

Mississippi

When a family or individual is faced with a progressive condition such as DM1 or DM2 they are often presented with additional financial expenses as well as loss of a steady income. This section attempts to gather financial resources that are available on a state level for persons living in the United States. By no means is this section complete; we invite you to share with us any resources you've identified.

This is an on-going project. We will add more resources as we gather them; please send us resources you know of that are not currently listed.

Please be advised that each organization has its own eligibility and application requirements. None of these organizations are affiliated with MDF. We hope you will share your experiences with us – let us know if you are successful in finding a good resource to help your family.

Caregivers

Benefits.gov: The official benefits website of the U.S. government that informs citizens of benefits they may be eligible for and provides information on how to apply for assistance. <https://www.benefits.gov/>

Family Care Navigator: A comprehensive state-by-state searchable data base that provides a list of government and private services and supports for family caregivers and care recipients. <https://www.caregiver.org/family-care-navigator>

Mississippi Family Caregiver Support Program: The Mississippi Family Caregiver Support Program provides information to caregivers about available services, assistance to caregivers in gaining access to services, individual counseling, respite care, and supplemental services. <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/adults-seniors/services-for-seniors/family-caregiver-support-program/>

Employment

Job Training Programs: Get help with finding a job or acquiring new employment skills in Mississippi. https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/mississippi_job_training_progr.html

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security: MDES can help you navigate the path to a new job and new future whether you unemployed, looking for your first job, or already working and are interested in a better job. It also provides job training and education, as well as help with unemployment benefits.

<https://mdes.ms.gov/i-need-a-job/>

Mississippi Works: Find job resources near you. <https://www.mississippiworks.org/>

Financial Resources

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program: LIHEAP provides financial assistance to eligible households to help pay the cost of home-energy bills and other energy-related services. <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/community-services/assistance-programs/>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: TANF provides monthly benefits for families with dependent children younger than 18 and/or other relatives who lack sufficient income or resources to meet every day needs.

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/economic-assistance/tanf/>

Weatherization Assistance Program: The MDHS Weatherization Assistance Program is designed to reduce energy costs for eligible families by making their homes more energy efficient. <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/community-services/weatherization-assistance/>

Food/Nutrition

Child and Adult Care Food Program: CACFP program provides non-residential child care services in Even Start and Head Start centers, child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. The children and adults can receive three meal types each day: breakfast, lunch, supper, or snack. <https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/CACFP>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: SNAP provides monthly benefits that help low-income households buy the food they need for good health.

<https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/economic-assistance/snap/>

The Emergency Food Assistance Program: TEFAP is a federal program that supplements the diets of low-income families by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tefap/emergency-food-assistance-program>

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition Program: WIC is a special supplemental food program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants, and children younger than five years old. https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,128.html

Housing

Employer Assisted Housing Program: EAH makes homeownership easier for Mississippi employees by providing employers with tools for educating, counseling and sometimes funding their employees. <https://msrealtors.org/housing-opportunity-programs/>

Home Ownership Vouchers: Some public housing agencies help you become a homeowner through the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program; find a PHA near you.

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_MS.pdf

Mississippi Home Corporation: MHC has programs that will offer you cash assistance at closing, a way to reduce your federal tax liability and homebuyer education classes to improve your credit if that is what you need. <https://www.mshomecorp.com/>

USDA Rural Development Office: USDA Rural Development Office offers homebuyer programs in rural communities. <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>

Living with a Disability/Elderly

Area Agencies on Aging: AAAs are local aging programs that provide information and services on a range of assistance for older adults and those who care for them. Find your local agency here: <https://www.agingcare.com/local/mississippi-division-of-aging-and-adult-services-jackson-area-agency-on-aging-ms>

Home and Community Based Waivers: These waivers can provide long-term services and supports for individuals in their homes and communities as an alternative to a nursing home care. <https://www.mdrs.ms.gov/SpecialPrograms/Pages/Waiver-Programs.aspx>

IDD Community Support Program: The IDD Community Support Program offers support and services like day services, pre-vocation programs and more for people with IDD and autism spectrum disorders. <http://www.dmh.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/IDD-Waiver-Supervised-Living-Brochure.pdf>

Independent Living Grant: Through a federal grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the Office of Special Disability Programs provides funding for solutions that help individuals with disabilities maintain independence in their environments. <https://www.mdrs.ms.gov/SpecialPrograms/Pages/Federal-Independent-Living-Grant.aspx>

State Attendant Care Program: This program provides personal care services to individuals who have severe disabilities and are not eligible to receive these services through other sources. <https://www.mdrs.ms.gov/SpecialPrograms/Pages/State-Attendant-Care.aspx>

Medical/Health-Related

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN): MSDH services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs provides family-centered care coordination services for children and youth whose health care needs involve a range of specialized providers. https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,163.html

Child Care Payment Program: The Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) is designed to provide parents with assistance with child care tuition. <https://secac.ms.gov/parents/child-care-payment-program/>

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid: The Mississippi Division of Medicaid is a state and federal program authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide health coverage for eligible, low income populations. <https://medicaid.ms.gov/>

Vaccines for Children Program: The VFC program promotes the creation of a medical home for children by inviting private provider participation. It can also reduce referrals to public health clinics and help raise awareness of childhood immunizations. https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/41,0,71,184.html

Additional Resources

Muscular Dystrophy Association Care Centers in Mississippi: <https://www.mda.org/care/care-center-list?province=MS>