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# What Parents of Children with Disabilities Should Know

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**The Arc of South Carolina** is a statewide advocacy group supporting the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and a case management organization that focuses on person-centered planning, inclusion, and empowering people with disabilities to make choices about their lives. Call us at 803-748-5020, contact us by email at [thearc@arcsc.org](mailto:thearc@arcsc.org) or visit us online at [arcsc.org](http://arcsc.org) for more information. Search our **Statewide Directory of Disability Resources** to locate disability resources available throughout the state. You can find a link to it on the website under the [Resources](#) tab.

Learn about **The Arc's Free Financial Planning Resources** at [thearc.org/financial-planning-resources](http://thearc.org/financial-planning-resources), and visit **The Arc's Center for Future Planning** at [futureplanning.thearc.org](http://futureplanning.thearc.org).

This is not an all-inclusive list of resources you or your loved one may be eligible to receive. SC Medicaid eligibility may be required to access some of the services listed in this brochure. Please contact your case manager for more information.

For a list of additional service providers near you, search **DDSN's Provider/Service Directory** by visiting them online at [ddsn.sc.gov/services/find-service-provider](http://ddsn.sc.gov/services/find-service-provider).



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**Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS) Program** allows states to furnish, as an alternative to institutional care, a broad array of services that are otherwise not covered under the Medicaid program. You must apply for a waiver as soon as possible (even if you think you won't need these services for a few years) because, at this time, there are waiting lists. For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/HCBSWaiversSC](https://tinyurl.com/HCBSWaiversSC) or contact your case manager for assistance with applying.

**S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)** is the state agency in charge of services for South Carolinians with intellectual disability and developmental disabilities (such as autism, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, and fetal alcohol syndrome). For more information, including community education, contact 803-898-9600 or visit [ddsn.sc.gov](https://ddsn.sc.gov).

**Medicaid/ TEFRA** provides health care coverage to low-income individuals, families and the disabled. For eligibility determination, call 888-549-0820 or visit [scdhhs.gov/Getting-Started](https://scdhhs.gov/Getting-Started).

**S.C. Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)** is the state agency that administers Medicaid. For more information, call 888-549-0820 or visit [scdhhs.gov](https://scdhhs.gov).

**Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)** helps families with the cost of premium payments for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries who retain their private health insurance. Call 888-289-0709 (option 5, then option 4) or visit them online at [tinyurl.com/SCHIPprogram](https://tinyurl.com/SCHIPprogram).

**Supplemental Security Income** provides financial assistance to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter. It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people who have little to no income. Call the Social Security office at 1-800-772-1213 for more information or visit [ssa.gov/ssi](https://ssa.gov/ssi).

**S.C. Department of Social Services (DSS)** is the state agency that promotes the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. For more information, call 803-898-7601 or visit [dss.sc.gov](https://dss.sc.gov).

**Food Stamps (SNAP)** provides assistance to low-income families (who qualify) with purchasing food. Call the Department of Social Services (DSS) at 800-616-1309 for more information or visit them online at [dss.sc.gov/assistance\\_program/snap](https://dss.sc.gov/assistance_program/snap).

**Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program** provides health education, healthy foods, breastfeeding support, and other services free of charge to families who qualify. Call 855-472-3432 or visit [scdhec.gov/health/women-infants-children-wic\\_nutrition-program](https://scdhec.gov/health/women-infants-children-wic_nutrition-program) to learn more.

**ABC Special Needs Child Care Voucher Program** provides financial assistance to low-income families who need child care for developmentally delayed children up to age 19. Call 803-898-9735 or visit [tinyurl.com/ABCvoucherSpecialNeeds](https://tinyurl.com/ABCvoucherSpecialNeeds) for more information.

**Family Arranged Respite Coalition Voucher Program** is for caregiver relief. Vouchers are awarded to eligible family caregivers to pay for breaks from hands-on caregiving. Visit [tinyurl.com/SCRespiteVoucher](https://tinyurl.com/SCRespiteVoucher) for more information.

**Transportation Reimbursement (Modivcare)** provides mileage reimbursement for driving yourself or your child to certain medical appointments. Visit [modivcare.com/facilities/sc](https://modivcare.com/facilities/sc) for more information.

**Disability Rights South Carolina** protects and advances the legal, civil and human rights of people with disabilities in South Carolina. Call 866-275-7273 or visit [disabilityrightssc.org](https://disabilityrightssc.org) for more information.

**South Carolina Parents-Helping Families Every Day** has proven prevention programs and resources that help families with their challenges, big and small. Visit their website at [scparents.org](https://scparents.org) to find help today.

**S.C. Assistive Technology Program** provides technology for people with disabilities so they can work, live, learn, and be an independent part of the community. Visit [sc.edu/scatp](https://sc.edu/scatp) for more information.

**Greenwood Genetic Center** provides genetic services, diagnostic laboratory testing, educational programs and resources, and research in the field of medical genetics. Visit [ggc.org](https://ggc.org) to learn more.

**Center for Disability Resources Library** lets you check out books, videos, and other materials related to various disabilities. They are located at the USC School of Medicine Library. For more information, visit [uscmed.sc.libguides.com/cdrlibrary](https://uscmed.sc.libguides.com/cdrlibrary).

**Wright Directions Family Services** provides a wide range of rehabilitative behavioral health services across South Carolina. Visit [wrightdfs.com](https://wrightdfs.com) for more information.

**Palmetto Able Savings Plan** helps you save and invest for tomorrow in a tax-advantaged ABLE account without losing federal needs-based benefits. Learn more at [palmettoable.com](https://palmettoable.com).

**Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)** Program provides specialized, extensive care for children whose medical needs may not be met solely through primary care. Visit [tinyurl.com/CSHCNProgram](https://tinyurl.com/CSHCNProgram) or call 855-472-3432 for more information.

**Children's Personal Care Aide (PCA) Program** provides a personal care aide to children under age 21 who live at home. The aide can help your child with bathing, eating, toileting, incontinence, transferring and other activities of daily living. For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/PCAProgram](https://tinyurl.com/PCAProgram) or contact your case manager.

**Justice Works Behavioral Care (JWBC)** offers a full range of behavioral health services to children and families working with the SC Department of Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Education & Mental Health, as well as self-referrals. Call 877-525-5992 or visit them at [tinyurl.com/JusticeWorksBehavioralCare](https://tinyurl.com/JusticeWorksBehavioralCare).

**South Carolina Youth Advocate Program (SCYAP)** promotes individualized treatment, flexible programming, case and cause advocacy, and community-based services for at-risk or special needs children and their families who have emotional, behavioral, mental, and medical needs. Learn more at [scyap.com](https://scyap.com) or call 800-882-5513.

**Child Development & Behavioral Health** specializes in evaluating and treating children with developmental difficulties and related behavioral issues. Call them at 803-296-5437 or visit [palmettohealthchildrens.org/pediatric\\_specialties/child-development-and-behavioral-health](https://palmettohealthchildrens.org/pediatric_specialties/child-development-and-behavioral-health).

**Family Connection of S.C** pairs parents whose child just received a diagnosis with a mentor family. They also provide information, support, education and referrals to meet the individualized needs of referral families. Call 800-578-8750 or visit them online at [familyconnectionsc.org](https://familyconnectionsc.org) for more information.

**SC Thrive** is helping people access what they need to be physically, mentally, and financially healthy. Call 800-726-8774 or visit [scthrive.org](https://scthrive.org) to learn more.