

## 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 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.



### General

- **Medical Home Portal.** A source of reliable information about children and youth with special healthcare needs. It is for families, physicians, medical home teams, and other professionals and caregivers. [medicalhomeportal.org](http://medicalhomeportal.org)
- **Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD).** Promotes opportunities for people with disabilities so each individual can find success. It includes community living, day services, supported employee services, and others. [dspd.utah.gov](http://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. It helps with finding work and transportation, and connecting with others in the community. [utahparentcenter.org](http://utahparentcenter.org)

### Financial

- **Utah Medicaid.** Medical benefits program that pays medical bills for people who qualify. [medicaid.utah.gov](http://medicaid.utah.gov)
- **Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS).** Provides services and help finding employment, food stamps, child care, financial support, and WIC (the federal Women, Infants, and Children food and healthcare program). [jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov)
- **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](http://ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_child_eng.htm)
- **Needymeds.org.** Provides help with medication costs. [needymeds.org](http://needymeds.org)
- **Intermountain Financial Services.** Provides financial assistance with medical bills. [intermountainhealthcare.org/patient-tools/financial-assistance](http://intermountainhealthcare.org/patient-tools/financial-assistance) 800-705-9175

Food and basics

- **211 Information and Referral Resource List.** Provides food and other resources. Call 211 or go to [informationandreferral.org](http://informationandreferral.org) or [211.utah.org](http://211.utah.org)
- **Salvation Army.** Provides family emergency household items, food pantry, community outreach, and thrift stores. [salvationarmy.org](http://salvationarmy.org)

Recreation

- **National Parks Access Pass.** Provides free entrance into National Parks for persons with disabilities. [nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm](http://nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm)

Transportation

- **UTA Paratransit Services.** Provides transportation services [rideuta.com/Rider-Info/UTA-Accessibility/](http://rideuta.com/Rider-Info/UTA-Accessibility/)
- **Pick Me Up Services.** Non-emergency 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](http://tax.utah.gov/forms/current/tc-842.pdf)

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