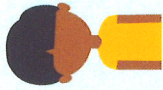


Where to Go for Services in New Jersey

Age

14+



NJ Department of Health, Special Child Health Services (SCHS)

SCHS Case Management Units (CMU) work with you and your child's physician and/or specialists to evaluate your child's strengths and needs and develop an individual service plan (ISP). All NJ residents **birth through 21 years** with Special Health Care Needs or at risk for Developmental Delay are eligible. To learn more about SCHS, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/health/fns/specialneeds/case-management/>

NJ Department of Children & Families, Children's System of Care (CSOC)

CSOC offers services for eligible **children up to age 21** for behavioral health or developmental disability needs, including: community-based services, in-home services, out-of-home residential services, and family support services (including respite). To learn more about CSOC, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/dtsc/>

NJ Department of Education

Your local school district is responsible for providing special education services, including transition planning. In NJ, the Office of Special Education within the Department of Education supervises and monitors the implementation of special education services. This includes hosting regional Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conferences to promote self-advocacy and leadership skills. To learn more about your child's educational rights and supports up to age 21, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/education/special/>

NJ Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development, Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)

DVRS provides Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) for students with disabilities beginning with the school year in which they turn **14 and ending at age 21**. Pre-ETS include: job exploration and training/post-secondary education guidance; work-based learning experiences, internships, and apprenticeships; training to develop social and independent living skills; and instruction in self-advocacy. To learn more, visit: <https://nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/index.shtml>

NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS)

DMAHS administers the New Jersey Personal Preference Program (PPP), which offers personal care attendant services to eligible children and adults who are NJ FamilyCare Plan A members. To learn more about the PPP, visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/njppp.htm>

NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services (DDS)

DDS serves as a single point of entry for disability-related information and provides self-directed, non-medical personal care assistance for eligible individuals with permanent physical disabilities through its Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP). To learn more, visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/>

US Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

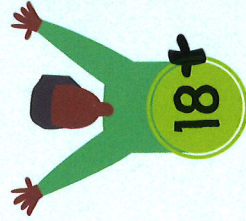
SSI provides a cash benefit that helps people with disabilities and low income to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Those receiving SSI are automatically eligible for Medicaid. Young adults with IDD should apply for SSI through the Social Security Administration at age 18. To learn more about applying for SSI, visit: <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-apply-ussi.htm>

NJ Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development, Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)

Upon graduation, your child may be eligible to receive adult employment services from NJ DVRS, including: career counseling, supported employment, job accommodations, and training opportunities. Your child can apply to determine eligibility for adult employment supports through DVRS 2 years prior to graduating. To learn more, visit: <https://nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/index.shtml>

NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

DDD provides Medicaid-funded services and supports that assist adults with **DD age 21 and older** to live as independently as possible, including: individual supports at home and in the community; family supports; and employment/day services. Your child must be determined eligible for Medicaid and eligible to receive Division services. Your child may apply for eligibility at 18, but will not begin to receive services (if eligible) until age 21. To learn more about applying for DDD-funded services visit: <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/odd/>



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