

Funding for Services and Equipment

This document contains resources that may support families when programs like CLTS or Medicaid cannot provide funding. This list does not cover everything, please call Children's Resource Center-North to help navigate these resources and others by contacting us toll free at 1-866-640-4106 or using the Contact Us form on our website www.crcnorth.org.

Logan's Hearts and Smiles <https://logansheartandsmiles.org/>

Provides accessibility and safety home modifications for children with disabilities (ramps, fences, therapy, bathrooms, beds, and more).

Variety Freedom Program of Wisconsin

Freedom program: <https://www.varietywi.org/programs/freedom-program/>

Contact Dua at dua@varietywi.org or call 262-777-2090 ext. 108.

- May provide funding when all other resources have been exhausted for adaptive bicycles, walking systems, wheelchairs, standers, adaptive strollers, lifts, ramps, communication devices.
- Also fund adaptive services (swim lessons, driving lessons, dance/art/equine/etc., sport team fees, camps, etc.).

United Healthcare Children's Foundation (UHCCF) www.Uhccf.org

Insurance coverage does **not** have to be through UnitedHealthcare. Helps with medical expenses not covered, or not fully covered, by family's commercial health insurance. Families can use the grants to pay for child's medical services and equipment such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, counseling services, surgeries, prescriptions, wheelchairs, orthotics, eyeglasses, and hearing aids, etc.

- Child must be 16 years of age or younger at the time of application, living in the United States and facing a clinical condition. Child must be covered by a commercial health insurance plan. Family must not exceed maximum eligible adjusted gross income (for a family of 4 in 2024 this is \$135,000).
- Once a family incurs a child medical expense, they have 60 days to apply for a UHCCF grant. Upon grant approval, they must use the funds to pay the expense within a year.

Respite Care Association of Wisconsin

RCAW has several grant programs. The **Supplemental Respite Grant Program** supports primary caregivers by providing funding for supplemental respite services. This grant allows you to hire the person of your choice to help you with housekeeping, meal prep, laundry, lawn care, snow removal, transportation, sensory items, and technology

<https://respitewi.org/grants/supplemental-respite-grant-program/>

Loan Closets:

Independent Living Centers & AT4ALL

Loan closets at Independent Living Centers include assistive technology, sensory tools, and many other items for both children and adults. You can use the AT4ALL website to see what is available:

<https://wisconsinat4all.com/> or contact the Independent Living Center in your area:

- **Indigo-** Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price, and Sawyer counties
 - www.indigowi.org
 - Phone Number: 800-924-1220
- **Midstate Independent Living Choices:** Forest, Florence, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Portage, Taylor, and Wood counties
 - <http://www.milc-inc.org>
 - Phone Number: 715-344-4210

Katy's Kloset- <https://teamupwithfamilies.org/katys-kloset/>

(262) 746-9034

404 Wilmont Drive, Unit D Waukesha, WI 53189

Katy's Kloset lends medical equipment and supplies to children and adults. Bath Benches, Commodes, Walkers, Wheelchairs, Canes, etc.

Items catalogue: <https://teamupwithfamilies.ezrentalstore.com/>

Kindred Kids <https://kindredkids.org/about-us/>

951 W. James St. Suite 2 Columbus, WI 53925

608-438-5844

wendy@kindredkids.org

Adaptive equipment lending library created specifically to meet the needs of children with disabilities. Gait Trainers and Walkers, Positioning Equipment, Wheelchairs, Hoyer Lifts, Activity Chairs, Stenders, Adaptive Strollers, Bathing and Toileting Equipment, Feeding Equipment, Sensory, Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Tools, and so much more!

Good News Project

1106 5th St.

Wausau, WI 54403

Phone Number: 715-843-5985

Website: <http://www.goodnewswi.com>

Good News Project has many walkers and other adult items but limited pediatric items.

NorthLakes Pediatric Therapies Lending Closet-Hurley

(715) 329-1288 [Specific Information](#)

- Serves children in the Hurley-Ironwood community

Wisconsin TEPP Program

- Helps people with disabilities buy specialized equipment in order to use the telephone.
- Independent Living Centers (listed above) can assist you with this program

WisLoan

- Loans for assistive technology, home modifications, vehicle adaptations, or other equipment. Consideration is given for realistic terms to payback loan as well as reasons for poor credit history.
- Independent Living Centers (listed above) can assist you with this program

Kids Mobility Network

- This program utilizes specific funding programs available in Wisconsin to maximize funding to reduce and sometimes eliminate families' out of pocket expense for adaptive bikes, <https://www.kidsmobility.org/>
- info@kidsmobility.org

Opportunities for Specific Disabilities

- Autism Society of Central Wisconsin Grant Program for members: https://www.autismgreaterwi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Central_Grant_Guidelines_and_Application.pdf
- Kiwanis Autism Project (IPads): <https://www.kiwanisautismproject.com/>
- Spina Bifida Zip Zap loans: <https://www.sbwis.org/submit-for-toddlers-on-the-move>
- Wishes for Wheels https://www.motioncomposites.com/en_us/community/wishes-for-wheels-program

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Resources to learn more

- WisTech- Laura Plummer- great resource for all things AT
- Funding a vehicle- <https://newmobility.com/funding-an-expensive-vehicle/>

United Cerebral Palsy-

-Adaptive Tricycle Loan Program (715) 832-1782 2153 Eastridge Center

Eau Claire, WI 54701 <https://www.ucpwcw.org/articles/adaptive-tricycle-loan-program>

-equipment loans

-Elsie S. Bellows Fund provide assistive technology equipment to individuals with disabilities.

<https://www.ucpwcw.org/bellows>

- Wheelchairs (manual and electric)
- Augmentative Communication Devices
- Environmental Controls (including Smart Home devices & technologies)
- Lifts in the nominee's own/parent's van or home
- Hearing Aids/Visual Aids
- Recreational/Outdoor Equipment & Devices (adapted tricycles & bicycles, adult strollers)
- Positioning & Seating systems
- Sensory Equipment & Technologies (noise cancelling headphones/earbuds, cocoon swings, weighted compression vests)
- Custom orthotics / Hand splints