

Resources for Medical Assistance

**This list is in no way an endorsement of any particular service or agency.*

WCBDD Family Supports Program- <https://www.warrencountydd.org/family-support>

Family Supports can help cover the cost of certain medical items for individual NOT enrolled on a Medicaid Waiver. Examples could include, but are not limited to: medical supplies, adaptive equipment, home modifications, feeding equipment and supplies for individuals with special diets (after age three).

Warren County Health District- <http://warrenchd.com/> Nursing Clinics for: children, prenatal, family planning, STD, HIV, adult healthcare, immunizations (for children, adults, and international travel), home health aide services, TB skin testing, Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps-BCMh, weight management counseling, and blood pressure screening.

IRS Publication 502- <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-502> Deduct the cost health-care costs that exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income if you itemize. Check IRS Publication 502 Medical and Dental Expenses, for details. Example: If you have \$50,000 in adjusted gross income, your medical expenses can be deducted if they are more than \$3,750 or \$5,000, respectively.

TACA Tax Strategies- <https://tacanow.org/family-resources/tax-strategies-for-parents-of-kids-with-special-needs/> If you're the parent of a child with special needs, there are some tax strategies to be aware of that can save your family money. For example, you can deduct the cost of many out-of-pocket expenses on your federal taxes.

Building Block Grants- <https://bb4k.org/need-help/apply-for-a-grant.html>

Grants go to any need regardless of diagnosis, including therapy, home modifications, medical devices, and more. Grants may cover cost of a surgery, procedure, treatment or apparatus that is very significant and is not covered by either the parent's insurance or the parent's assets/income or by a combination thereof. Specifically for children (under age 18) and in the greater Cincinnati area.

United Healthcare Children's Foundation- <https://www.uhccf.org/about-us/>

UHCCF's mission is to help fill the gap between what medical services/items a child (age 16 or under) needs and what their commercial health benefit plan will pay for. UHCCF grants provide financial help/assistance for families with children that have medical needs not covered or not fully covered by their commercial health insurance plan.

Community Fund Foundation Grants- <https://www.communityfundohio.org/grants/>

Grants are available for disability-related items or services. Applications may be sent to Community Fund Ohio at any time but will be reviewed after the end of each quarter. Grants are funded by people in Ohio that had a Community Fund Master Trust or Pooled Medicaid Payback Trust, and used the option to leave trust assets remaining at the beneficiary's death, to Community Fund Ohio. Community Fund Ohio uses those funds to make grants to nonprofits that serve people with disabilities and for the benefit of Ohio residents with disabilities. *Please note that the following categories are excluded:* Grant requests to pay health insurance deductibles, probate court or other court fees, or requests to pay for ABA Therapy. Lastly, grant requests to pay past due balances may be considered but other applications will be given priority.

Charitable Healthcare Network <https://www.charitablehealthcarenetwork.org/our-services/>

Our purpose is to be the voice and connector for members by providing resources, education and advocacy to strengthen and ensure high quality health care for people who are vulnerable. The Charitable Healthcare Networks has 50+ member organizations throughout the state that are committed to providing free and charitable healthcare to those in need.

AIM for the Handicapped- <http://www.aimforthehandicapped.org/>

Our goal is to help individuals with visual handicaps, hearing impairments, emotional or learning disabilities, autism and orthopedic or coordination problems to achieve their highest potential through the AIM Method of Specialized Movement Education. There is never a charge for our service and no one is ever turned away. All funds are derived through donations from individuals, foundations, businesses, corporations, organizations, memberships, and fund-raising events. AIM for the Handicapped is a 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible.

Parker's Purpose Foundation- <https://parkerspurpose.net/about-parkers-purpose/>

May provide monetary assistance to any family who has a minor (18 and under) with a life altering illness or disability that is in an immediate financial crisis due to unforeseen medical expenses. Families who live in Ohio will be first priority in providing assistance but will extend outside the state if deemed necessary. Up to \$1,000 can be used as the recipient deems fit to help with their situation. The Parker's Purpose Executive Committee makes decisions based on the financial and emotional needs of each applicant. The foundation reviews a completed application and awards grants on an as-needed basis, contingent on funds being available.

Special Kids Therapy- <http://specialkidstherapy.org/scholarshipsgrants/>

(Scholarships for an individual child living in the State of Ohio) Special Kids Therapy is proud to offer scholarships to financially support children with special health needs and their families with the cost of non-traditional therapies or activities that are not covered by insurance. We encourage all families, regardless of financial status, to apply for our special needs scholarship. Scholarships are **not** intended for everyday medical expenses, medical needs, insurance premiums, prescription costs, or schooling. They are intended for outside experiences and activities that enrich the life of the child.

My Gym Foundation- <https://www.mygymfoundation.org/apply-for-a-gift/>

The My Gym Foundation accepts applications from or on behalf of children with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities and those coping with chronic illness. Requests, limited to gifts of \$500 or less, may include but are not limited to rehabilitative therapy, assistive devices, medical equipment, and sensory items. Please specify exact items needed and where they can be purchased. Because of the overwhelming number of requests we receive, we are unable to research and select items for the applicant.

May We Help- <https://maywehelp.org/about-us/>

MWH's team of volunteer engineers, designers, inventors, makers and artisans create unique custom solutions for individuals with special needs! At no cost to the client! Quarterly Adaptive Equipment Swaps started in 2019! <https://maywehelp.org/adaptive-equipment-swap/>

CareCredit- <https://www.carecredit.com/howcarecreditworks/prospective/>

CareCredit can be used to pay high deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance, and for treatments or procedures not covered by insurance. CareCredit provides a valuable financing option for treatments and procedures that typically are not covered by insurance, or for times when insurance doesn't cover the full amount. An individual's SSI or SSDI income may be utilized to make payments toward their CareCredit balance.

Ohio PASSS- <https://ohioKAN.ifs.ohio.gov/passs/>

There is no fixed income limit for PASSS. The main concern is if your adopted child (excluding step-parent adoptions, **but** regardless of the type of adoption (international, attorney, public or private agency), has special needs, and is under age 18 (or under 21 if disabilities are present), requires services that are beyond the family's ability to provide. The **Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS)** program is a federally supported program for post-adoptive families of children with special needs. In Ohio, this program was originally administered at the county level and recently moved to the state level. PASSS provides up to \$10K (\$15K if residential treatment is recommended by a qualified professional) in funding per adopted child with special needs per year, to help cover the costs associated with specialized services, resources, and more. Respite services up to \$4800 annually may be requested. Applications are submitted directly to OhioKAN and then reviewed by ODJFS for approval and funding. **OhioKAN Navigators are available for any questions at 1-844-OHIOKAN (1-844-644-6526) Monday - Friday 8:30am - 6:30pm.**

GIVE Medical Ministry- Free "loaner" reconditioned durable medical equipment and supplemental medical supplies to those in need. newpathserves.org/

PHONE: (937) 473-5195 **E-MAIL:** give@ginghamsburg.org **SERVICE AREA:** Anywhere, but would like to have person pick up equipment. 1000 Mote Drive, Covington, Ohio 45318.

Medicine Assistance Tool - Helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medication they need through the program that is right for them. Many will get their medication for free or nearly free. <https://medicineassistancetool.org/>

The Danny Did Foundation- <https://www.dannydid.org/about-us/> Provides seizure/epilepsy devices to children in need--provides financial assistance for qualified individuals who need support.

Oracle Health Foundation- <https://www.oraclehealthfoundation.org/pediatric-grants/> Financial constraints and insurance limitations sometimes make it impossible

for families to cover their child's medical expenses. Oracle Health Foundation's pediatric grants connect children to needed care when finances stand in the way. Applications are accepted from the United States and through select international providers.

June Brandy Foundation- <https://www.facebook.com/TheJuneBrandyFoundation/> Founded in January 21, 2012, The June Brandy Foundation, Inc.'s purpose is

to help families with children who are suffering with pediatric illness, disease, disability, or other serious health conditions such as the need for organ transplant, childhood leukemia, other cancers, and mental disorders.

Alyssa V. Phillips Foundation- <https://www.alyssavphillipsfoundation.com/application-for-funds> The purpose of the Alyssa V. Phillips Foundation is to help and

support people with Cerebral Palsy ("CP"). The Foundation will have a focus on assisting children with CP or the families of children with CP; however, the Foundation is not limiting the population of possible beneficiaries to children. As such the Foundation's overarching mission is to assist any individual impacted by CP in maximizing his or her independence. The Alyssa V. Phillips Foundation is an approved Public Charity as authorized by the Internal Revenue Service qualifying under Sec. 501(c)(3). It is located near Dallas, Texas in the North West suburb of Southlake.

Small Steps in Speech- <https://www.smallstepsinspeech.org/faqs> Small Steps in Speech assists children across the country with speech and language disorders

by funding supplemental treatments not covered by insurance. Our goal is to help children better express themselves in our world. To better serve children with speech and language disorders, Small Steps in Speech will accept applications on behalf of children between 3 and 22 years of age at the time of the application deadline and families with a combined household income under \$100,000.

Ohio Autism Insurance Coalition- The Coalition brings together the collective strength of like-minded practitioner organizations coming together to improve the

landscape of private and public reimbursable insurance services for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), including applied behavior analysis (ABA), to those served in the State of Ohio. Working alongside our Regional Response Partners including advocacy organizations and families, the Coalition receives feedback and data from around the state. <https://asdohio.com/>

Autism Care Today – Awards grants up to \$5,000 to families, with priority given to those with a household income under \$100,000. Funding may be used for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), speech, OT, medications, & home safety devices. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis. Phone: 818-340-4010, Email: Info@act-today.org

Big Red Safety Box Program- <https://nationalautismassociation.org/big-red-safety-box/> The Big Red Safety Box is a free-of-charge toolkit given to autism families in need as a means to educate, raise awareness and provide simple tools that may assist them in preventing, and responding to, wandering-related emergencies.

Apraxia Kids- Speech Tablets for Apraxia program- awards iPads and protective cases to aid in communication. Any questions regarding this program must be sent to speechtablets@apraxia-kids.org

HealthWell- When health insurance is not enough, we are here to help with copays, premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses for supplies, supplements, surgeries, and more. <https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/patients/>

Good Days- Good Days is here to help: helping overcome the burden of treatment costs, connecting you to a community that cares. We not only make life-saving and life-extending treatments affordable, we act as your advocate, helping you navigate the system and guiding you to additional support through foundations and other organizations dedicated to those with specific, life-altering conditions. *Patient must have valid Social Security number and income must be at or below 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL.). <https://www.mygooddays.org/patients/assistance-types>

National Organization for Rare Disorders- Since 1987, NORD has provided assistance programs to help patients obtain life-saving or life-sustaining medication they could not otherwise afford. These programs provide medication, financial assistance with insurance premiums and co-pays, diagnostic testing assistance, and travel assistance for clinical trials or consultation with disease specialists. <https://rarediseases.org/for-patients-and-families/help-access-medications/patient-assistance-programs-2/#section-1>

Accessia Health- Medical expenses shouldn't control your life. If you're living with a rare or chronic health condition, our patient assistance programs are designed to support you. Our programs provide financial assistance with copays, health insurance premiums, travel costs, and other medical expenses – all at no cost to you. <https://accessiahealth.org/financial-assistance/>

The Assistance Fund- The Assistance Fund is an independent charitable patient assistance organization that helps patients and families facing high medical out-of-pocket costs by providing financial assistance for their copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and other health-related expenses. <https://tafcares.org/patients/eligibility/>

Giving Angels Foundation- <https://givingangelsfoundation.org/apply-for-help/> Our mission is to enhance the daily functioning of a child with a physical disability from a lower income family by awarding grants for life-changing equipment, medical supplies, essential family bills, specialized camps, and therapeutic toys. We classify special needs as those children under the age of 21 with any type of physical disability (such as, but not limited to, spina bifida, paralysis, missing limbs) or illness (such as, but not limited to, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, cancer). In order to help as many families as possible, we have a \$500 maximum one-time grant allowance per recipient family (with rare exceptions made at the Board's discretion). Families who wish to receive assistance must complete an application and submit required supporting documents. To meet our mission of helping lower income families, please note that we have a \$50,000 maximum annual income threshold.

Family Voices of Ohio- <https://www.familyvoicesohio.org/Funding.html> **Family Voices** is a national family-led organization of families and friends of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and disabilities. We connect a network of family organizations across the United States that provide support to families of CYSHCN. We promote partnership with families at all levels of health care—individual and policy decision-making levels—in order to improve health care services and policies for children.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation- <https://myasdf.org/our-programs/> **The iPad For Kids Program** revolutionized and unlocked the communication barrier for children on the spectrum. The iPad gives a voice to the voiceless. The iPad apps for autism are easy-to-use, and allow for children to put words and symbols together and eventually create sentences using images. They are also extremely mobile. ASDF has donated iPads to individuals and special education classrooms to help nonverbal autistic children with communication and learning. ASDF also partners with autism organizations across the country for the **Holiday Gift Card Program**, providing families with \$100 gift cards for the holidays, to the families who have the greatest need for financial assistance. **ASDF's Equine Therapy Program** directly funds lessons for those whose families can't do it on their own. **Social Skills Camp Scholarship Program**: ASDF partners with autism organizations around the country that offer social skills summer camps. ASDF provides partial and full scholarships to those families who need financial assistance to send their children to camp.

Orange Effect Foundation- <https://theorangeeffect.org/grant-application/> Simply put, OEF makes sure children with speech disorders receive the speech therapy and technology equipment they need...especially when the children's family doesn't have the financial means. Every quarter, OEF receives grant applications from both providers and families. Applications are open to any and all families. The leadership team (see below) researches and reviews each case and delivers financial grants to those who need it most.

Loris Voice- <https://lorisvoice.my.site.com/assistance/s/> Our goal is to help as many children as meet the qualifications we have established. As permitted by our resources and determined solely by our Board of Directors Lori's Voice may provide financial assistance to children: Under 21 years old, With a neuromuscular or degenerative disease (typically with mobility issues), and Have a financial need. We assist families in paying for items they are unable to afford and are not covered by their insurance, this may include adaptive equipment, travel, therapy and other items. We expect that families have been working with the social services network and have been rejected by their insurance carrier. NOTE: Please submit a copy of the denial letter from your insurance to begin the process. Our assistance is financial rather than consultative, that is we do not recommend vendors or assist in negotiating purchases.

Caring Partners International (CPI)- <https://www.caringpartners.org/about-us> Located in Franklin, Ohio, Caring Partners created and launched a community care program in SW Ohio in 2011. The Network is a coalition of church, ministries, and faith-based community organizations that serve the 'least of these' in the most needed areas in our local communities. The types of items we collect range from unopened, sterile, specialty, surgical supplies to common personal care items and medical equipment.

McLindon Family Foundation (MFF)- <https://www.mclindonfamilyfoundation.org/how-it-works>
The mission of the McLindon Family Foundation (MFF) is to provide adaptive bikes to children with special needs so that they can build critical core strength, boost confidence and nurture friendships, all of which help these children maximize their potential and participation in society.

Molly Bear Foundation- <http://mollybear.org/>
Molly Bear Foundation can help fund some of the care and equipment for children with Trisomy 18, that their insurance may not cover. To find to more about grant opportunities, please email: info@mollybear.org

MIRA Foundation –Mira USA provides guide dogs to children between the ages of 11 and 16, and thus offers young children a major type of support that enhances their life at a time when self-assurance, mobility and independence are particularly important. <https://www.mirausa.org/about-us/what-we-do/>

My GOAL Inc. — MyGOAL offers a year a yearly grant to 20 families across the United States, to support and care for individuals under 18 years old with autism. MyGOAL Autism Grant is a program to support families caring for individuals with Autism. The MyGOAL Autism Grant is offered once a year, applications are available at the beginning of the year and decisions are rendered in mid-June. We provide a range of \$500-\$1,000 to 20 families throughout the United States. Applicants must be the primary caregiver of the individual on the Autism Spectrum. <https://mygoalinc.org/mygoal-autism-grant-program/>

iTaalk – iTaalk offers grants for iPad devices, TouchChat, and apps (up to \$250 in applications per calendar year). iTaalk Autism Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources, education and assistive technology to individuals with autism and their stakeholders for the purpose of developing greater independence at all stages of life. Additional guidance here: <https://www.itaalk.org/resources>

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati –The DSAGC strives to provide the most up-to-date ways to connect with and support families. We provide help at the holidays, transportation support, social activities, and care packages at home or in the hospital: <https://www.dsagc.com/resources1/family-assistance/>

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL –Healthcare.gov <https://www.healthcare.gov/appeal-insurance-company-decision/appeals/>

Did you know you can dispute any denials from your health insurance company?

There are two ways to appeal a health plan decision:

- **Internal appeal:** If your claim is denied or your health insurance coverage canceled, you have the right to an internal appeal. You may ask your insurance company to conduct a full and fair review of its decision. If the case is urgent, your insurance company must speed up this process.
- **External review:** You have the right to take your appeal to an independent third party for review. This is called external review. External review means that the insurance company no longer gets the final say over whether to pay a claim.

GESMV Medical Equipment Loans –Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley lends assistive-living medical equipment to anyone in need. We offer wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, crutches and more free of charge. We also accept donations of medical equipment (some restrictions apply.) <https://gesmv.org/community-programs/specialty-programs/>

Programs for affordable drug prescriptions: <https://www.needymeds.org>, <https://www.goodrx.com/>

CARE Grant Program is for helping families with medication, autism diagnosis/evaluation, therapy session (including speech, OT and ABA,) autism summer camps. Please note that all grants awarded are paid directly to the vendor or service provider to pay for tuition, supplements, medication, medical evaluation, testing, therapies, etc. **Who Can Apply** Anybody who has a child diagnosed with autism, lives within the US and has an income level less than \$75,000 per year for the entire household can apply to this grant. Before the grant is awarded, proof of ASD diagnosis from medical professional as well as IRS Tax forms indicating the household income need to be provided. <https://careautismfoundation.com/family-funds/>

Autism Care Today (ACT): **Would your family benefit if someone else paid the bills? We can help your family with a grant up to \$5,000.** Autism Care Today provides funding assistance to families throughout the United States on a quarterly basis. These grants are designed to provide access to individuals and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Grant payments will be made directly to pre-approved treatment providers, assessors, or materials vendors. Since 2005, Autism Care Today has helped more than 1,562 families and provided more than \$1.85 million in grants. <https://www.act-today.org/apply-for-grant/>

Association for Autism and Neurodiversity (AANE) will assist anyone who identifies as Autistic (doesn't have to have a formal diagnosis), or is the parent or family member of an autistic person, or a professional serving the autistic community throughout the country and even the world. AANE provides a plethora of supports, including, but not limited to: coaching, consultation, support groups, peer mentors, IEP reviews, etc. AANE also offers two different grant opportunities for families and adults as an additional means to help make services and programs accessible to all. <https://aane.org/services-programs/grants-free-programs/grants-for-adults-families/>

Dependent Care flexible spending accounts (FSAs) are available to workers who have employers that offer them. Employees can withhold agreed amounts from their paychecks to fund their FSAs. If you are divorced, only the custodial parent may use a dependent care FSA. Summer camp is an activity for children

and dependents that entails travel, room and board, daily activities, and supervision under a camp staff. It is considered part of child care expenses. Child care expenses fall exclusively under the realm of the dependent care flexible spending account (DCFSA), and while these accounts will cover babysitting expenses, day camps and other forms of child care, overnight camps are not for care and therefore would not be eligible for reimbursement through a DCFSA. A Dependent Care FSA (DCFSA) is a unique employee benefit that allows workers to set aside pretax dollars to pay for eligible care expenses for a child, disabled spouse, elderly parent or other individual listed as a dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care. The minimum and maximum amounts allowed to be contributed to a DCFSA are set by the employer, and the maximum set forth by the IRS is \$5,000 for individuals or married couples filing jointly, or \$2,500 for a married person filing separately. As opposed to traditional medical FSAs, expenses can only be reimbursed under a DCFSA that fall within a current account balance, which may make it difficult to cover large claims early in a given fiscal year ([FSAstore.com](https://www.fsastore.com)). Qualified dependents under a DCFSA include children under the age of 13, dependents of any age who are physically or mentally incapable of self-care, and even adults in some cases if they are provided more than half of that person's maintenance costs in a given year. Most importantly, expenses for the care of these dependents are only eligible if these care services enable the account holders/spouses to work, look for work or go to school full-time. As such, overnight camps are explicitly ruled out of dependent care FSA eligibility, as they are not a work- or school-related expense. <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/pf/09/dependent-care-fsa.asp>