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Ohio

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

Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities: Their services cover a wide variety of needs, including Early Intervention, preschool and school-aged services, adult services, supported living, transportation services, and more. <http://www.ashtabuladd.org/index.html>

The Arc of Ohio: The Arc of Ohio is a statewide membership association made up of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, interested citizens and professionals in the disability field. Their services include advocacy, assistive technology, and the family choice program. This program helps with finding a caregiver, financial training, etc. <http://www.thearcofohio.org/>

Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities: The Cuyahoga County Board of DD offers a full range of services, everything from in-home early intervention programs for very young children and their families to leisure programs for seniors and specialized therapies (speech-language, occupational and physical), psychological services, support administration, family resources and respite care, supported living, vocational training, community employment, rehabilitation engineering and crisis intervention. <http://www.cuyahogabdd.org/en-us/Home.aspx>

Disability Rights Ohio: This is a non-profit corporation with a mission to advocate for the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities in Ohio. They offer a wide variety of services, including benefits counseling, assistive technology, employment, housing, special education, and more. <http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/>

Hattie Larlham: Hattie Larlham is a non-profit that was started by one woman to help the disabled. They offer many services, including medical, work training, pediatric, residential, respite and home care, recreational, and foster care. They hold several events a year, including a golf classic, friendship luncheon and more. <http://www.hattielarlham.org/>



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LEADS: LEADS is a private non-profit corporation that provides immediate assistance and lasting solutions for people in need. Central Ohio citizens facing economic struggles will find a caring and helpful friend in LEADS. As well as spearheading programs such as Head Start, Weatherization, Home Repair, Utility Assistance, Affordable Housing, Neighborhood Service Centers, LEADS collaborates with other community organizations and programs. <http://www.leadscas.org/>

Ohio Early Intervention: Early Intervention (EI) is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention services to parents of eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. Every family served in EI will have a local EI team that consists of a service coordinator, service providers, and your family. <http://ohioearlyintervention.org/about>

Upreach LLC: Upreach supports people with a wide range of disabilities. They offer services including supported living, IO waivers, financial services, job coaching, and much more. They also have the Learning Never Ends program, which is a day program for all adults. They have classes on books, learning to use iPads, cooking, ASL, and more. <http://upreachgroup.com/>

Zane's Foundation: Zane's Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. They help children and adults with special needs by educating their families about beneficial resources that will improve their loved one's academic achievement. They also assist with financial support. Financial support can be designated for things such as: camps, therapies, respite, assistive or adaptive equipment, communicative devices that help to meet daily challenges. <http://zanesfoundation.org/site/>

Autism-Related Resources

Abilities First: Abilities First provides resources for children with autism and other developmental disabilities, including the Autism Learning Center, therapy screenings, pediatric therapies, the Early Childhood Learning Center, therapies, and more. <http://www.abilitiesfirst.org/>

Achievement Centers for Children: The center's unique, comprehensive service model weaves together education and autism services, therapy services and the Intensive Therapy Clinic; recreation, camp and sports programs; and family support services to meet the needs of the entire family and provide the best outcomes. The agency serves children from birth through adulthood, with a special focus on children from birth through age five. They have locations in the East, Westlake, and Highland Hills.

<https://milestones.org/resource/achievement-centers-for-children-east/>

<https://milestones.org/resource/achievement-centers-for-children-westlake/>

<https://milestones.org/resource/achievement-centers-for-children-highland-hills/>



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Autism Society of Greater Cleveland: Offers support and information for families from diagnosis to adulthood through family support, seminars, community training and social opportunities for those affected with ASD. They also hold a monthly parent support group. <http://www.asgc.org/>

The Cleveland Clinic Children’s Center for Autism: Their state-of-the-art autism facility is dedicated to treatment, education, and research for children, adolescents, young adults, and families dealing with ASD. They offer trainings, education, assessments, and individualized programs. <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/pediatrics/departments/autism/autism-center>

OCALI: Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) serves families, educators, and professionals working with students with autism and low-incidence disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, and traumatic brain injuries. Their resources include research information, Autism information, a learning and education center, a family center, and more. <http://www.ocali.org/>

Caregivers and Respite

Camp Cheerful’s Summer Program: Camp Cheerful is a Day Camp for school age children with and without special needs. An intervention specialist and therapists design fun activities based on campers’ interests and IEP goals. They offer extended care, summer overnight programs for school-aged children and adults, and an overnight weekend respite program every month. <http://www.achievementcenters.org/>

Stepping Stones: Stepping Stones provides year-round programs for families and kids of all ages with disabilities. They have scholarships and generally pride themselves on being affordable for all. Their programs include overnight and weekend respites for children and teens, summer camps, kids clubs, and more for all ages and families. <https://steppingstonesohio.org/>

Scholarships and Education

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

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities: The coalition aims to provide information and resources to parents in order to give all kids a proper education. They provide access to information about schools, reading help and information, and more. <http://www.ocecd.org>



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Exercise and Outdoors

Deepwood Foundation: The Deepwood foundation aims to empower those with disabilities. They offer many programs ranging from wheelchair access to camps and recreation. They also offer grants for community assistance. <http://deepwoodfoundation.org/index.html>

Special Kids Therapy (SKT): SKT helps special needs children with necessities and fun therapies that are not met by insurance, other charities, and/or government agencies. These include therapies such as animal, reflexology, massage, water, arts and crafts, and much more. SKT also offers financial assistance to families, a two-week summer camp every year, multiple “family activity days”, scholarships, grants, and more. <http://specialkidstherapy.org/>

Housing

OHFA: The Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) facilitates the development, rehabilitation and financing of low- to moderate-income housing. The Agency's programs help first-time homebuyers, renters, senior citizens, and others find quality affordable housing that meets their needs. <http://www.ohiohome.org/index.aspx>

Miscellaneous

4Paws for Ability: 4Paws enriches the lives of children with disabilities by training and placing quality, task-trained service dogs. This provides increased independence for the children, and assistance to their families. They have dogs for individuals and families with diabetes, autism, hearing aids, mobility assistance, and more. <http://4pawsforability.org/>

Red Treehouse: Red Treehouse is a vibrant online community that connects people and families with disabilities. Their goal is to share information, build communities and connections, and to provide many resources. <http://www.redtreehouse.org/main>

RePlay for Kids: RePlay repairs, adapts, and distributes toys and assistive devices to children with special needs and disabilities for no charge. They also provide many educational programs. <http://www.replayforkids.org/>