other parents who have a child with developmental or health needs emotionally and informationally.

Plan of Connecticut manages trusts to help families plan for the future care of a family member who has a disability.

Whole Life Inc is an organization that provides support for individuals with disabilities through residential and day settings throughout CT.

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.

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 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.