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1. A very good place to start would be with your local **Parent to Parent representative** ... they have local resources at their fingertips for individual areas, and you can find your representative at their national web site: [www.p2pusa.org](http://www.p2pusa.org) and then just click on your state to find your representative contact information.
2. You may also want to try your local **United Way Agency** to see if they can help you, and you can find an area locator using your zip code at their national web site: <http://www.unitedway.org>.
3. An additional place to try would be your local **ARC Office** to see if they can help you, and you can search for a local chapter on their national web site: <http://www.thearc.org>.
4. **Pull-ups and diapers** in general are rarely considered a covered item, but there are discount providers for them out there as well as a wonderful organization that will give you rebates on many disability products that you purchase. A couple of good online links for this can be found here: <http://www.disposable-diapers.net/pull-ups.htm> or <http://www.caregiversmarketplace.com>.
5. There are options out there to get **eyeglasses** for disabled children, and a few good places to start would be: [http://www.uniteforsight.org/free\\_health\\_coverage.php](http://www.uniteforsight.org/free_health_coverage.php), or [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision\\_eyeglass\\_recycling.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_eyeglass_recycling.shtml), and <http://www.hki.org/programs/childsight.html>.
6. For **home renovations**, some local service groups do this type of renovation for free, and you can check with your local Rotary Club, Lions Club, Shriners, etc. to see if they can help you with the building materials and/or labor. Another idea might be to contact your local Boy Scout Troop to see if they have any scouts looking for an Eagle Project ... installing concrete ramps or building a wooden walkway would be a great project for them and help with wheelchair accessibility.
7. If you have private insurance for your family, The **UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation** provides financial assistance toward the family's share of the cost of medical services that have the potential to significantly enhance either the clinical condition or the quality of life of the child and that are not fully covered by the available commercial health benefit plan. You can find out more about this online at this link: <http://www.uhccf.org/>.
8. If you have a **very low income**, more than likely your family would qualify for state and/or federal assistance programs that would be able to help you meet the financial needs for your family. Having a disabled child under your care may qualify you to receive SSI benefits, and in most states Medicaid is automatic you are receiving SSI. You would need to contact your local public assistance office to apply for these benefits.

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9. Consider enrolling your child in an **Early Intervention Program (EIP)**, because they are required to evaluate your child's needs and provide them with assistance up to the age of 3. Ask your child's Primary Care Provider for a referral.
10. If you need an **approved car seat** for your child, there are options out there, depending on your state. Each state has different programs, so you may or may not be able to get the car seat provided at no cost. Because it is a law that all children be in approved car seats, you may be able to get one for free through a local organization, such as Easter Seals or a fire house program. Check with your car insurance agent for the requirements in your area.
11. For **adaptive carseats**, a couple of companies make them, so check out the options at [www.adaptivemall.com](http://www.adaptivemall.com) or <http://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.com/carseats.html>. Be sure to keep an eye on our inventory of donated items at [www.themorganproject.org](http://www.themorganproject.org) as we often get these items in.
12. For **assistive technology equipment**, your child is eligible through the public school system to be evaluated and provided with these tools for communicating and utilizing computers, both in school and at home. Request an IEP meeting with your child's teacher to request this service. An excellent online resource for detailed information on AT rights for the disabled child can be found at this link: <http://www.kidstogether.org/at.htm>.
13. As far as **adapted vehicles** are concerned, there are several places to get them from but very few funding assistance programs for them. Of course the major car manufacturers offer \$1000 mobility credit for new vehicles, but not for used ones. There are sporadic organizations that assist with this in some states, most of which are individual religious groups, and your P2P representative may have info on this for your area. You may have some luck finding an affordable vehicle at one of these online sites: <http://www.disableddealer.com/> or <http://www.hdsfans.com/>.
14. For **Autism**, you may be able to find good advice at <http://www.autismspeaks.org/>. Additionally, they now offer **Family Service Grants** to eligible families.
15. There are LOTS of **wish-type organizations** out there that may have the resources to help your family, and you can find a listing of some of them at this link: <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/general/wish-grant-orgs.html>.
16. The **NeighborHeart™ Program** is dedicated to providing a better quality of life for children and adults with autism and other special needs. Through The NeighborHeart™ Program, they provide [Quality of Life Grants](#) to families in need and foster an ongoing campaign of **Autism Awareness & Compassion**.

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17. We are very excited to share with you some resources that we have just learned about for **individual funding** for disabled children! Please be sure to visit their websites for details on qualifications, application procedures and direct all inquiries to them:  
<http://www.cerner.com/firsthand/>, or <http://www.ttac.odu.edu/articles/minigrant.html>, or <http://www.dcrf.com/index.html>, or <http://www.queenofheartstofoundation.org/index.htm>, and <http://www.newhopeforkids.org/>.
18. <http://www.hannahandfriends.org/index.html>. *Hannah & Friends* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and adults with special needs in **Indiana** and **Rhode Island**.
19. <http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3disable.htm>. This website lists lots and lots of opportunities for **funding** for the disabled in various areas.
20. **National AMBUCS™**, Inc., is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities, and you can find them online at <http://www.ambucs.com/default.aspx>.
21. <http://www.bubelaiken.org/>. The Bubel/Aiken Foundation's Grant Program will focus on programs that help change the life experience for children with **developmental disabilities**.
22. <http://www.ussaac.org/AWARDS.html>. PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance in order to enable a person who uses **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)** to expand their future opportunities.
23. <http://www.everydaymiracles.org/>. Everyday Miracles is a non-profit grant organization designed to strengthen, financially assist and inform families and communities about children with **Autism**.
24. The Jim Mullen Foundation and Computers for Schools provide **low-cost computers** for people who have a disability in the US and Canada.  
<http://www.pcsforschools.org/partners/jimMullenForm.html>.
25. <http://www.kmbfoundation.org/>. They exist to increase lifestyle opportunities and quality of life for recipients by **providing equipment and/or services** that would not otherwise be affordable.
26. **Is Hippotherapy and Therapeutic Riding covered by insurance?** Hippotherapy is physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech therapy using the horse as a treatment tool; therefore, if your insurance has rehabilitation benefits, **your therapy sessions may be covered**. An order from a physician is needed for a therapist to evaluate whether a patient

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is an appropriate candidate for hippotherapy and patients must show that they need hippotherapy and are making progress to qualify for insurance coverage.

27. According to [http://www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org/aha\\_hpota\\_sem.htm](http://www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org/aha_hpota_sem.htm), when using the horse or equine movement as a treatment tool within a therapeutic procedure it is then very appropriate to bill for units of service depending on how the tool is used. **See entire article for appropriate billing codes to share with your child's provider.**
28. The following organizations provide **wheelchair donations** and other related mobility aids to enable greater access and mobility to those in need: <http://www.mobility-advisor.com/wheelchair-donations.html>. Also a wonderful resource to try would be <http://alternativesinmotion.org/> or <http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/> or <http://mobilityproject.org/> or [http://www.joniandfriends.org/pg\\_wheelchair.php](http://www.joniandfriends.org/pg_wheelchair.php).
29. For **special-needs planning** such as investments and trusts, try: <http://www.aspecialneedsplan.com/>.
30. The mission of the **National Organization Caring for Kids** is to improve the quality of life for special needs children through the use of assistive technology. They can be found online at <http://www.nockonline.org/default.asp>.
31. For a very long list of other **online resources**, visit <http://www.makoa.org/index.htm>.
32. <http://www.atmatch.com/> is a marketplace where **donors and sellers can locate buyers** for a wide range of assistive technology and durable medical products.
33. [http://www.hfgrotto.com/index.php?option=com\\_frontpage&Itemid=1](http://www.hfgrotto.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1) is a Masonic Charity whose primary purpose is **providing dentistry** for special needs children.
34. <http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/default.asp?SID=3672039&SectionID=9>. This is an online site where you can nominate someone to **receive a gift** from the Dreamweavers Foundation.
35. <http://www.ussaac.org/AWARDS.html> The ISAAC Opportunity Award provides financial assistance in order to enable a person who uses **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)** to expand their future opportunities.
36. Find a wide array of services and providers for children with disabilities on the **Yellow Pages for Kids** for your state. <http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/>.

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37. For a **question and answer web site** meant to meet the needs of families with children who have special needs, try <http://www.answers4specialkids.com/>.
38. <http://d.webring.com/hub?ring=carering> is a unique website for support and information for anyone suffering from **mental or behavior disorders** such as Bipolar, ODD, ADHD, ADD, Tourette Syndrome, Depression, Anxiety, etc.
39. <http://www.prideandjoycoaching.com/10essentialsguide.pdf>. Check this out - all **caregivers** should apply this advice to their own lives.
40. <http://www.mobilityheadquartersinc.net/>. This is a company located in Texas with accessible vehicles. Ask for Theresa Werner. She contacted The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project after our appearance on The Montel Show and says she will help families **find a vehicle** that fits into their budget.
41. <http://www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc/>. Administered by the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) is the Illinois Title V agency that provides care coordination for families and children with special health care needs. **They pay for van lifts in some circumstances!**
42. [www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org) PACER has programs for **children and young adults** with all disabilities, their parents and families, and the professionals working with the families.
43. <http://www.nationwidewheelchairlift.com/products.htm>. This is our newest partner in providing accessibility for persons in wheelchair - they will work with The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project to get the lowest possible price!
44. [www.rollaramp.com](http://www.rollaramp.com). WOW! Looking for a solution to using your existing van or minivan with your child's wheelchair? This is it ... AND, in some case may be a covered item under insurance or Medicaid. Nationwide Wheelchair is our partner in getting this item at a discount! **Versatile and portable wheelchair ramp** - this is a new product and one that I am very excited about, because the possibilities of use are endless, and it's very an incredibly affordable solution to what until now has been only an expensive option for most families!
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