

Mississippi Support Programs + Agencies



Search “Mississippi 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/mississippi.html>
- <https://medicaid.ms.gov/programs/traumatic-brain-injury-spinal-cord-injury-tbisci-waiver/>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is my child eligible?

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

Mississippi-Based Resources

Olmstead Rights- Mississippi 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 – Spinal Cord Injury Survivor and Caregiver Support

provides a listing of support groups for individuals with brain or spinal cord injury and their caregivers.

Brain Injury Association of Mississippi

ensures services and support are available throughout the state of Mississippi for people

with brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, their families, and caregivers.

Disability Connection is dedicated to creating a connected community to provide social support, ensure a healthy future, eliminate barriers, and foster cooperation and understanding for people with disabilities. They offer resources, events, job search assistance, information and more.

Disability Rights Mississippi believes in and fights for inclusion in the home, community, education, and employment for people with disabilities.

Harrison County Child Development

Center offers an educational program for children who require individualized learning materials and specially trained teachers.

Kinship Care Navigator Program was created to support caregivers by offering information, referrals, and connections to federal, local, and state programs.

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

Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Centers are welcoming and accessible places where

people can obtain information and assistance in locating long-term care services or applying for benefits.

Mississippi Client Assistance Program (MS-CAP) is a state managed and federally funded program designed to advise and inform clients and client applicants in the state of Mississippi regarding services and benefits.

Mississippi Coast Community Resource Guide is a comprehensive list of resources designed to assist individuals in finding assistance for food, clothing, employment, health, housing, educating and more.

Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities (MSCDD) is a federally mandated body of advocates appointed by the Governor to promote a better quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and their communities.

Mississippi Early Childhood Inclusion Center works to meet the needs of early childhood educators, families, and young children with disabilities by providing high quality early childhood inclusion.

Mississippi Paralysis Association raises awareness, provides grants for adaptive and durable equipment, research grants, support groups, and scholarships for individuals with paralysis.

Mississippi Parent Training & Information Center provides families of children with disabilities information, resources, support and training that allows your child to meet his or her educational goals.

Mississippi Project START (Success Through Assistive Rehabilitative Technology) is the federally funded Assistive Technology Act Program for the State of Mississippi and operates under the

Department of Health and Human Services' Administration of Community Living.

Mississippi Society for Disabilities provides opportunities and resources for children and adults to live healthier and more active lifestyles through sports, arts, healthy living, and inclusive play regardless of abilities.

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.

South Mississippi Regional Center (SMRC) provides community services, community home programs, and residential services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

St. Francis Ministries provides a variety of services, including supervised, shared, and supported living, supported employment, and job discovery services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, so they can live and work as independently as possible.

Team Luke Hope for Minds exists to enrich the lives of children impacted by a brain injury and to give hope to their families through support, education, and resources.

T. K. Martin Center Assistive Technology specializes in assistive technologies that increase the independence and overall functional capabilities of persons with brain trauma.

The Institute for Disability Studies provides support and resources for individuals with disabilities, families and professionals at no cost. Services include inclusive art and recreation, family support and engagement, inclusive volunteer opportunities, employment training,

transition support, and an assistive technology and equipment lending library.

Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury (TBI/SCI) Waiver is a home and community-based waiver that provides services to people with brain/spinal cord injury who would require the level of care found in a nursing facility without this waiver.

Vocational Rehabilitation with MDRS is committed solely to helping people with disabilities achieve independence through employment. Services may include vocational evaluation, counseling and guidance, educational assistance, job training, job placement, and assistive technology.

Financial Aid

Bridge to Independence assists qualified residents of nursing home and intermediate care facilities with intellectual and developmental disabilities explore community living options.

Feed my Sheep is dedicated to providing nourishment to people without homes, individuals who are homebound, and individuals in need in the Gulfport area.

Feeding the Gulf Coast is a hunger-relief program for individuals along the central gulf coast.

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

Loaves and Fishes serves breakfast, lunch and to-go snack bags, delivers fresh meals to people who are homebound, and offers a “Community Give Away” of non-designated goods so that patrons can shop for their specific needs.

Mississippi ABLE is a savings account for individuals with disabilities that will not

affect their public benefits, which can be used for daily transactions and/or long-term savings.

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.

The Assisted Living Waiver is a home and community-based waiver that provides services to people 21 and older who meet specific requirements who would require the level of care found in a nursing facility without this waiver.

The Elderly and Disabled Waiver benefits individuals 21 years and older who would require nursing facility care without the assistance of this waiver.

The Independent Living Waiver is a home and community-based waiver that provides services to people 16 and older who have severe orthopedic/neurological impairments who would require the level of care found in a nursing facility without this waiver.

The Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities Waiver provides services to individuals who, without this waiver, would require placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

The Lord is My Help advocates for the hungry, needy, and politically under-represented members of the Gulf Coast Community.

Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program provides direct services to clients with brain injuries and spinal cord injuries as well as awards sub-grants to organizations throughout the state to support programs that focus on awareness and prevention.

U.S. Department of Labor Disability

Resources The federal government website for comprehensive information about disability-related programs, services, policies, laws and regulations.

Healthcare

Bethel Free Clinic provides quality health care services, at no charge, to people without access to basic care.

Bethesda Free Clinic provide free medical and simple dental treatments, as well as lifestyle coaching care.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan provides health coverage to children in families that earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to buy private insurance.

Early Intervention/Targeted Case Management (EI/TCM) is a process that is carried out by a case manager to assist a child (0 to 3 years of age) enrolled and participating in the Mississippi Early Intervention Program gain access to needed medical, social, educational and other services.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Jackson County offers early intervention in education, health, nutrition and socialization.

Health and Prescription Services provides assistance with life-saving prescriptions, small medical devices, medical supplies, and medical related travel outside the coastal area, referrals, and educational wellness tools.

Healthier Mississippi Waiver covers individuals who are not eligible for Medicare.

Medicaid is a state and federal program that provides health coverage for eligible low-income populations.

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, advocacy, educational programs and public policy initiatives.

Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MississippiCAN) is designed to help improve the health and well-being of Medicaid beneficiaries.

My Brother's Keeper has a mission to reduce health disparities throughout the United States by enhancing the health and well-being of minority and marginalized populations through leadership and collaboration with the public, and community healthcare practices.

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

State Attendant Care provides personal care services to individuals who have severe disabilities and are not eligible to receive these services through other sources.

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) is a service which provides preventive and comprehensive health services for children from birth up to age 21 who are eligible for Medicaid.

Volunteers in Medicine Gautier (VMG) provides free basic/general medical services to individuals who are uninsured.

Legal Advocacy

Mississippi Center for Justice provides free legal services to low-income families in the area of fair housing, foreclosure prevention, expungement, HIV/AIDS discrimination, and immigrant rights.

Mississippi Center for Legal Services is a guide to free civil legal services for low-income persons and seniors in Mississippi.

North Mississippi Rural Legal Services (NMRLS) is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization providing free civil representation to low-income persons in the northern 39 counties of Mississippi.

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.

Southern Disability Law Center is the Protection & Advocacy agency for Mississippi. SDLC is a non-profit law office dedicated to advancing the rights of individuals with disabilities throughout the south.

The Academy of Special Needs Planners consists of special needs planning professionals such as attorneys, financial planners and trust officers that assists in providing the highest quality service and advice to persons with special needs and their families.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

AbilityWorks is a network of community rehabilitation programs that provide vocational assessment, job training, and actual work experience for individuals with disabilities.

Methodist Rehabilitation Center has helped thousands of brain injury patients reach the highest possible level of independence.

NeuroRestorative serves people of all ages with brain, spinal cord and medically complex injuries, illnesses and other challenges.

REM Mississippi is a community-based, innovative health and human services provider, offering programs, such as day services, pre-vocational services, and home and community supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as those with complex emotional, behavioral and medical challenges.

Select Specialty Hospital provides a continuum of care to individuals with medically complex conditions.

Shepherd Center's Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program provides a full continuum of services to treat patients who have experienced a traumatic brain injury (TBI) or non-traumatic brain injury.

TASS Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center provides a tranquil, relaxing environment to support recovery from brain injury or spinal cord injury.

The Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) is offered by Children's of Mississippi, part of University of Mississippi Medical Center. CRS provides physical and occupational therapy evaluations and treatment for infants, children, and adolescents with physical, developmental, or chronic medical disabilities.

Transportation

Coast Transit Authority offers transportation for individuals with disabilities for small fee. If needed, attendant adult rides free.

MTM Mississippi Non-Emergency Transportation Manager provides free transportation to medical appointments for children with one accompanying adult. Reservations must be made three business days prior to appointment date and can be made up to 30 days in advance.

Non-Profit Resources

Arc of Mississippi 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.

Art For All Mississippi Community Art Group is a gathering of adult artists with disabilities. The group creates art for sale and commissions.

Best Buddies of Mississippi 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.

Brain Injury Association of Mississippi Support Groups provides a listing of various brain injury support groups throughout Mississippi.

Brandi's Hope Community Services provides an array of services for people with Intellectual/Developmental disabilities.

Brothers and Sisters Together provides support for siblings of people with disabilities in Mississippi and promotes advocacy to address issues facing them and their families.

Camp Looking Glass seeks to provide a supportive environment that promotes independence and self-determination for people with disabilities.

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.

Catholic Charities of South Mississippi provides Financial assistance, infant and maternity care, disaster relief, representative payee services, budgeting education, food assistance, subsidized housing for seniors, migration and refugee services.

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.

Children's Wish Foundation International Grants for wishes for children under 18 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

Chive Charities Funding for rare medical conditions, veterans with medical-related needs, first responders & emergency assistance organizations & underfunded special needs education initiatives.

Christians in Camo is a ministry with the objective to reach disabled and terminal ill children with the gospel of Jesus Christ and a deer hunting trip to enjoy and experience God's creation.

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.

Dream Street is a summer camp for children with various physical disabilities, and was founded with the mission that all children, regardless of their abilities, must be offered the chance to have fun, to make new friends, to achieve, to be accepted for who and what they are, and to learn from the challenges of group life.

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.

Gulf Coast Community Foundation is a public charity dedicated to serving the community through scholarships and grants, environmental services, health and human services, civic and economic development, education, as well as arts and culture.

Hope Hollow Ministries serves individuals with special needs and their families. Hope

Hollow Ministries provides camps, special events, and resources.

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.

Let Kids Play provides a list of accessible and inclusive playgrounds in Mississippi.

LIFE (Living Independence For Everyone) Mississippi provides information, peer support, advocacy, skills training, community transition and other services to individuals with disabilities.

Make A Wish Foundation grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories.

Manna Ministries provides food, clothing, free primary medical care and other necessities of life to individuals and families who lack these essentials due to low income or poverty.

Mclindon Family Foundation Gives adaptive bikes to children with disabilities.

Mississippi Coast Special Needs Soccer Association provides opportunities for children of various needs and abilities to participate in an organized soccer league with volunteers and assistance provided as needed.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Buddy Sports provides leisure and sports opportunities for individuals with special needs, including baseball, kickball, and fishing.

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 Organization for Vehicle Accessibility small grants to help complete accessible van purchases after other funding has been secured.

National Patient Travel HELPLINE Provides assistance and referral to the best source of charitable medical air transportation help.

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.

Special Olympics Mississippi serves children and adult athletes who have intellectual disabilities to provide year-round

sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports.

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 Dream Program was founded to serve and enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities in Mississippi. They provide various inclusive art and sports programs for people with and without disabilities free of charge.

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.

United HealthCare 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.