

Transportation for Children with Disabilities.

Finding safe, reliable transportation (a ride) for children with disabilities and/or complex health needs can be challenging. Below are some options that may help:

Medicaid Transportation

- If your child is on Medicaid you may be able to receive help going to and from the doctor, dentist, hospital or drug store. This help may be either a taxi ride, money to pay for gasoline or public transportation costs.
- Medicaid Transportation offers regular and wheelchair accessible vehicles with at least 2 business days' notice prior to appointment.
- To set up Medicaid Transportation, call: 1-877-633-8747 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)
 - You may be directed to Logisticare (1-855-687-3255) depending on what county you reside. To arrange for pick up with Logisticare, or for afterhours questions, contact Where's My Ride: 1-877-564-9834

Dart Paratransit

- Based on where you live and your child's disability, you may also qualify for Dart Paratransit. For more information, visit: <https://www.dart.org/riding/paratransit.asp>

Parking, Placards, and Plates for those with Disabilities

- Based on your child's disability or medical needs, he or she may qualify for handicap parking. First discuss with your child's pediatrician. For more information, visit: <https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/disabled-parking-placards-plates>

Wheelchair-accessible Vans and Modifications (changes to your vehicle)

- **For children/adolescents who get Medicaid Waiver Program services**
 - Call your Medicaid Waiver Program service coordinator to talk about using Medicaid Waiver funds for vehicle modifications (making changes to your vehicle so you can transport your child.)
- **More ways to get help: Grant Funding**
 - Grant funding is a great way for families get help with the costs of wheelchair-accessible vans and equipment.
 - Below is a short list of groups that could be a good place to start for help:
 - **Special Kids Fund:** <https://www.specialkidsfund.org/>
 - **CHARI-T2000, Inc.:** <https://chari-t2000.org/>; 877-688-2520
 - **First Hand Foundation:** <https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/>; (816) 201-1569
 - **United Healthcare Children's Foundation Grant:** <https://www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/>; 1 855-MY-UHCCF / 1 (855-698-4223)
 - **Texas Elks:** <https://texaselks.org/special-grants/>
 - **Variety, The Children's Charity of Texas:** <http://www.varietytexas.org/apply/>; 512-328-5437
 - More grant options can be found on **Navigate Life Texas**. Visit their website at <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/insurance-financial-help/funding-grants-for-children-with-disabilities>