

Missouri Support Programs + Agencies



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

- <https://health.mo.gov/>
- <http://medicaidwaiver.org/state/missouri.html>
- <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/waivers/>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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

Missouri-Based Resources

The Missouri Department of Mental Health’s Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division of DD) administers a total of four Medicaid Home and Community Based (HCB) Waiver programs. While these waiver programs include waiting lists, it is important to get on now for these services that will make a big difference later:

- 1) Comprehensive Waiver
- 2) Community Support Waiver
- 3) MOCDD (Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities Waiver
- 4) Partnership for Hope Waiver

These programs provide funding based on the nature of the applicant’s disability along with their current status with Medicaid. The services and supports provided by this Division are not only focused on improving

the quality of life for the child with disabilities, but also the lives of family members and caregivers. There is already a high number of Missourians utilizing these programs, so don’t wait too long and sign up now! For more information, please contact the Division of DD at:
(573) 751-4054

To determine if your child is eligible for these services, please visit: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/9csr/9c45-2a.pdf>

Brain Injury Guide and Resources is a collaborative of information put together by the University of Missouri’s School of Health Professions and Department of Health Psychology and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. This website provides information about traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), populations that are affected,

topics surrounding the issue, and different types of treatment options.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) is a statewide, payer of last resort program that provides financial aid for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for children under the age of 21. To be eligible for services, the family must meet financial guidelines.

Missouri Assistive Technology (MoAT) provides services and a variety of programs to further increase access to technology for Missourians with all types of disabilities and of all ages. Programs include **Telecommunications Access Program, AT Reimbursement for Schools, and Kids Assistive Technology.**

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: Traumatic Brain Injury provides information and resources for those affected by brain injury.

Missouri HealthNet for Kids provides public healthcare coverage for children less than 19 years of age whose family income falls within certain parameters. The state will help pay for medical and dental needs of low to moderate income children.

Missouri Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) provides cash benefits to low-income families for the household's children.

The Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual

disabilities. This division offers many government-funded programs for individuals of all ages and of all needs.

Nonprofit Resources

ABiLiTY is a nonprofit organization that provides direct services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities all the way from birth to adulthood.

Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is a community-based organization that serves and helps individuals with brain injuries and their families, while also educating the public and preventing incidences of brain injuries.

Champ Clark Service Coordination (CCSC) provides Targeted Case Management services of Missouri to coordinate and plan a treatment plan for individuals with developmental disabilities. These individuals get to decide what supports and services are best fit for him/her and his/her family to begin living an empowered and independent life.

Endless Options, INC is the only accredited nonprofit organization that offers services for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities in Howard County.

ICAN Missouri Foundation provides services and supports to children with not only developmental disabilities, but also those with specific medical and behavioral needs.

Lake of the Ozarks Developmental Center, INC. provides individuals with disabilities of all ages individualized support and activities to promote personal and social growth.

LinkAbility, INC. utilizes a person-centered planning process to connect children with developmental disabilities to a case manager within the Taney, Stone and Ozark counties. These case managers work to provide resources, services and supports necessary for the eligible individual.

Midwest Special Needs Trust Charitable Trust Program assists impoverished families with one or more member(s) having a Social Security verified disability. This program provides financial grants to help pay for care, services, transportation, etc. that are not covered by public benefits.

Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (MARF) strives to improve the lives of Missourians with disabilities by driving public policy and strengthening the members of the organization through the use of two divisions—community living and employment.

Missouri Association of County Developmental Services (MACDDS) provides local support and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. This local organization works with private Targeted Case Management Services to reach the needs of a total of 104 Missouri counties.

Missourians who Care for Injured and Disabled Students (KIDS) specializes specifically in helping young student athletes who have suffered a permanent disabling injury. This organization provides specific equipment, resources and support

to help children overcome their physical limitations.

Pathways to Independence is an organization that focuses on improving social, interpersonal and other skills necessary to embrace the wide range of possibilities and independence in the future for young adults (16 years +) who are struggling with all types of cognitive disabilities.

Pediatric Brain Foundation supports children diagnosed with neurological disorders, brain cancer, and TBIs. This foundation not only financially supports the families, but also educates and empowers within the community.

St. Louis Health Equipment Lending Program, INC. provide recycled and reused medical equipment for children and families in need without paying the large price.

St. Louis Learning Disabilities Association, INC. is dedicated to enhancing acceptance and the lives of individuals with learning disabilities of all ages. The programs offered help individuals maximize their potential both in the classroom and in everyday living.

Sunny Hill, INC. provides residential, educational and recreational supports and programs to further help children and adults reach their fullest potential.

The Farmer's House, INC is a place for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities to live, work, play and grow together. This organization offers a wide variety of rural and community programs to enhance the lives of all participants.

United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri includes a Children's Program that offers an integrated preschool environment that includes children with and without disabilities to enhance developmental goals; occupational, physical, speech and developmental therapy; and on-site resources for children and families to explore and grow together.

Nationwide Nonprofits

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.