

Financial Resources for Missouri Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities

This document has information about programs that can help children and youth with developmental disabilities get some of the services they need. Some programs provide direct services. Other programs help pay for services. Programs may have financial or other eligibility requirements. The services your child receives may depend on individual and family circumstances. For more information, see the *Financial Resources Frequently Asked Questions* document at <http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/autism/>.

Financial Resources for Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorders

❖ **Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities Regional Offices**

Is the place to start for services offered by the state for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Regional Offices determine eligibility for division services.

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/facilities>

❖ **Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities: Home and Community-Based Waivers**

Offers five waivers for persons with developmental disabilities. These include:

- Comprehensive Waiver
- Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities (Sarah Lopez) Waiver (MOCDD)
- Community Support Waiver
- Autism Waiver
- Partnership for Hope Waiver, also known as the Prevention Waiver

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/waiver>

❖ **First Steps**

Assists families of children with a developmental delay or disability from birth – 3 years by providing coordinated supports, resources, and early intervention services. The program is offered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

<https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps>

866-583-2392 (toll-free)

❖ **Local School Districts—Screening for Developmental Delays**

Provides a free comprehensive screening to children. This includes a screening of the child's health, hearing, vision, and overall development. Districts that provide Parents as Teachers home visits also offer in-home screenings for children 6 – 36 months. Services provided vary by school district. Contact your local school district for more information.

❖ **Local School Districts – Special Education**

All school districts in Missouri are required to provide a free and appropriate education to all students. Students with ASD may qualify for special education services and/or educational accommodations. Contact your local school district for more information.

❖ **Senate Bill 40 (SB40) Board**

Funds services for persons with developmental disabilities. Some SB40 Boards provide individual support and some provide group support. Funded services vary by county. To find out if there is an SB40 Board in your county, see <http://macdds.org/county-board/>.

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❖ **Missouri's Autism Insurance Law**

Requires private insurance companies in Missouri to provide coverage, under group health insurance policies, for applied behavioral analysis (ABA) therapy and other health services for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

<http://insurance.mo.gov/consumers/autismFAQ/>

❖ **Missouri Health Insurance Pool (MHIP)**

Provides medical and prescription coverage to Missourians who can't find insurance in the standard market because of a health condition and to those whose insurance through an employer has ended. MHIP's coverage is offered through two pools: the state pool and a federal pool. Contact MHIP for coverage and eligibility requirements.

www.mhip.org

800-821-2231 (toll-free)

❖ **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

Provides cash to help pay for basic needs, like food, clothing, and shelter. Children and adults with disabilities can apply. Eligibility is based on significant physical, developmental or mental impairments that are expected to last over one year. Specific financial guidelines apply.

<http://ssa.gov/ssi/>

800-772-1213 (toll-free) (TTY 800-325-0778)

❖ **Bureau of Special Health Care Needs**

Offers service coordination and funding for medically necessary services for children and youth with complex physical health care needs and their families. Medical and financial eligibility guidelines must be met to receive funded services.

www.dhss.mo.gov/SHCN

800-451-0669 (toll-free)

Programs for persons under 21:

○ **Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs**

Provides service coordination and limited funding for medically necessary services.

○ **Family Partnership Initiative**

Provides information, support, and networking opportunities for children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

○ **Healthy Children and Youth Program**

Provides service coordination and authorization of medically necessary services.

❖ **Autism Speaks - Autism Cares Grant**

Grant may provide up to \$1000 in emergency funding to cover the cost of critical living expenses such as housing, utilities, car repair childcare, funeral expenses, etc. (autism medical treatments and services are not covered)

888-AUTISM-2 (toll-free)

www.autismcares.org

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❖ **Action for Autism**

Provides grants to help pay for assessments, education, therapies, special programs/camps, and equipment/technology needs. Families must live within a 250-mile radius of St. Louis, Missouri. Child with autism must be 17 or younger.

www.afastl.org

636-449-0352

❖ **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

Offers medical assistance grants of up to \$5,000 for medical services or equipment not fully covered by commercial health insurance. Includes speech and physical therapy; equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, hearing aids and eyeglasses; and other needs.

www.uhccf.org

❖ **Midwest Special Needs Trust**

Provides trust services for people with disabilities. Charitable programs and grants are also available.

www.midwestspecialneedstrust.org

888-671-1069 (toll-free)

❖ **Firsthand Foundation**

Helps children with health related needs when other financial resources are exhausted.

<https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/>

816-201-1569

Additional Financial Resources for Income-Eligible Children and Families

❖ **Family Support Division (FSD), within the Missouri Department of Social Services**

Offers cash assistance, food stamps, energy assistance, access to health insurance, and more. Eligibility requirements vary by the type of program, but often include an assessment of family income. To find your local FSD office go to: <http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/>
800-735-2466 (toll-free)

❖ **MO HealthNet (Missouri Medicaid)**

Offers health insurance for low-income individuals, including children, families, and persons who are elderly, blind, or disabled. Provides hospital, dental, medications, and vision coverage.

For Kids www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/mchild.htm

For Families www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/maf.htm

For the Aged, Blind, and Disabled www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/massist.htm

800-392-2161 (toll-free)

❖ **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

Provides health insurance to children from working families with incomes too high to qualify for MO HealthNet (Medicaid), but too low to afford private health insurance. Provides coverage for prescription drugs, vision, hearing, and mental health services.

www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/mchild.htm

800-392-2161 (toll-free)

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- ❖ **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

Offers nutrition education and food vouchers for pregnant women and children under 5 years old who meet income eligibility guidelines.
<http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/index.php>
800-392-8209 (toll-free)
- ❖ **Family Nutrition Education Program**

Provides education on nutrition and healthy lifestyles for children and adults.
<http://extension.missouri.edu/fnep/>
573-882-9760
- ❖ **Dental Services**

Provides dental care and funding for dental care for persons who are income-eligible. For a list of resources, go to: <http://www.modental.org/>
- ❖ **Low Income Home Energy Assistance & Weatherization Assistance**

Helps persons who meet income eligibility guidelines pay their energy bills and make their homes energy efficient. Can also provide housing vouchers. To find your local agency, go to:
<http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1573>
573-634-2969
- ❖ **Transportation Services**
 - **OATS**

Provides rides to the doctor or other appointments for eligible persons. Serves 87 counties in Missouri.
<http://www.oatstransit.org/>
573-443-4516 or 888-875-6287 (toll-free)
 - **Southeast Missouri Transportation Service (SMTS)**

Provides rides to the doctor or other appointments for eligible persons. Serves 20 counties in Southeast Missouri.
www.ridesmts.org
800-273-0646 (toll-free)
 - **Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT)**

Keeps a list of agencies that provide transportation for persons with disabilities. See “Transit Links” on the website below.
www.modot.mo.gov/multimodal
888-275-6636 (toll-free)
 - **MO HealthNet Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)**

Provides rides to appointments for eligible MO HealthNet (Medicaid) recipients.
MO HealthNet: 866-269-5927 (toll-free)
Missouri Care Health Plan: 800-695-5791 (toll-free)
Healthcare USA: 800-688-3752 (toll-free)
Molina Healthcare: 888-867-9155, menu option1 (toll-free)

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