Let's Talk About ...

Helpful Information for Families of Children with Special Healthcare Needs

Taking care of a child with special healthcare needs can seem complicated, especially at first. There's a lot you need to know and do. This handout lists some of the best tools to help you. It includes local and national organizations that offer health information, support for parents, financial aid, transportation, food, and more. Your healthcare provider may circle items that may be especially useful for your family's needs.



- Medical Home Portal. A source of reliable information about children and youth with special healthcare needs; intended for families, physicians, medical home teams, and other professionals and caregivers medicalhomeportal.org
- Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD). Promotes opportunities for people with disabilities to help each individual find success; includes community living, day services, supported employee services, and others

dspd.utah.gov 1-800-837-6811

Parents

 Utah Parent Center. Helps parents help their children, youth, and young adults with all disabilities achieve their goals, such as finding work and transportation, and connecting with others in the community utahparentcenter.org



Financial

- Utah Medicaid. Medical benefits program that pays medical bills for people who qualify medicaid.utah.gov 1-800-662-9651
- Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS). Provides services and help with finding employment, food stamps, child care, financial support, and WIC (the federal Women, Infants, and Children food and healthcare program) jobs.utah.gov 801-526-WORK (9675)
- Social Security Benefits for Children with Disabilities. Federal program that provides assistance to people with disabilities ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_ child_eng.htm
- Needymeds.org. Provides help with medication costs <u>needymeds.org</u>
- Intermountain Financial Services. Provides financial assistance with medical bills intermountainhealthcare.org/patient-tools/ financial-assistance 801-442-1128

Food and basics

- 211 Information and Referral Resource List.
 Provides food and other resources
 Dial 211 or go to <u>informationandreferral.org</u> or <u>211.utah.org</u>
- Salvation Army. Provides family emergency household items, food pantry, community outreach, and thrift stores salvationarmy.org

Recreation

 National Parks Access Pass. Provides free entrance into National Parks for persons with disabilities nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm

Transportation

- UTA Paratransit Services. Provides transportation services <u>rideuta.com/Rider-Info/UTA-Accessibility/</u> UTA-Paratransit-Services
- Pick Me Up Services. Nonemergency transportation to medical services for persons with physical limitations. 1-888-822-1048
- Disability Plates or Placards Certification form.
 Apply for a disabled person's plate or placard at your local Motor Vehicle office or by mail.
 tax.utah.gov/forms/current/tc-842.pdf

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