

What is Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS)?

The Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program helps children with disabilities and their families through supports, resources, and services that provide ways for the child and family to grow as well as meet their goals. This can happen in the home and/or the community.

CLTS is funded through a Medicaid Waiver meaning the federal government "waived" certain regulations so that Medicaid dollars can pay for community-based services for youth with special needs. CLTS began in 2003 and was developed as a part of the Children's Long-Term Support Redesign Project in Wisconsin.

Who is eligible?

Youth under the age of 22 who have a diagnosed condition (developmental disability, physical disability, and/or mental health diagnosis), reside in a home or foster care setting in Wisconsin, and meet functional eligibility. The screening tool used for this program is called a Long-Term Care Functional Screen. Youth who are eligible who do not already have a Medicaid source, will receive Medicaid when enrolling into this program.

To Make a Referral:

Winnebago County Human Services
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Children's Long-Term Support
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Online Referral Form - [Children's Voluntary Service Referral Form | Winnebago County, Wisconsin](#)



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What is the role of the Support and Service Coordinator (SSC)?

The Support and Service Coordinator's (SSC) role is to assist a participant with significant disabilities and their family to achieve an inclusive, interdependent, and self-empowered life. The participant's SSC uses their knowledge of available programs, resources, and services while using the Deciding Together Process to create an individualized service plan (ISP) that best supports the participant and family in pursuit of their desired outcomes. This includes connecting families to supports throughout the community and promotes family members' and participants self-determination and involvement in all facets of home and community life.

Deciding Together Guide:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02246.pdf>

What is the role of the family?

Parents and guardians are active members of the team. They assist in identifying the outcomes based on the needs of the child and family.

Parents may have a parental fee, which is based on household income and size, and contributes towards the cost of services. Many parents may not have a fee if they are open on public benefits, such as SSI and/or BadgerCare.

What is the role of the State?

Children and Family Program Specialists (CFPS) at the State work closely with the county and families. CFPS staff:

- Review Children's Waiver plans.
- Provide consultation and training for families, providers, and counties.
- Work with families to answer questions and assist with accessing local programs.

Wisconsin Medicaid

Once functional eligibility is determined by the Long-Term Care Functional Screen a child must have an active form of Medicaid. This includes:

- BadgerCare
- SSI
- Katie Beckett
- Foster Care MA

Youth who are eligible for CLTS, who do not already have a Medicaid source, will receive assistance from SSC to enroll in Medicaid.

What possible service could CLTS fund?

CLTS covers a broad range of services, depending on a child's identified needs. Including: respite care, daily living skills training, specialized medical and therapeutic supplies, home and vehicle modifications, and many more. See full list below:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/services.htm>

Your Rights

CLTS is a voluntary program. The foundation of this program is the belief that parents of children with significant disabilities know best what their child needs. Families who are in the CLTS program have rights that help each child to receive supports and services fairly. You have the right to appeal or file a grievance about the program. If you do not agree with or understand the decision.