

## Michigan

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.

### Financial Resources

Alternative Services Michigan Inc.: ASI provides resource for Michigan residents with developmental disabilities. These resources include employment opportunities, residential services, community inclusion, relationship building, and more. <http://www.asi-mi.org/index.html>

Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration: ADRC is the place for family, friends, caregivers and providers to get information about long-term supports and services for older adults and persons with disabilities. The ADRC's goal is to streamline access to services and provide information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability. Whether you are looking for services to stay in your home and live independently, or options for assisted living and nursing home care, the ADRC program can help you learn about what is available for you in your community. <http://www.michigan.gov/adrc>

Children with Special Needs Fund: The Children with Special Needs Fund provides support for children in Michigan with special health care needs not available through any other funding source. The Fund helps with the purchase of equipment and services that promote optimal health, mobility, and development, enhancing the lives of children and their families. <http://www.michigan.gov/csnfund>

Disability Network Southwest Michigan: Disability Network is a one-shop-stop for all disability resources. Their services include advocacy, education, housing, independent living, transition, financial, peer support, referral, and more. They have many events and opportunities too. <http://www.dnswm.org/>

Family Support Subsidy Program: The FSS Program provides financial assistance to families that include a child with severe developmental disabilities. Their mission is to make it possible for children with developmental disabilities to remain with or return to their birth or adoptive families. The program provides a monthly payment that families are able to use for special

expenses incurred while caring for their child. [http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550\\_2941\\_4868\\_7145-14670--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_4868_7145-14670--,00.html)

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services: MPAS is the independent, private, nonprofit organization designated by the governor of the State of Michigan to advocate and protect the legal rights of people with disabilities in Michigan. MPAS services include information and referral, short-term assistance, selected individual and legal representation, systemic advocacy, monitoring, and training. <http://mpas.org>

## Autism Related

Kalamazoo Battle Creek Autism Society: This autism society is a community aimed at supporting those with autism and their families. They provide access to local and state resources, hold fundraisers and events, and have special pool days and activities, and more. <http://www.kalamazooautismsociety.org/>

## Employment

Michigan Rehabilitation Services: MRS provides specialized employment and education-related services and training to assist teens and adults with disabilities in becoming employed or retaining employment. In addition, MRS partners and collaborates with the State Department of Education, local school systems, Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI), community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities to develop statewide programs to help students with disabilities succeed. [http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971\\_25392---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_25392---,00.html)

## Housing

Habilitation Supports Waiver: HSW is an intensive home and community based, active treatment and support program, designed to assist individuals with severe developmental disabilities to live independently with supports in their community of choice. Services include community living support, community participation, and specialty services such as therapy, nurse assistance, and more. <http://www.ceicmh.org/habilitation-supports-waiver>

Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council: Michigan SILC works with several agencies and organizations across Michigan to help seniors and those with disabilities live as independently as possible. Their resources include a blog, access to other centers and living councils, and more. <http://www.misilc.org/>

## Healthcare and Medication

Children's Waiver Program: The CWP helps to fund home and community-based services for children who are under age 18. To be eligible for the CWP, the child must have a documented

developmental disability and need medical or behavioral supports and services at home. This resource also provides access to other disability services for children, adults, and caregivers. [http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970\\_5080-124037--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5080-124037--,00.html)

Lending Hands: Lending Hands is a medical equipment loan program in Michigan that lends home medical equipment for free in the Michigan counties of Allegan, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo (including Hickory Corners), St. Joseph, and Van Buren in Southwest Michigan. <http://lendinghandsmi.org/>

## Miscellaneous

Community Inclusive Recreation: CIR is a not for profit organization that provides educational, recreational and art programs for individuals with and without disabilities. They have community activities and a huge variety of programs, including a water sports day, bowling, ceramics, dancing classes, kickball, Saturday day trips, theater trips, and many more. <http://cirfun.com/programs>

Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan: LDA is an organization that provides connection, advocacy, educational opportunities, support, and more to children and teens with learning and developmental disabilities. <http://ldaofmichigan.org/>

## Transportation and Equipment

Alternatives in Motion: (West Michigan) This organization provides funding to people who need assistance to purchase a wheelchair. <http://alternativesinmotion.org/apply/>

## Scholarships and Education

The Ability Center Scholarship: Must have a permanent address in Lucas, Wood, Fulton, Henry, Ottawa, Defiance, Williams Counties in Ohio or in Monroe or Lenawee county in Michigan. <http://www.abilitycenter.org/we-can-help/programs/center-resources/scholarship-application/>

William and Cordula Freese Scholarship: Must live in Saginaw County <http://www.saginawfoundation.org/site/united-advisory-scholarship-commission-scholarship-william-cordula-freese-scholarship/>