

Hawaii

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 the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation. 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

Family Caregiver Alliance: <https://www.caregiver.org/taxonomy/term/70>

Family Caregiving Guide:

http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dcs/ead_docs/2008familycaregivingguide.pdf

Family Caregiver Support Program: <https://health.hawaii.gov/eoa/home/family-caregiversupport-program/>

Hawaii Community Caregiver Network: <https://hawaiicaregivers.org/resources>

Native Hawaiian Caregiver Support Program:

<https://www.alulike.org/services/kumukahi/caregiver-support/>

Respite Care: <https://archrespite.org/respite-locator-service-state-information/143-%20hawaii-info>

Employment

Alu Like Inc: Employment & Training Program, funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), provides year round services to eligible adults 18 years or older and youth ages 14-24. We engage, develop, and work directly and together with the whole person to provide Adult and Youth Employment and Training Program Services that are detailed in our Program Brochures. <https://www.alulike.org/services/hoomanea-oiwi/>

Employment and Training (E&T): The program's goal is to assist able-bodied persons receiving Food Stamp benefits to obtain employment and to become self-sufficient. <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/et/>

First-to-Work Program (FTW): provides case management, employment, and support services to work eligible individuals of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) households. <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ftw/>

Goodwill Employment Services and Workforce Development Programs: Workforce Development programs provide training and employment services to eligible welfare recipients. While the unsteady economy, temporary emergencies and natural disasters are just a few of the reasons that may place an unforeseen barrier in your life, Workforce Development Programs can give you the guidance, resources and opportunities you need to get back on your feet and ensure that you are able to support yourself and your family. <https://www.higoodwill.org/goodwill-programs/workforcedevelopment-programs/>

Helping Hands Employment: Helping Hands Hawai'i is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer. Our agency selects and promotes qualified individuals from within or hires externally when vacancies arise. The agency makes every effort to place people in positions that make the best use of their abilities, contributes to career growth and maximizes personal satisfaction. <http://helpinghandshawaii.org/employment/>

Workforce Development Division: WDD is a part of the Hawaii State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR). Our division provides the core services and programs to job seekers and employers, like job referrals, search assistance, support services and more. <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdd/>

WorkHawaii Division: WorkHawaii's (WH) mission is to develop a quality workforce for Honolulu's businesses and to empower individuals to meet the current and future needs of employers so that our economy continues to grow.

<http://www.honolulu.gov/agencies/executive-branch/mainmenu-dcs/mainmenu-dcsw.html>

Work Now Hawaii: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to help people living with disabilities achieve independence through gainful employment. Our unique training programs are designed to maximize individual's strengths and abilities in a way that increases their confidence and productivity. We identify and create accommodations our clients will use to be successful throughout their careers.

<https://www.worknowhawaii.org/>

Financial Resources

Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD): this program provides cash benefits for food, clothing, shelter, and other essentials to a gap group of Hawaii residents. These residents include elderly adults (65 years old or older) or individuals who meet the Social Security Administration definition of disabled or blind.

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/aabd/>

Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT): The Hawaii EBT system processes the payments for public financial assistance, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP). The EBT system utilizes a debit card which allows the clients to access their cash and/or SNAP benefits at food retailers through their Point of Sale machines or ATMs.

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ebt/>

General Assistance (GA): this program provides cash benefits for food, clothing, shelter, and other essentials to adults age 18 through 64, without minor dependents, who are temporarily disabled and who do not qualify for Social Security. To be eligible, the adult must have little or no income, not qualify for a federal category of assistance, and be certified by a Department of Human Services medical board to be unable to engage in any substantial employment. <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ga/>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF): TANF and TAONF are the time-limited welfare reform programs for adults with children. These programs are designed to protect those who cannot work and to require those who are able to work to do so.

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/tanf/>

Food and Nutrition

National School Lunch Program (NSLP): is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp>

School Breakfast Program (SBP): provides reimbursement to states to operate breakfast programs in schools and residential childcare institutions.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sbp/school-breakfast-program>

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): is a federally-funded, state-administered program. SFSP reimburses program operators who serve free healthy meals and snacks to children and teens in low-income areas.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-foodservice-program>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): The SNAP program provides crucial food and nutritional support to qualifying low-income and needy households, and those making the transition from welfare to self-sufficiency. For more information regarding eligibility, visit <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/snap/>

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): is a federally funded program which provides Hawaii residents with nourishing supplemental foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and health and social service referrals. <https://health.hawaii.gov/wic/>

Housing

Energy Credit (EC): program assists needy households who are not in crisis but need assistance with the heating and cooling of their residence with bill payment.

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/liheap/>

Energy Crisis Intervention (ECI): program assists needy households in crisis, the electric or gas service has been disconnected or will be terminated as the household has been notified via disconnect notice from a utility company.

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/liheap/>

Low and Moderate Income Rental Housing: The following link provides information about housing projects and rental assistance programs:

<http://www.hpha.hawaii.gov/housingprograms/loinchsgmenu.html>

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): provides heating and/or cooling assistance to needy Hawai'i households by assisting with a one-time payment towards their utility bill (electric or gas) through two programs: the Energy Crisis Intervention program and the Energy Credit (EC) programs mentioned above.

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/liheap/>

Living with Disabilities and/or Elderly

Children and Youth with Special Health needs Program: promotes family-centered, community-based comprehensive, coordinated care for children and youth with special health care needs from 0-20 years.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/home/communitypage/>

Early Intervention Program: provides early intervention services for children age 0-3 years who are developmentally delayed, biologically at risk, or environmentally at risk.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/eis/>

Elderly Affairs Division (Honolulu): <https://www.elderlyaffairs.com/>

Genomics Program: promotes the prevention, detection, and treatment of genetic disorders, and provides genetics education for the professional and general community.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/>

Hawaii Aging and Disability Resource Center: <https://www.hawaiiadrc.org/>

Hawaii County Office of Aging: <https://www.hcoahawaii.org/>

Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities List:
<https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/medicare-facilities/intermediate-care-facilities-for-individuals-with-intellectual-disabilities/>

Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs: <https://www.kauai.gov/Elderly>

Kokuu Mau Advanced Care Planning and Palliative Care:

<https://kokuuamau.org/caregiving/>

Maui County Office on Aging: <https://www.mauicounty.gov/255/Office-on-Aging>

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC): is made up of a diverse group of individuals with expertise on all aspects affecting special education and related issues. Membership includes a majority of parents of children with disabilities aged 26 or younger and persons with disabilities. <http://seac-hawaii.org/>

Waiver Services provided by the Developmental Disabilities Division:
<https://health.hawaii.gov/ddd/participants-families/waiver-services-providers/>

Medical and Health-related

Adult Day Health Centers List: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/medicare-facilities/adultday-health-centers/>

Ambulatory Surgery Centers (Freestanding Outpatient Surgical Facilities) List: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/medicare-facilities/ambulatory-surgery-centersfreestanding-outpatient-surgical-facilities/>

Child Wellness Programs: provides technical assistance and resource information on the following child health priorities: obesity, dental, safe sleep for infants, and pediatric primary care for the uninsured. <https://health.hawaii.gov/mchb/home/child-wellnessprograms/>

Children's Health Coverage Programs in Hawaii: Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide no-cost or low-cost health coverage for eligible children in Hawaii. These programs provide health coverage for children so that they can get routine check-ups, immunizations, and dental care to keep them healthy. <https://www.insurekidsnow.gov/coverage/hi/index.html>

Community Partners list for Health Coverage Assistance:
<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/contact-communitypartners.png>

COVID-19: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ddd/covid-19/>

Health Insurance Information: <https://cca.hawaii.gov/ins/consumers/health/>

Healthy Child Care Hawaii (HCCH): provides information and resource materials to child care providers, health consultants, and other agencies/programs on national health and safety performance standards, medical home, and health insurance. It also trains pediatric doctors-in-training to recognize and promote quality child care and education sites, be familiar with national health and safety standards, and learn what constitutes high quality child care. <https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/hcch/>

Hi'iilei Developmental Screening Program: is a free resource for children birth to 5 years old. It provides developmental screens and information for families. <https://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/hiileihawaii/>

Home Health Agencies List: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/medicare-facilities/homehealth-agencies/>

Hospice Care Centers List: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/medicare-facilities/hospice/>

Medicaid Fee-For-Service - Long Term Care: The Medicaid Fee-For-Service Program provides coverage of long term care services to eligible recipients. Long term care are nursing home level of services provided in a nursing home or other medical institution and home and community based waiver services. <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/mqd/ffslong-term-care/>

Med-QUEST: Hawaii's state Medicaid program is called Med-QUEST, and is administered by the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division (MQD). The mission of the MedQuest Division is to develop and administer high-quality health care programs serving all eligible Hawaii residents. <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/>

Med-QUEST Medical Plans List: <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/mqd/files/2014/08/2014-Hawaii-Health-Plans.pdf>

Medicaid I/DD Waiver: The Medicaid 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) offers services that are designed to implement creative person-centered alternatives to long-term institutionalized care. <https://health.hawaii.gov/ddd/participantsfamilies/waiver/>

Rural Health Clinic List: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/medicare-facilities/rural-healthclinics/>



Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Facilities List:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/medicare-facilities/skilled-nursingintermediate-carefacilities/>

Additional Resources

Muscular Dystrophy Association Hawai'i Clinics: <https://www.mda.org/care/care-centerlist?province=HI>