

# Follow the Yellow Brick Road

## Assistance Sources for Children and Teens With Limb Differences

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With the constant progress of technology, more and more options are becoming available to help children with disabilities take care of themselves, interact comfortably with their peers, go to school, and learn to live independently. But where do you begin if, like most people, you need to find financial assistance to afford the equipment or services that you and your child need? The following resources represent only the tip of the iceberg in terms of the information and help that are out there: recycled assistive devices, emergency medical transportation, healthcare assistance, and home and vehicle modifications. Even when you find your direction, you may have to navigate your way through a maze of paperwork, rules, regulations, requirements and restrictions. But you can do it. All it takes is a little brains, some courage, and a steadfast heart.

### Adapting Motor Vehicles for People With Disabilities

888/327-4236

[www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/adaptive/brochure/index.html](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/adaptive/brochure/index.html)

### Administration for Children & Families

866/674-6327

[www.acf.hhs.gov/acf\\_services.html#energy](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/acf_services.html#energy)

### Alliance for Technology Access

707/778-3011

[www.ataccess.org](http://www.ataccess.org)

### American Amputee Foundation

501/666-2523

[www.americanamputee.org](http://www.americanamputee.org)

### American Association of People with Disabilities

800/840-8844

[www.aapd.com/links/linkscholarshipawards.html](http://www.aapd.com/links/linkscholarshipawards.html)

### Amputee Resource Foundation of America

612/812-7875

[www.amputeerresource.org](http://www.amputeerresource.org)

### Barr/United Amputee Assistance Fund

561/394-6514

[www.oandp.com/resources/organizations/barr/index2.htm](http://www.oandp.com/resources/organizations/barr/index2.htm)

### Care Entrée

972/522-2000

[www.careentree.com](http://www.careentree.com)

### Disabled Children's Relief Fund

[www.dcrf.com](http://www.dcrf.com)

### Disabled Dealer Magazine

888/521-8778

[www.disableddealer.com](http://www.disableddealer.com)

### eBay – Disability Resources

[pages.ebay.com/disability-resources](http://pages.ebay.com/disability-resources)

### Elks of the USA

773/755-4700

[www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm](http://www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm)

### FinAid

[www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml)

### Georgetown Univ. Health Policy Inst.

[www.healthinsuranceinfo.net](http://www.healthinsuranceinfo.net)

### GovBenefits.gov

800/333-4636

[www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits](http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits)

### Habitat for Humanity

229/924-6935, ext. 2552

[www.habitat.org/local](http://www.habitat.org/local)

### HealthCove

800/796-5558

[healthcove.com](http://healthcove.com)

### Higher Education & Adult Training for People with Handicaps

800/544-3284

[www.heath-resource-center.org](http://www.heath-resource-center.org)

### Limbs for Life Foundation

888/235-5462

[www.limbsforlife.org](http://www.limbsforlife.org)

### Lions Clubs International

630/571-5466

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

### The Medicine Program

866/694-3893

[www.themedicineprogram.com](http://www.themedicineprogram.com)

### National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association

800/833-0427

[www.nmeda.org](http://www.nmeda.org)

### National Patient Air Transport Helpline

800/296-1217

[www.npath.org](http://www.npath.org)

### National Rehabilitation Information Ctr.

800/346-2742

[www.naric.com](http://www.naric.com)

### New Beginnings Prosthetic Ministries

949/230-1999

[www.newbeginnings2000.org](http://www.newbeginnings2000.org)

### Partnership for Prescription Assistance

888/477-2669

<https://www.pparx.org/Intro.php>

### Prosthetic Education Project for Parents

866/696-2767

[www.myoelectric-prosthetic-fitting-and-funding-for-children.com](http://www.myoelectric-prosthetic-fitting-and-funding-for-children.com)

### Rotary International

847/866-3000

[www.rotary.org/services/clubs/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/services/clubs/index.html)

### St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

866/2STJUDE

[www2.stjude.org/contact\\_us](http://www2.stjude.org/contact_us)

### Shriners

800/237-5055

[www.shrinershq.org/hospit.html](http://www.shrinershq.org/hospit.html)

### SSI Benefits for Children With Disabilities

800/772-1213

[www.ssa.gov/pubs/10026.html](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10026.html)

### Technical Assistance Project

703/524-6686

[www.resna.org/taproject](http://www.resna.org/taproject)

### Variety Clubs International

888/852-1300

[www.usvariety.org](http://www.usvariety.org)

For more information, contact the Amputee Coalition of America ([www.amputee-coalition.org](http://www.amputee-coalition.org), 888/267-5669).