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# The Adult's Guide to Disability Programs, Services & Resources in South Carolina

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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).

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

**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).

**SC Department of Mental Health (SCDMH)** gives priority to adults, children and their families affected by mental illnesses and emotional disorders in order to support recovery. Visit [scdmh.net](https://scdmh.net) for more information or call 800-763-1024. *If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency, call the Statewide Crisis Response dispatcher at 833-364-2274 or call 911.*

**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/assistanceprogram/snap](https://dss.sc.gov/assistanceprogram/snap).

**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).

**Transportation Services** for people with disabilities. Call 803-834-2382, send them an email at [mobility@thecometsc.gov](mailto:mobility@thecometsc.gov) or visit them online at [catchthecometsc.gov](http://catchthecometsc.gov).

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

**Able SC** empowers people with disabilities to achieve their highest level of independence by creating greater access and promoting community inclusion. Call 800-681-6805 or visit [able-sc.org](http://able-sc.org) for more information.

**IMPACT SC Self-Advocacy Council** is a statewide self-advocacy group that encourages positive change for people with disabilities through working together to enhance lives while making a stand for change. Visit [impactinsc.com](http://impactinsc.com) 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](http://tinyurl.com/SCRespiteVoucher) 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](http://scparents.org) to find help today.

**Family Service Center of SC** helps individuals and families in South Carolina grow stronger, healthier, and happier. Visit [fsconline.wordpress.com](http://fsconline.wordpress.com) for more information.

**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](http://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](http://ggc.org) to learn more.

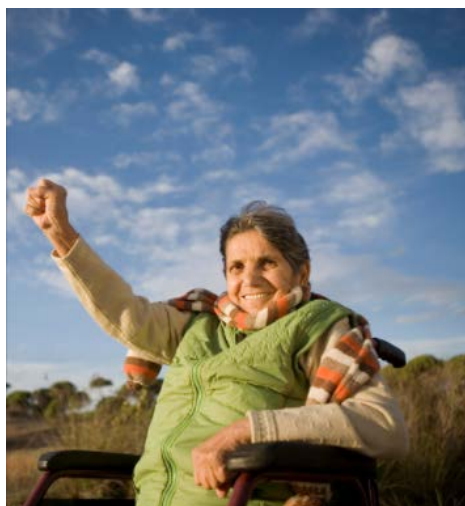
**Wright Directions Family Services** provides a wide range of rehabilitative behavioral health services across South Carolina. Visit [wrightdfs.com](http://wrightdfs.com) for more information.

**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 [uscmcd.sc.libguides.com/cdrlibrary](http://uscmcd.sc.libguides.com/cdrlibrary).

**The South Carolina Supported Decision Making Project** encourages you to explore ALL the options before seeking guardianship for your loved one. Visit [scsupporteddecisionmaking.org](http://scsupporteddecisionmaking.org) for more information.

**Vocational Rehabilitation (Voc-Rehab)** helps people with disabilities find and keep employment. Visit [scvrd.net](http://scvrd.net).

**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](http://palmettoable.com).



**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).

\*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).

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.





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