

The Disability Safety Net in Utah

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SERVICES	UTAH STATE GOVERNMENT											
	HUMAN SERVICES	HEALTH	USOR	WORKFORCE SERVICES	USOE	HIGHER EDUCATION	COMM. & CULTURE	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY	PRIVATE COMMUNITY
1 INCOME SUPPORT	N/A	N/A	SSI & SSDI medical eligibility determination	General Assistance. TANF assistance if meet income and eligibility criteria.	N/A	Financial aid, grants, and loans.	N/A	Oversee SSI & SSDI programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 MEDICAL CARE	Oversee Medicaid HCBS waivers, Utah State Developmental Center (USDC), and other programs providing services ranging from family supports to residential programs (4,500)	Medicaid program: provide direct services and oversee other state agency Medicaid funded programs. Oversee other medical programs such as CHIP, Early Intervention, and Special Clinics.	Provide <i>restoration services</i> , if related to an individual's disability and needed to become employed	Provide Medicaid and CHIP eligibility determination services	N/A	Some institutions have very low co-pay doctor or nurse-practitioner visits available	N/A	Policy, oversight, and financing of Medicaid, CHIP, and other smaller programs	Develop and implement Health Care plans and provide necessary medical supports consistent with the IEP to provide Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)	N/A	N/A	Numerous private and some public providers deliver services as <i>contract providers</i>
3 RESIDENTIAL SERVICES (24/7)	Utah State Developmental Center (206), community residential care in group homes and apartment living (1,445), and Utah State Hospital (12)	Intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, ICFs/ID (557), nursing facility care, New Choices Waiver, and Technology Dependent Waiver. Oversee Human Services' Medicaid programs.	N/A	Provide Medicaid eligibility determination services	N/A	Some institutions have on-campus housing and offer housing location assistance	N/A	Establish federal policy and provide 71% of financing through Medicaid	N/A	Temporarily house individuals with disabilities in city and county jails when they enter the criminal justice system	N/A	Numerous private contract providers deliver services in both the community and ICF/ID settings
4 DAY SERVICES	USDC provides on its own campus. Department contracts with private community providers for community day services.	Oversee Human Services' Medicaid programs and ICFs/ID. Private ICFs/ID provide or contract for day services.	N/A	Provide Medicaid eligibility determination services	N/A	N/A	N/A	Establish federal policy and provide 71% of financing through Medicaid	Some local school districts participate as day services contract providers for adults with disabilities	N/A	N/A	Numerous private contract providers deliver services in both the community and ICF/ID settings. Independent Living Centers teach life skills.
5 EDUCATION	USDC and private community providers coordinate with schools where education is required. Administer Early Intervention program as part of federal <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i> (IDEA).	Private ICFs/ID and nursing facilities coordinate with schools where education is required. Administer Early Intervention program as part of federal <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i> (IDEA).	Provide education services if needed to become employed	Refer individuals with disabilities to USOR. Tuition assistance available, however, eligibility is not solely disability driven.	Policy oversight and funding pass through for Special Education, including preschool Special Education. Operate Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.	All campuses and ATCs have disability resource centers to assist with ADA accommodations. Provide note taking services for hearing impaired students.	Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled	Establish federal policy and provide special education financing primarily through <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i> (IDEA) and preschool special education	Develop individual education programs (IEPs), deliver special education services to students with disabilities in order to provide FAPE	N/A	N/A	Private contract providers deliver some special education services, particularly preschool services
6 FOOD ASSISTANCE	Provided by USDC and community residential providers using SSI or SSDI of residents to help finance meals	Provided by private ICFs/ID and nursing facilities using SSI or SSDI of residents to help finance meals	N/A	Provide Food Stamp eligibility determination services and distribution of benefits. FS eligibility is not disability driven	School Breakfast and Lunch programs for students with disabilities who qualify by state requirements	N/A	N/A	Establish federal policy. For Food Stamps provide 100% benefits funding and 50% administration funding.	School Breakfast and Lunch programs for students with disabilities who qualify by state requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
7 FAMILY SUPPORTS	Operate several HCBS Medicaid waivers providing family supports (4,500) and some non-Medicaid family supports	Oversee Human Services' Medicaid programs and provide family support services through Medicaid card and Technology Dependent Waiver	Provide some supports if needed to become employed	N/A	Provide funding for Utah Parent Center and fund an advocate (LINCS)	Some institutions have day care at low or no cost	N/A	Establish federal policy and provide 71% of financing through Medicaid.	Provide family counseling, parent training, and interagency connections consistent with the IEP in order to provide FAPE	N/A	N/A	Numerous private and some public providers deliver services as <i>contract providers</i>
8 SUPPORT COORDINATION	Contract for private support coordination. State staff provide transition support coordination.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	All campuses have a Disability Resource Center where students who qualify will be assigned an advisor to assist with college requirements.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Private contract companies provide: needs assessment; monitoring; education; case management services; coordination with multiple agencies; assist in accessing state, federal, and natural resources; budget management; and oversight.
9 EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	Operate Supported Employment program delivered through private community contract providers	Operate some employment assistance programs such as <i>EPAS, Ticket to Work, 1619b (keep health insurance benefits and go to work)</i> , and <i>Medicaid Work Incentives</i>	Operate numerous employment assistance programs. Houses Utah Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.	Operate Labor Exchange programs, provide workshops, training assistance, and unemployment insurance. Joint (DWS/USOR) Choose to Work program for eligible job seekers.	Provide professional development to enable school districts/charter schools to facilitate transition planning in the IEP, including post-secondary employment goals	All campuses have employment centers where eligibility for services is not disability driven	N/A	Establish federal policy on numerous federal employment assistance programs and provide associated financing	Provide exposure to job coaching and supported vocational training under the transition planning component of the IEP in order to provide FAPE	N/A	N/A	Private contract providers deliver some employment assistance services
10 HOUSING ASSISTANCE	USDC and community residential providers provide housing using SSI or SSDI of residents to help finance and use federal housing programs. HCBS waiver services include environmental adaptations and living startup costs.	Private ICFs/ID and nursing facilities provide housing using SSI or SSDI of residents to help finance. Medicaid waivers cover living startup costs.	Provide housing assistance if it is not provided by any other source and it is directly related to becoming employed	N/A	N/A	N/A	Oversee and administer Olene Walker Housing Program	Establish federal policy on numerous federal housing programs and provide associated financing	N/A	Local housing authorities oversee and administer various housing programs	N/A	Private contract providers deliver housing assistance services
11 TRANSPORTATION	USDC, community residential providers, and day service providers provide Medicaid reimbursed transportation for their residents	Private ICFs/ID, nursing facilities, and the New Choices waiver provide Medicaid-reimbursed transportation. Anyone on Medicaid has access to medical-related transportation.	Provide transportation assistance if it is not provided by any other source and it is directly related to becoming employed	N/A	Policy oversight and funding pass through for Transportation as a related service	N/A	N/A	Establish federal policy and provide 71% of financing through Medicaid for medically related transportation. UNITED WE RIDE (UWR) is also an interagency federal national initiative.	Provide curb to curb transportation for students with disabilities consistent with the IEP in order to provide FAPE	N/A	Operate a system of public buses, light rail, and commuter trains for Wasatch Front equipped to accommodate individuals with disabilities and Paratransit Services. Some services in other communities.	Private contract providers deliver transportation services
12 UTILITIES	USDC (Medicaid reimbursed) and community residential providers provide utilities on behalf of their residents using SSI or SSDI of residents to help finance	Private ICFs/ID and nursing facilities provide Medicaid-reimbursed utilities on behalf of their residents. Person pays own utilities if on a waiver.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Operate federal HEAT and Weatherization programs	Establish federal policy on associated federal programs such as HEAT and provide applicable financing	N/A	N/A	N/A	Utility assistance and weatherization programs are available to assist low income individuals with disabilities
13 ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY	Covered Medicaid waiver service of <i>Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Assistive Technology</i>	Covered Medicaid waiver service of <i>Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Assistive Technology</i>	Provide assistive technology if it is needed to become employed	N/A	Policy oversight and funding pass through for Assistive Technology as a related service	Utah Assistive Technology Program located at the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University campus. All DRCs offer some AT.	N/A	Establish federal policy on associated federal programs and provide associated financing	Provide assistive technology consistent with the IEP in order to provide FAPE	N/A	N/A	Federal/state funded Independent Living Centers provide home modifications and assistive technology
14 RESOURCE AND REFERRAL	DSPD employs community service broker staff and also provides links on its DSPD website	N/A	Included as part of basic services	Contract for child care resource and referral including finding child care for children with disabilities	Provide funding for Access Utah, an information and referral resource for individuals with disabilities	All campuses include disability resource centers	N/A	Disability.gov - a federal government website and Access Utah Network at www.accessut.org	Conduct child find and evaluate and determine eligibility for all students present in the state suspected of having a disability	N/A	N/A	Numerous private organizations such as the Parent Center, Independent Living Centers, Utah 2-1-1, etc.
15 ARTS AND RECREATION	USDC and community providers provide arts and recreation for residents	Private ICFs/ID and nursing facilities provide arts and recreation for residents	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass	Arts and recreation is provided to all students attending public schools	N/A	N/A	Private organizations such as National Ability Center, SPLORE, Independent Living Centers
16 LEGAL ASSISTANCE	Minimal selective assistance through Attorney General	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Establish federal policy and provide applicable financing for programs such as Protection and Advocacy	Some local school districts contract with parent advocacy organizations to provide consultation regarding federal and state rules	Counties provide public defenders for indigent individuals with disabilities	N/A	Private organizations such as the Disability Law Center (receive primarily federal funding) operate as a Protection and Advocacy organization
17 ADVOCACY & SELF ADVOCACY	Waiver programs allow individuals to administer their own services. Provide appeals process and do regular human rights reviews.	Waiver programs allow individuals to administer their own services	If it is related to an individual becoming employed	N/A	Provide funding for Utah Parent Center and an advocate (LINCS)	N/A	N/A	Federal funding for Utah Developmental Disabilities Council	Provide transition planning of all students with disabilities at age 16 and above	N/A	N/A	Numerous private community groups, including the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, MRAU, CPD, etc.