

Florida Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Florida 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/florida.html>
- https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs_waivers/tbi.shtml
- <http://newrightlaw.com/practice-areas/long-term-care-medicaid-waiver-program>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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

Florida-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Florida Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations contains many helpful resources and links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Alabama: 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.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities works in partnership with local communities and private providers to assist people who have developmental disabilities and their families. APD also provides assistance in identifying the needs of people with developmental disabilities for supports and services.

Brain Injury Association of Florida creates a better future for all Floridians through brain injury prevention, resources & services, education, advocacy, and support.

Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program (BSCIP)- Florida Department of Health provides all eligible residents who sustain a traumatic brain or spinal cord injury the opportunity to obtain the necessary services that will enable them to return to an appropriate level of functioning in their community. Programs for eligible adult and pediatric clients provide direct case management and resource facilitation as primary services. Services may include:

- Case management
- Acute care
- Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation
- Transitional living
- Assistive technology
- Home and vehicle modifications
- Nursing home transition facilitation
- Long term supports for survivors

Disability and Health Program (DHP) Through the Florida Department of Health, DHP works to improve the health of persons with mobility limitations and intellectual or

developmental disabilities through evidence-based public health interventions.

Division of Disability Determination

Through the Florida Department of Health, the Division of Disability Determinations is responsible for making the determination of medical eligibility for Florida citizens who apply for disability benefits under the federal Social Security Administration disability programs, and under the state Medically Needy program.

Disability Rights Florida Florida's main Protection & Advocacy program for those with disabilities; protects the civil rights of people with disabilities in Florida to ensure access to appropriate supports and services. **Phone:** 800-342-0823

Florida Agency for Health Care

Administration is responsible for the administration of the Florida Medicaid program, licensure and regulation of Florida's health care facilities and for providing information to Floridians about the quality of care they receive. **Phone:** 888-419-3456

Florida's Assistive Technology Program (FAAST, Inc.) is the state of Florida's number one resource for assistive technology and related services for those affected by disability.

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

Florida Client Assistance Program (CAP) is assists anyone with a disability that is interested in applying for and receiving services from rehabilitation programs, projects, or facilities funded under the Rehabilitation Act. CAP helps individuals understand and deal effectively with programs established to provide these services.

Florida Department of Children and Families provides resources and assistance for eligible children and families.

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. listing of resources and services for those affected by disability in Florida.

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation helps people with disabilities find and maintain employment and enhance their independence.

Florida KidCare is the State of Florida's high-quality, low-cost health insurance for children. Through its four partners, including Florida Healthy Kids, the program covers children from birth through age 18. **Phone:** 1-888-540-KIDS (5437)

Florida Office of Insurance Regulation helps with insurance issues; ensures insurance companies follow state laws. **Phone:** 877-693-5236

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

Government Benefit Finder

Parent Support Network Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, is the Parent Training Information center for Central and Northeast Florida. These PTI services help to ensure that parents of children with the full range of disabilities have the training and information they need to prepare their children for not only school, but to be able to lead productive, independent lives to the fullest extent possible.

Financial Aid

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides no-cost or low-cost health coverage for eligible children in Florida. These programs provide health coverage for children so that they can get routine check-ups, immunizations, and dental care. **Phone:** 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669)

Medically Needy Program (Share of Cost)

Individuals who are not eligible for “full” Medicaid because of their income or assets are over the Medicaid program limits may qualify for the Medically Needy Program.

Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) Through The Florida Department of Children and Families, the TCA program provides cash assistance to families with children under the age of 18 that meet the technical, income, and asset requirements.

Non-Profit Resources

Arc of Florida 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.

Abilities Foundation generates revenue to disseminate to state residents with physical disabilities. It focuses on providing employment and housing services to these individuals but may be able to help you afford or find funds for a handicap-accessible van.

Bright Steps Forward strives to ensure that all children in Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties with neurological or developmental disorders have access to top quality special needs education and therapeutic interventions so they can achieve their maximum potential.

Family Network on Disabilities is a grassroots organization for persons with disabilities and their families; strives for complete integration and equality of people with disabilities in a society without barriers.

Florida State Elks Association provides rehabilitation services to needy children of Florida.

Nathaniel's Hope is dedicated to celebrating kids with special needs ('our VIPS') as well as educating and equipping communities and churches to provide programs and assistance for VIP families.

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.

Holton's Heroes provides support, information, and rehabilitative devices for children and their families affected by a post-birth brain injury.

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.

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 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.