

Tennessee Support Programs + Agencies

Search “Tennessee 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/tennessee.html>
- <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/persons-with-intellectual-disabilities-receiving-services-in-the-1915-c-hcbs-waivers/statewide-waiver-program.html>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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

Tennessee-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Tennessee Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Tennessee: 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 Tennessee ensures hope and support by providing brain injury prevention, awareness, education, and advocacy to survivors and their families.

Children’s Special Services (Tennessee Department of Health) program may provide coverage for comprehensive medical care and other non-medical resources for children with physical disabilities and special health care needs from birth to 21 years.

Disability Determination Services (DDS)

DDS operates by agreement between the State of Tennessee and the Social Security Administration to process Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability claims.

Family Voices of Tennessee a program of the Tennessee Disability Coalition that provides emotional and educational support to the families of children with special healthcare needs, chronic illnesses or disabilities.

Nashville Disability Information provides information and resources about and for those affected by disability.

TBI Family Support Program is funded by state dollars and designed to assist individuals with disability due to TBI and their families to remain together in their homes and communities.

TennCare Medicaid is the state of Tennessee’s Medicaid program. It provides healthcare to mostly low-income pregnant women, parents or caretakers of a minor

child, children and individuals who are elderly or have a disability.

Tennessee Brain Injury Support Groups listing of brain injury support groups in Tennessee.

Tennessee Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury Services directory and resource information guide.

Tennessee Disability Coalition is an alliance of organizations and individuals joined to promote the full and equal participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Offers various programs and resources for those affected by disability.

Tennessee Disability Services listing of Disability Services offered through Tennessee's Department of Human Services.

Tennessee Technology Access Program (TTAP) is a statewide program designed to increase access to, and acquisition of, assistive technology devices and services; it helps people with disabilities and their families find and get the tools they need to live independent, productive lives where and how they choose.

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

Traumatic Brain Injury Program was established by the Tennessee General Assembly to address the needs of those individuals who have sustained a brain injury, as well as their family members and primary caregiver.

The Crumley House Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center has received a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health/Traumatic Brain Injury Program to provide services to individuals and their family members. Service coordination is designed to bridge the gap in services to individuals with brain injuries, and service coordinators identify the needs of each individual and identifies appropriate resources within the community. Brain injury services coordination will assist in the following areas:

- Applying for Social Security Benefits
- TennCare and insurance issues
- Referral to appropriate housing
- Providing information and referral
- Evaluation and assessment of needs
- Development of a service plan to meet the identified needs
- Assistance in locating and accessing resources and services such as medical care, housing, counseling, transportation, rehabilitation, vocational training, and cognitive/behavioral training
- Advocacy for brain injury survivors and their families
- Support group information
- Providing family education

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

Vanderbilt Traumatic Brain Injury Center support groups and resources for those affected by brain injury.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services The Division of Rehabilitation Services is responsible for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services program, which includes determination of eligibility, determination of the nature and scope of VR services and the provision of employment-focused rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities.

Financial Aid

Emergency Cash Assistance Program Provides two monthly cash payments to families that were employed as of March 11, 2020 and have lost a job or lost at least 50% of their earned income due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Families First Tennessee's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

program is a workforce development and employment program. It is temporary and has a primary focus on gaining self-sufficiency through employment. TANF helps participants reach this goal by providing temporary cash assistance, transportation, child care assistance, educational supports, job training, and other support services.

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

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.

Legal Advocacy

Disability Rights Tennessee provides individual advocacy, advice on legal rights, information about disability rights and services, and referrals.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center Brain Injury Program is dedicated to providing services to persons with brain injury with associated impairments and disabilities to help them regain the greatest amount of independence and enjoy the highest quality of life. The environment is designed to facilitate cognitive, physical, educational, psychosocial, spiritual and behavioral needs of the BI survivor.

Non-Profit Resources

Arc of Tennessee is a grassroots, non-profit, statewide advocacy organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Crumley House Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center provides Residential Services, Rehabilitation Services, an Adult Day Care Program and Service Coordination Programs specifically geared to serve the individual needs of those who have acquired and survived a traumatic brain injury.

Easterseals Tennessee 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.

Friends Life Community creates opportunity for teenagers and adults with disabilities to develop socially, grow personally, and enjoy community as they experience life together.

SRVS offers the most comprehensive disabilities service solutions in West Tennessee under one roof. Services include residential, community employment and children's services through the SRVS Kids & Families program.

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.