



Service and Resources

ABC Special Needs Child Care Voucher Program The ABC Voucher program provides financial assistance to low-income families who need child care. Funds are available for children under the age of 19. Parents must be working, disabled or attending an educational or training program. Parents must share in the cost of day care. The parent is responsible for locating a childcare provider who accepts ABC Child Care Vouchers. Contact your service coordinator for more information.

Individual and Family Support and Respite (IFS-R)

The purpose of Individual and Family Support and Respite (IFS-R) funding is to provide assistance to families in caring for a DDSN (Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs) eligible person with mental retardation or related disabilities, autism, or traumatic brain injury or similar disability in order to:

1. Assist those families who are exhausted due to the direct, hands-on care and supervision of the consumer; or
2. Help those consumers or their families who, without the IFS-R, would likely be in an unsafe, risky or dangerous situation.

Funding is directed toward consumers or families who can care for themselves at home, but incur additional expenses due to the disability and not for any consumer residing in a DDSN residential facilities or receiving DDSN operated HCB Waiver services. This funding should be used for needs that are not incurred routinely by families with non-disabled individuals.

In accordance with state law, IFS-R is not an entitlement program or a general public assistance benefit. IFS-R should be time limited and should not be ongoing except in rare circumstances that tie back to the primary objectives of IFS-R funding.

Life Planning

Life Planning is a service available to consumers who are eligible to receive services through DDSN. Life Planners design plans which create life changes for people based on their individual expectations, preferences and goals. Through life planning, people can:

- Explore and prioritize those things that are most important to them
- Develop a sense/picture of how they want their lives to be
- Explore preferences and possibilities of where and with whom they wish to live
- Explore preferences and possibilities for how they wish to spend their time and energy and
- Explore current/available resources and possible untapped resources.

If you would like more information or would like to request a Life Plan, contact your

service coordinator.

Home and Community Based Waivers

In South Carolina, the SC Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is the state agency responsible for all Medicaid funding. South Carolina has chosen to serve several different populations by utilizing the Home and Community Based (HCB) waiver option. SCDHHS, through its Community Long Term Care (CLTC) Division, administers HCB Waivers to serve the elderly and disabled (Community Choices Waiver), people with HIV or AIDS (HIV/AIDS Waiver), and adults who are dependent on a life support system (Ventilator Dependent Waiver). In addition, SCDHHS partners with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) to offer waivers to serve people with head or spinal cord injuries (HASCI Waiver), people with mental retardation or related disabilities (MR/RD Waiver and Community Supports Waiver) and people with pervasive developmental disorders (PDD Waiver).

ID/RD Waiver The Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities Waiver (formerly known as the MR/RD Waiver) provides services for children and adults who have disabilities and special needs to avoid or prevent the risk of out of home placement. Services available to children include behavior support services, environmental modifications, nursing services, private vehicle modifications, psychological services, respite services and specialized medical equipment, supplies and assistive technology. Priority is given to those consumers with critical needs. Critical is defined by the following criteria: The consumer requires a service available through the waiver which if not provided would result in serious and imminent harm. The consumer has an immediate need for direct care or supervision. The consumer has recently lost a caregiver or is at imminent risk of losing a caregiver. The consumer is ready for or has recently been discharged from a hospital and needs services to prevent readmission. Contact your service coordinator for more information.

PDD Waiver The Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Waiver is for children ages 3-10 who have been diagnosed with Autism or other Pervasive Developmental Disorders by age 8. The waiver provides Early Intensive Behavior Intervention Therapy in the home for up to 40 hours per week and case management. There are a limited number of slots available and there is a waiting list for services. Contact your service coordinator for more information.

Community Supports Waiver (CSW) The purpose of the Community Supports Waiver is to serve people with mental retardation or related disabilities in the community, whose waiver service needs will not exceed the individual cost limit set forth in the waiver. It also offers opportunities for individuals to self-direct certain services if they choose. Services are similar to those received through the ID/RD Waiver. Contact your service coordinator for more information.

Head and Spinal Cord Injury Waiver(HASCI) The HASCI waiver provides services to those with head and spinal cord injuries. Some of the services provided include nursing

services, attendant care, assistive technology and home modifications. Contact the HASCI Division Information and Referral line at 1-866-867-3864 to be screened for referral.

Community Choices waiver

This waiver allows elderly and disabled persons 18+ who meet the nursing facility level of care to remain at home. Services offered include:

Adult Day Health Care Adult Day Health Care Nursing Attendant Care Case Management Chore Services Companion Environmental Modification Home Delivered Meals Institutional Respite Care	Limited Incontinence Supplies Limited Nutritional Supplements Nursing Home Transition Services Personal Care I/II Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) Respite in a Community Residential Care Facility
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Electronic (Preferred Method and also the fastest)

https://phoenix.scdhhs.gov/cltc_referrals/new

Telephone: 855-278-1637

Medically Complex Children's Waiver

This waiver at DHHS will serve children who meet the Nursing Facility level of care or ICF-MR level of care and have a chronic physical/health condition that is expected to last longer than 12 months. The child must also meet medical criteria defined by the state which makes the child dependent upon comprehensive medical, nursing, and health supervision or intervention. The services offered in this waiver include Children's Medical Day Care, Respite, Care Coordination, and Incontinence Supplies. The child must be under 18 years of age.

Electronic (Preferred Method and also the fastest)

https://phoenix.scdhhs.gov/cltc_referrals/new

Telephone: 855-278-1637

Summer Support Funds and Summer Camps Summer Support Funds are provided by DDSN, when available, to assist in paying for activities and camps for children with special needs during the months of June, July and August. Funds are allocated based on need and availability. Contact your service coordinator for more information.

Camp Burnt Gin (residential camp)

DHEC

Box 101106

Columbia, SC 29211

Contact: Marie Aimone

803-898-0455

Overnight camp ages 7-15 and 20-25 located in Wedgefield, SC

Deadline for applications: March 1

Children's Personal Care Aide Program The Children's Personal Care Aide Program provides personal care aide (PCA) services to children up to the age of 21. The child must be Medicaid eligible. The PCA can assist the child with eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, incontinence, transfer and cognitive impairment. The service is provided through Community Long Term Care, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services. CPCA's cannot provide day or child care sitter services. Contact your service coordinator for more information.

To request CPCA services contact the Division of Community Long Term Care (CLTC) centralized intake by one of the methods below:

Electronic (Preferred Method and also the fastest)

https://phoenix.scdhhs.gov/cltc_referrals/new

Telephone: 855-278-1637

Incontinence Supplies Incontinence Supplies are available for children (ages 4 and up) and adults through the State Medicaid Plan for those who have been certified by a physician to be incontinent of bladder and/or bowel. Incontinence Supplies include diapers, briefs, wipes, underpads and incontinence pads.

To request incontinent supplies contact the Division of Community Long Term Care (CLTC) centralized intake by one of the methods below:

Electronic (Preferred Method and also the fastest)

https://phoenix.scdhhs.gov/cltc_referrals/new

Telephone: 855-278-1637

Medicaid/TEFRA Medicaid is South Carolina's grant-in-aid program by which the federal and state governments share the cost of providing **medical care for needy persons** who have low income. Children under the age of 18 can qualify for Medicaid under the TEFRA option based on the child's income alone if they have a significant disability.

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)

The HIPP program was created to assist families of Medicaid beneficiaries with the cost of health insurance that covers the client. If your child has Medicaid and is also covered by a private health insurance plan such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, they may be eligible for the HIPP program. The program will pay the cost for the child's health insurance premium for those that qualify. To apply for the HIPP program, call 933-1800.

Food Stamps Food Stamps provide assistance buying food for low income families. Food Stamp Program eligibility and benefits are based on several factors including: The number of people who live in a household and buy food and prepare meals together and how much money your family has left from its monthly income after certain household expenses are subtracted. To apply, contact your local Department of Social Services.

Supplemental Security Income Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal

income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes): It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income; and it provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. To apply for services, contact your local social security office.

Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) CSHCN offers programs and services for children, adolescents, and adults. The division serves individuals with a variety of very medically diverse disabilities, chronic illnesses and severe developmental delays. Healthy children and adolescents can develop special needs in a single moment from accidents, child abuse, or illness. While all children require primary and preventive care, CSHCN children have complex problems that extend beyond the services offered by the average health care plan, HMO, or well-trained pediatrician. CSHCN personnel have the expertise, experience, and mandate to assure and provide extended services these individuals need. For general information about Children with Special Health Care Needs programs and services, please use the following information to contact us. If you are interested in programs and services available in your county, contact the local health department.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Division of Children with Special Health Care Needs
PO Box 101106
Mills-Jarrett Complex
Columbia, South Carolina 29011
Telephone: 803-898-0784
FAX: 803-898-0613
Care Line: 1-800-868-0404

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) WIC is a Special Supplemental Food Program established by Congress in 1972, and federally funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist states in safeguarding the health and nutritional well-being of our low income women, infants, and children during critical growth periods. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has been designated to administer the program in South Carolina.

Advocacy and Support Groups

Family Connections

2712 Middleburg Drive
Suite 103 B
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 252-0914

Statewide support network for families of children with developmental delays, disabilities or chronic illnesses. Provides 1:2 matches of parents by disability, chronic illness or special request for emotional and information support.

<http://www.familyconnectionsc.org/>

Parents Reaching Out to Parents – PROparents

652 Bush River Road Suite 218

Columbia, SC 29210-7537
(803) 772-5688

A non profit organization for any by parents of children with special needs that provides information, parent training, workshops and provides referral to support groups and networks.

<http://www.proparents.org/>

Protection and Advocacy

3710 Landmark Drive Suite 208

Columbia, SC 29204

1-866-275-7273

1-866-232-4525 (TTY) Toll free in South Carolina

803-782-0639 Local and Out of State

A private, nonprofit organization that provides a variety of protection and advocacy services for people with disabilities. <http://pandasc.org/>

Disability Action Center

The Disability Action Center, Inc., (DAC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, consumer governed, Center for Independent Living that serves the citizens of 23 South Carolina counties. Programs and services provide knowledge and tools to help people with disabilities recognize existing community resources, enhance personal opportunities, and determine the future direction of their lives.

www.dacsc.org

1115 Belleview Street

Columbia SC, 29201

(800) 681-6805

<http://dacsc.org/>

Mental Health

<http://www.state.sc.us/dmh/>

The S.C. Department of Mental Health gives priority to adults, children, and their families affected by serious mental illnesses and significant emotional disorders. We are committed to eliminating stigma and promoting the philosophy of recovery, to achieving our goals in collaboration with all stakeholders, and to assuring the highest quality of culturally competent services possible.

South Carolina Department of Mental Health

Administration Building

2414 Bull Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Hotline Information

National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255

Main Phone Number : (803) 898 - 8581

Hospitals and Centers

http://www.state.sc.us/dmh/center_inpatient.htm

Developmental Pediatric Clinics

Columbia Office:
8301 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 935-5604

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics at the Donald A. Gardner Family Center for Developing Minds specializes in evaluating and treating children with developmental difficulties and related behavioral issues. This comprehensive, specialized program at Greenville Hospital System Children's Hospital is one of the largest such centers in the country.

Center for Developmental Services

Greenville Office: 29 N. Academy Street Greenville, SC 29601 Phone: (864) 331-1300 Fax: (864) 331-1447	Spartanburg Office: 1650 Skylyn Dr., Ste 240 Spartanburg, SC 29307 Phone: (864) 573-8732 Fax: (864) 596-5164
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Assistive Technology

<http://www.sc.edu/scatp/>

The South Carolina Assistive Technology Program (SCATP) is a federally funded program concerned with getting technology into the hands of people with disabilities so that they might live, work, learn and be a more independent part of the community. We provide an equipment loan and demonstration program, an on-line equipment exchange program, training, technical assistance, publications, an interactive CDROM (SC Curriculum Access through AT), an information listserv and work with various state committees that affect AT acquisition and IT accessibility. We link people with technology and work with consumers, service providers, state agencies and policy makers. SCATP is excited to announce a new online recycling database, The South Carolina Assistive Technology Exchange, to help citizens with disabilities and older people with functional limitations find affordable assistive technology devices and equipment. Go to <http://www.scatpexchange.net>, click "I've read and accept the terms" and go to the next page. Click "register" and it should be easy from there. You can register even if you don't have items to sell or give or find. You'll get a password and be in the system.

Center for Disability Resources Library

The CDR Library consists of books, videos, brochures, and audiotapes covering a variety of disability-related topics. The Center for Disability Resources Library is located within the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library on Garners Ferry Road.

Librarian: Steven Wilson – (803) 733-1501

Email: steve.wilson@uscm.sc.edu
<http://uscm.med.sc.edu/CDR/index.htm>

South Carolina Disability Resources

<http://www.sciway.net/med/disabilities.html>

Family Service Center of South Carolina

Enriching Lives for a Better Future
<http://fsconline.org>

The Family Service Center of SC is a multi-service non-profit agency that helps individuals and families in South Carolina grow stronger, healthier, and happier. Services offered include:

Children Unlimited Consumer Credit Counseling Services Children & Adult Dental Clinics	Work/Life Solutions Midlands Eye Care Clinic Youth WIA
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Family Service Center of SC Headquarters
2712 Middleburg Drive
Suite 207-A
Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: 803-733-5450 Ext. 300
Fax: 803-929-6699
info@fsc-sc.com

The SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Office of Community Education

<http://www.ddsn.sc.gov/about/Pages/PracticalGuidetoServices.aspx>

<http://www.ddsn.sc.gov/consumers/publications/Pages/default.aspx>

(803) 898-9692

V / TTY (803) 898-9600

1-888-DSN-INFO

FAX (803) 898-9653

Contact SCDDSN for the publications listed below or click on the above links.

Carolina Autism Resource and Evaluation (CARE)

Information on SCDDSN's Carolina Autism Resource and Evaluation Center, a center to diagnose, assess and plan for services for people with autism.

Causes and Prevention of Intellectual Disability and Related Disabilities: A Handbook for School and Community Programs in South Carolina

Handbook for professionals in community and school programs describing major causes of intellectual disability and related disabilities. Activities for prevention and additional resources are listed for each major cause described.

Choosing a Caregiver

Offers individuals and families tips on interviewing prospective caregivers and ways to help the caregiver become familiar with the family.

Community Is the Classroom

Offers families of preschoolers with Autism helpful advice in acquainting their children with the community.

Family Matters

Guide for brothers and sisters of people with disabilities and special needs that provides suggestions for helping them face unique concerns and challenges.

Now...and the Future

A guide to guardianship, wills, trusts, life and health insurance, government benefits, and other practical matters. The guide was published by the SC Developmental Disabilities Council, Office of Governor in cooperation with SCDDSN.

Person-Centered Services

Provides an overview of SCDDSN's person-centered services approach and explains how this initiative will improve services and benefit your child.

Planning Today for Your Child's Tomorrows

A guide for parents of a child with a disability that addresses the issues involved in developing a lifelong plan for the disabled child.

Practical Guide to Services

Detailed information about programs and services available for people with disabilities. The guide also lists family support organizations, advocacy groups and other agencies which provide services to people with disabilities.

Services for People With Autism

Lists support services available through SCDDSN's Autism Division.

Tax Bulletin for Families of People with Disabilities and Special Needs

General information about deductions and credits available to families of people with disabilities and special needs when filing state and federal taxes.

Working With Families Who Have Special Needs: A Guide for Professionals

A guide to help professionals work more effectively with families of children with special needs. The guide outlines DDSN professional principles and philosophy, and includes responsibilities for providing family-centered services.

Working With Professionals

A guide for families of children with developmental disabilities.

Working Together for a Brighter Future

The mission and principles of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.