

RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS (ORGANIZATIONS)

Eaton Community Palliative Care Residence and Offices

Details:

2675 South Cochran
Charlotte, Michigan 48813
State: Michigan

Email: echospice@voyager.net

Phone Number: 517-543-5310

Website: echospice.org

Requirements:

There are no eligibility requirements.

Counties Served:

Eaton, Clinton, Ingham, Ionia, Barry, Calhoun, Jackson

Lending Period:

As Long As Needed

Equipment:

Equipment may include chair lifts, walkers, wheelchairs, grab bars, commodes and more. Limited supply, please call in advance to check current stock.
Provider also receives donations of bed pads, diapers and other care items on limited basis



Leland and Opal Peck Memorial Garden at Eaton Community Palliative Care Residence and Offices

Jackson County Department on Aging

Details:

1715 Lansing Ave.

Jackson, MI 49202

State: Michigan

Phone Number: 517-788-4364

Website: www.co.jackson.mi.us/619/Department-on-Aging

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 5:00 pm

Requirements:

Jackson Resident aged 60 or older

Counties Served:

Jackson

Lending Period:

As Long As Needed

Equipment:

Walkers, canes, wheelchairs and tub seats (For tub seats, seniors with lower incomes served, as supply permits.) **Please call to check for availability.**



Department on Aging located inside Jackson County Human Services building

disAbility Connections

Details:

409 Linden Ave.
Jackson, Mi. 49203
State: Michigan

Phone Number: 517-782-6054

Website: disabilityconnect.org

Monday – Friday, 9:00 - 4:00

Counties Served:

Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee

Requirements:

There are no eligibility requirements.

Lending Period:

Wheelchairs, transport chairs, power wheelchairs and scooters are rented on a weekly basis; all other items are rented on a 4-week basis.

Equipment:

Walkers, wheelchairs (manual and power), power scooters, commodes, shower chairs, crutches and incontinence supplies. Also CPAP, BI-PAP and Nebulizer machines. We charge a small donation fee for loans and these funds are used to provide further resources for those with disabilities that are in need.

We do have an application process where people who have financial limitations can request assistance without payment. This can discount the cost down to zero depending on income.



Jackson County disAbility Connections building a ramp for a community member

The QuickRamps for Kids program

Details:

State: Michigan

Phone Number: 800-827-4843

248-557-5070

Website: mi-ucp.org/accessibilityandmobility

Monday – Friday, 8:30 - 5:00

Counties Served:

All Michigan

Requirements:

All applicants must be under age 18.

Must have Cerebral Palsy or paralysis-causing condition

Services:

The QuickRamps for Kids program provides free portable wheelchair ramps to families of children who experience Cerebral Palsy and other paralysis-causing conditions. QuickRamps are a fast and inexpensive alternative to permanent ramps. Best of all, they give a child immediate access to their community.



Elijah and his mother using a ramp that QuickRamps provided them

ALS Association - Michigan Chapter

Details:

West Michigan Office

678 Front Ave NW., Suite 177
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

East Michigan Office

675 East Big Beaver Rd., Suite 207
Troy, MI 48083
State: Michigan

Email: fightals@alsa-michigan.org

Phone Number: West Michigan Office: 616-459-1900

East Michigan Office: 248-680-6540

Website: webmi.alsa.org

Monday – Friday, 9:00 - 5:00

Counties Served:

All Michigan

Requirements:

Persons diagnosed with ALS

Equipment:

Medical Equipment and Augmentative Communication Devices Loan Program - **Please call the ALS Association office for more information.** Donations are gladly accepted. Volunteers are welcome.

ALS
ASSOCIATION
Michigan Chapter

ALS of Michigan

Details:

24359 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100
Southfield, MI 48075

State: Michigan

Phone Number: 800-882-5764

Website: ALSofMichigan.org

Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 4:30

Counties Served:

All Michigan

Requirements:

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and PLS patients only

Lending Period:

Equipment may be borrowed for as long as needed.

Equipment:

Canes, Communication Devices, Wheelchair Ramps, Manual Wheelchairs, Power Wheelchairs, Wheelchair Cushions, Shower Chairs, Commodes, Bedside Tables, Transfer Boards, Walkers, Transfer Chairs, Hoyer Lifts, eating utensils, etc.



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MI-UCP

(Provides Financial loans for Purchasing Medical Equipment and assistive technology)

Details:

1325 South Washington

Lansing, MI 48910

State: Michigan

Email: ucp@ucpmichigan.org

Phone Number: 800-828-2714 (Michigan only)

517-203-1200 Press option 2

Website: mi-ucp.org

Counties Served:

All of Michigan

Requirements:

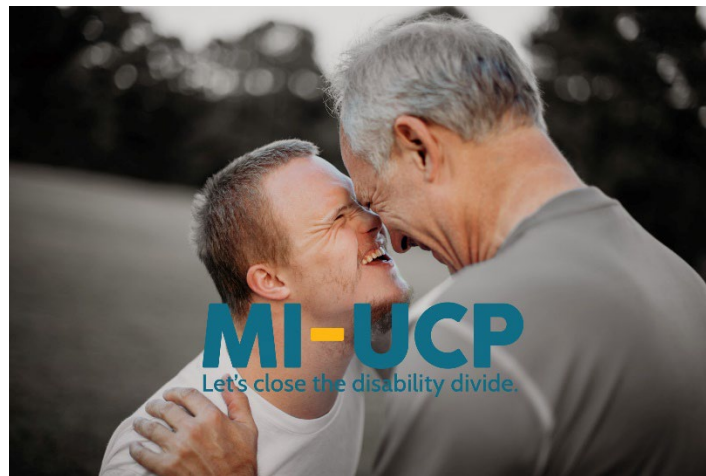
Individuals with any form of disability living in Michigan

Assistance:

Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund and Michigan Employment Loan Fund.

Please call 517-203-1200 press option 2.

Please contact us to be added to our email/ mailing list to be notified when the new AT Loan program starts.



Easter Seals Michigan AgrAbility

Details:

4065 East Hills Court
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Email: NStoller@essmichigan.org

Phone Number: 1-800-956-4106

Website: michiganagrability.org

Counties Served:

All Michigan

Requirements:

Farmers with Disabilities

Equipment:

ESM-AgrAbility staff helps farm operations adjust to and manage disabling conditions, such as, arthritis, chronic back pain, joint injuries, amputations, spinal cord injuries, hearing loss and any other condition that may limit a farmer's ability to work. Information and referral services and farm-site assessments are offered at no cost to the farmer. The cost of new equipment or modifications made to old equipment, the farm operation, or the farm home is typically covered through the state via Michigan Rehabilitation Services. ESM-AgrAbility staff will help the farmer navigate the state system to access these supporting funds.



A man using a chair lift provided by AgrAbility to get onto the tractor

Paralyzed Veterans of America/Michigan Chapter

Details:

46701 Commerce Center Drive
(Located inside the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center)

Plymouth, Michigan, 48170

Website: michiganpva.org/

Phone: 248-476-9000

Office hours: 8:30 - 4:30

Counties Served:

All Michigan

Requirements:

Anyone in need is eligible

Lending Period:

You may keep the equipment as long as necessary

Equipment:

Equipment Donation Program focuses on the needs of people with spinal cord injury or disease. We only accept items that help people with mobility issues. For example, we accept donations of wheelchairs, power chairs, adaptive sports equipment, hoists, lifts, and other items that help people who cannot easily move.



Some members of the Michigan Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America

RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS (LOAN CLOSETS & INSURANCE INFO)

Information About Insurance Covered Equipment:

The patient may need a doctor's prescription, which states the type of equipment and qualifying diagnosis. Patient's will often need proof of a recent face-to-face consultation with notes about why equipment medically necessary.

Insurance may replace item if older than 5 years with proof it's no longer functioning.

Check with the durable medical equipment company for details.

Equipment That May be Covered by Insurance (see terms below):

Hospital bed:

- Qualifying medical diagnosis, like heart failure (CHF) or lung disease (COPD)
- Face-to-face consultation and certificate of medical necessity, stating need for frequent position change, elevating feet for swelling or head of bed for shortness of breath.

Wheelchair:

- Qualifying diagnosis, face-to-face consultation.
- Non-ambulatory, required for in-home mobility, and walker or cane not adequate

Walkers or Canes:

- Qualifying diagnosis

Commodes:

- Patient is confined to a room or bathroom on different level of home than bedroom and unable to access with walker or wheelchair

Oxygen:

- Qualifying diagnosis, like cancer, COPD, CHF and face-to-face consultation with progress notes.
- Oxygen saturation level of 88% or lower for a room air concentrator.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Companies
(Local DME companies that bill insurance and deliver large equipment to home)

Brown's Advanced Care
1015 W. Michigan Ave. 517-789-7302

CareLinc
606 E. Michigan Ave. 517-789-9257

Commet Welcome
4646 Page Ave. 517-764-0400

Henry Ford Allegiance Home Medical
700 E. Michigan Ave. 517-205-8930

**For special order or hard-to-find items, these out-of-town
DME's will also bill insurance and deliver to Jackson:**

J & B Medicaid Incontinence Supplies
1-800-737-0045

Med Equip Ann Arbor
1-800-530-0714

Wright and Filippis Lansing
1-517-484-2624

Non-Insurance Covered Medical Equipment
DME companies bill client for these items up-front because insurance is unlikely to cover the expense. Consider using Loan Closets for non-insurance covered items.

Tub chairs/benches: \$37-90

Grab bars: \$22-50, depending on length

Lift chairs: \$860 and up. DME's require money up front ("unassigned payment.") Medicare may cover 80% of the \$264 lift mechanism with proof of face-to-face consultation and necessity notes.

Hand-held showers: \$22

Toilet raised seats: \$30-70, toilet safety frames \$50

Walker with seat: \$145-195 May be covered by Medicare with appropriate diagnosis and if no previous walker within 5 years

ABLE Savings Accounts for People with Disabilities

If you have a significant disability, you may be eligible to open a tax-free Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) savings account. It can help you pay for education, housing, health, and other qualified disability expenses.

Find Out if You're Eligible For an ABLE Account:

- To be the designated beneficiary (owner) of the account, you must be blind or have a medical disability that occurred before the age of 26.
- You may open only one ABLE account.
- You don't have to open an account in the state where you live. ABLE accounts are not currently available in every state. However, you can open one in any state with an active ABLE program. Find out which state has the best program for you.

Contribute Funds Toward an ABLE Account:

- The maximum annual contribution limit for your account is \$15,000.
- You can exclude taxes on earnings and distributions (withdrawals) from the account. These deductions can help you pay for qualified disability expenses.

Keep in Mind; Tax Law Changes Have Affected ABLE Accounts:

- If you work, you can contribute your compensation toward your account along with the \$15,000 limit. But, this additional contribution cannot be above the income poverty line for a one-person household.
- You may claim the Saver's Credit for your contributions to your ABLE account.
- Your family can transfer or roll over funds from a 529 plan to your ABLE account. The 529 account can benefit you or another family member. This transfer counts toward the \$15,000 annual contribution limit.

ABLE Savings Accounts for People with Disabilities

Qualified disability expenses (QDE) are expenses for the benefit of the designated beneficiary and related to his or her disability, including, but not limited to:

- Education
- Housing
- Transportation
- Employment training and support
- Assistive technology and related services
- Health
- Prevention and wellness
- Financial management and administrative services
- Legal fees
- Expenses for ABLE account oversight and monitoring
- Funeral and burial
- Basic living expenses

Learn More about ABLE:
Website: savewithable.com/mi/home.html



OTHER RESOURCES

Faith in Action located in Chelsea, MI:

Donated durable medical equipment is made available to anyone who needs it on an as-needed basis.

disAbility Connections, INC

Brian Elliott; Outreach & Accessibility Director, Certified ADA Coordinator

Phone: (989) 400-9990

Fax: (517) 782-3118

disabilityconnect.org

accessforall.disabilityconnect.org/

APPS (GOOGLE PLAY & APP STORE)

Access For All

Access For All provides ratings on businesses and parks throughout Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale counties. The intent is for people to look up places they want to visit and "know before they go" what to expect for accessibility in parking, entrances, circulation within the business, and restrooms.

This **does not** serve as an ADA approval, but provides important information so people can make decisions and plan accordingly. Also helpful for elderly & parents with young kids, or anyone with short-term disability like a back or leg injury.