



The Arc of South Carolina is a statewide advocacy organization dedicated to supporting the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As a case management organization, we focus on person-centered planning, promoting inclusion, and empowering people with disabilities to make their own life choices.

Explore our Statewide Directory of Disability Resources to find services throughout South Carolina by visiting the Resources tab on our website. You can also access information about free financial planning resources and future planning support there. Our goal is to ensure individuals with disabilities and their families have the tools they need to live fulfilling lives. Visit our website today to learn more and get involved.

For a list of additional service providers near you, visit the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs website at [ddsn.sc.gov](http://ddsn.sc.gov) and search their Provider/Service Directory.

This list does not include all the resources that may be available to you or your loved one. Access to some services may require SC Medicaid eligibility. For more information, please reach out to your case manager.



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# What Parents of Children with Disabilities Should Know





**BabyNet** is South Carolina's early intervention system for infants and toddlers under age 3 with developmental delays or conditions linked to developmental delays.

[scdhhs.gov/resources/programs-and-initiatives/babynet](https://scdhhs.gov/resources/programs-and-initiatives/babynet)

**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.

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

**Disability Rights South Carolina** advocates for the legal, civil, and human rights of people with disabilities in the state.

[disabilityrightssc.org](https://disabilityrightssc.org)

**Family Connection of South Carolina** pairs parents of newly diagnosed children with mentor families. They also provide information, support, education, and referrals to meet the specific needs of each family. [familyconnectionsc.org](https://familyconnectionsc.org)

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

**Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)** helps cover premium costs for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries with private health insurance. [scdhhs.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp](https://scdhhs.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp)

**IMPACT SC Self-Advocacy Council** is a statewide group promoting positive change for people with disabilities by working together to improve lives and advocate for change. [impactinsc.com](https://impactinsc.com)

**Justice Works Behavioral Care** offers comprehensive behavioral health services to children and families involved with South Carolina's Departments of Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Education, Mental Health, or through self-referrals.

[justiceworksyouthcare.com/service-locations/south-carolina](https://justiceworksyouthcare.com/service-locations/south-carolina)

**Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver Services** allow states to provide a wide range of services as an alternative to institutional care that are not otherwise covered under Medicaid. It is important to apply for a waiver as soon as possible, even if you think you won't need these services for a few years, as there are currently waiting lists. [ddsn.sc.gov](https://ddsn.sc.gov)

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

**SC Assistive Technology Program** provides technology to help people with disabilities work, live, learn, and participate independently in the community. [sc.edu/scatp](https://sc.edu/scatp)

**SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)** is the state agency responsible for providing services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, and fetal alcohol syndrome. [ddsn.sc.gov](https://ddsn.sc.gov)

**SC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)** administers Medicaid/TEFRA to low income individuals in the state. [scdhhs.gov](https://scdhhs.gov)

**SC Department of Mental Health (DMH)** offers mental health services for children and families dealing with emotional and mental health issues. [scdmh.org](https://scdmh.org)

**SC Department of Social Services (DSS)** is the state agency that promotes the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. [dss.sc.gov](https://dss.sc.gov)

**SC Developmental Disabilities Council** advocates and creates positive change for South Carolinians with developmental disabilities and their families. Call them at **803-734-0465** to learn more.

**SC Parents** has proven prevention programs and resources that help families with their challenges, big and small. [scparents.org](https://scparents.org)

**SC Respite Coalition** educates family caregivers about respite—short, regular breaks from caregiving—and works to build a respite network. [screspitecoalition.org](https://screspitecoalition.org)

**SC Thrive** helps individuals access resources to support their physical, mental, and financial well-being. [scthrive.org](https://scthrive.org)

**South Carolina Youth Advocate Program** offers individualized treatment, flexible programs, advocacy, and community-based services for at-risk or special needs children and families with emotional, behavioral, mental, and medical needs. [scyap.com](https://scyap.com)

**Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs** Children under 18 with chronic illnesses, disabling conditions, or developmental delays may qualify for special healthcare services and financial assistance. [dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/child-teen-health/services-children-and-youth-special-health-care-needs](https://dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/child-teen-health/services-children-and-youth-special-health-care-needs)

**South Carolina Child Care Inclusion Collaborative** offers personalized training and technical support to help child care providers include children with disabilities and developmental delays in their programs. [scinclusion.org](https://scinclusion.org)

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** helps low-income families purchase food. [dss.sc.gov](https://dss.sc.gov)

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** provides financial assistance to help meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. It is intended for individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled with limited income. [ssa.gov/ssi](https://ssa.gov/ssi)

**Transportation Reimbursement (Modivcare)** offers mileage reimbursement for driving yourself or your child to eligible medical appointments. [modivcare.com/facilities/sc](https://modivcare.com/facilities/sc)

**Transportation Services** are available for people with disabilities. [catchthecometsc.gov](https://catchthecometsc.gov)

**Unumb Center for Neurodevelopment** provides comprehensive therapy and support services for individuals with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders, focusing on personalized care to enhance quality of life, social skills, and independence. [unumbcenter.org](https://unumbcenter.org)

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program** offers health education, nutritious foods, breastfeeding support, and other services at no cost to qualifying families. [dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/family-planning/women-infants-and-children-wic-nutrition-program](https://dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/family-planning/women-infants-and-children-wic-nutrition-program)

**Wright Directions Family Services** offers comprehensive rehabilitative behavioral health services throughout South Carolina. [wrightdfs.com](https://wrightdfs.com)

