

Illinois Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Illinois 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/illinois.html>
- <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/ltss/Pages/default.aspx>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

Illinois-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights – Illinois Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

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

Aspire exists to support children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families through inclusion consulting and family enrichment.

Brain Injury Association of Illinois

provides information, resources, programs, education and services for brain injury survivors, their families and health care professionals.

Equip for Equality is an Illinois based independent agency that protects civil and human rights of people with disabilities through self-advocacy assistance, legal services, public policy, monitoring and training.

Illinois Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers (ADRCs) are around Illinois and provide resources, information and services to disabilities.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program provides individuals in Illinois assistive technology programs, loans for assistive technology, assistance and recycled devices.

Illinois Brain Injury Support Groups a listing of support groups across Illinois.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services: Persons with Brain Injury

provides a variety of service to eligible individuals with brain injuries.

Illinois Department of Human Services Rehabilitation Services

is Illinois’ state agency to assist individuals with disabilities and their families.

Illinois State Board of Education: Special Education has information and resources for parents of students with disabilities.

RAMP Traumatic Brain Injury Program is part of the State of Illinois Medicaid Waiver program to provide community-based services.

The Arc of Illinois exists to empower the lives of individuals with disabilities through policy and advocacy, education, assistive technology funding, conference stipends and support.

United Way of Illinois is the 2-1-1 of Illinois, connecting individuals to health and human service assistance

Financial Aid

Illinois Department of Human Services Cash Assistance has multiple cash assistance programs including temporary assistance for needy families, aid to the aged, blind, and disabled, and Earnfare.

Healthcare

All Kids is Illinois' health insurance program for children. Children must live in Illinois, be under 18 years old, and meet the requirements to receive affordable health insurance.

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.

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

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Shirley Ryan Ability Lab is a leading rehabilitation hospital combining clinicians, scientists, innovators and technologists working together to provide rehabilitation, located in Chicago.

MarianJoy Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program serves both children and adults recovering from brain injuries due to various causes.

Memorial Medical Center located in Springfield IL provides a brain injury program based on technology and evidence-based practices.

Legal Advocacy

Illinois Legal Aid Online aims to aid in understanding the law and providing accessibility to seeking justice.

Non-Profit Resources

Access Living is a Chicago non-profit that aims to provide advocacy, independent living skills, transition support, peer support and information and referrals for individuals with disabilities.

Brain Injury Toolbox is a website of information, videos and resources created by the Brain Injury Alliance of Illinois to assist families new to brain injury.

Family Matters Parent Training & Information Center provides support, advocacy, information and education to families of children with disabilities within Illinois.

KEEN Chicago empowers youth with disabilities by providing exercise, fitness and fun through opportunities of recreation and friendship

Midwest Brain Injury Clubhouse is a Chicago based non-profit that supports individuals with brain injury and stroke through support, mentoring, rehabilitative services and purpose.

The Mobility Resource Illinois Disability Grants assists Illinois residents with finding an accessible van.

Variety Of Illinois provides kids with disabilities adaptive equipment and opportunities for inclusion and activities.

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 (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 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.