

Massachusetts Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Massachusetts 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/massachusetts.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>

Massachusetts-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Massachusetts 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

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Moving Forward Plan (MFP) Waivers are for Massachusetts residents living in nursing facilities or long stay hospitals, who may be able to move out and live more independently with waiver services and supports.

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts ensures hope and support by providing brain injury prevention, awareness, education, and advocacy to survivors and their families.

Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program is operated by Easter Seals Massachusetts and gives people with disabilities and their families access to low-interest cash loans so they can buy the assistive technology devices they need.

Massachusetts Association for Community Action Agencies provide emergency assistance to people in crisis; address the causes of poverty through programs that fight unemployment, inadequate housing, poor nutrition, and lack of educational opportunity; and provide training in advocacy skills.

Massachusetts Brain Injury Resources listing of helpful resources about brain injury.

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

Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) is the state agency which administers all state-funded emergency programs such as food stamps (SNAP, fuel and cash assistance).

Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) works in partnership with families and communities to keep

children safe from abuse and neglect. In most cases, DCF is able to provide supports and services to keep children safe with parents or family members.

Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) offers services and supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities and children with developmental disabilities.

Massachusetts Disability Benefits The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) can help you understand how working may affect your benefits.

Massachusetts Network of Information Providers (MNIP) The NE INDEX coordinates a state-wide information network which provides up-to-date and accurate information to individuals with disabilities, their families, and those who serve them. The website will help individuals find services and programs, government programs and benefits, information in disabilities and illness and names of physicians, dentists, and consultants.

Massachusetts Office on Disability the primary mission of MOD is to ensure the full and equal participation of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life by working to advance legal rights, maximum opportunities, supportive services, accommodations and accessibility in a manner that fosters dignity and self-determination.

Massachusetts Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs resources and services that promote good health and quality of life for children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

Massachusetts Statewide Head Injury Program (SHIP) provides services to eligible people with external traumatic brain injuries.

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

MassMATCH is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's initiative to Maximize Assistive Technology in Consumer's Hands. Its

mission is to promote the use of AT and AT services to enhance the independence of people with disabilities, enabling equal participation in all of life's activities.

Mass Options a resource that links elders and individuals with disability to the resources they need to live independently.

MRC Assistive Technology Services describes all assistive technology services offered through the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).

MRC Community Based Services can help people with brain injuries live independently.

MRC Disability Determination Services DDS determines your eligibility for Social Security disability benefits.

Northeastern University Traumatic Brain Injury Resource for Survivors and Caregivers listing of brain injury support groups in Massachusetts in addition to other helpful resources and information.

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

Economic Assistance (cash benefits) Cash benefit programs through the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance to help families and individuals meet their basic needs.

Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC) Program provides temporary cash assistance to eligible people and certain families.

Massachusetts State Supplement Program (SSP) is a state cash benefit program for qualified Massachusetts Supplemental Security Income (SSI) applicants.

Massachusetts Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children provides temporary cash assistance and supportive services to children, individuals and their families that meet eligibility requirements.

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.

Healthcare

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.

MassHealth In Massachusetts, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are combined into one program called MassHealth. MassHealth members may be able to get doctors' visits, prescription drugs, hospital stays, and many other important services at little or no cost.

National Health Law Program includes detailed information about federal health policy, especially Medicaid and Medicare.

Legal Advocacy

Disability Law Center is the Protection & Advocacy agency for Massachusetts. DLC is a private, non-profit organization responsible for providing protection and advocacy for the rights of Massachusetts residents with disabilities.

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Massachusetts Legal Help listing of legal aid programs in Massachusetts; practical information about legal rights.

Massachusetts Legal Services is geared towards legal aid advocates and others who represent low income clients in non-criminal legal proceedings.

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.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program-Spaulling Rehabilitation Hospital provides state-of-the-art rehabilitative care for adults and children who are recovering from an acquired brain injury as a result of traumatic cases or non-traumatic cases.

Neuro-Rehab Management is an independent case management company specializing in providing services to individuals with neurological impairments.

SevenHills Neurocare supports the complex needs of individuals with brain injury with a full continuum of care.

Non-Profit Resources

Arc of Massachusetts enhances the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They fulfill this through advocacy for community supports and services that foster social inclusion, self-determination, and equity across all aspects of society.

Best Buddies of Massachusetts is an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employments. They also arrange e-Buddies for individuals.

Boston Acquired Brain Injury Support Group provides socialization for individuals with acquired brain injury, their families and friends.

Easterseals Massachusetts 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.

Exceptional Lives recently launched its free, user-friendly Disability Resource Directory- a searchable online database of disability programs and providers in Massachusetts.

Family TIES (Together In Enhancing Support) of Massachusetts is a statewide information and parent-to-parent support project for family of children with special needs and chronic illness.

Helping Hands Monkey Helpers is a Boston based non-profit that pairs trained capuchin monkeys with adults living with disabilities to help them live more independent lives.

Massachusetts Sibling Support Network This organization is designed to meet the needs of siblings of people with disabilities across Massachusetts. The website lists programs and current events for siblings to attend and resources for siblings of all ages.

Special Needs Arts Programs, Inc. This agency provides music and art experiences for people 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.

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.