

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program: The Basics and Priorities for 2023



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About CLTS

The CLTS Program provides community-based supports and services from birth through age 21 for eligible children with long-term support needs.

Who can enroll?

The child must:

- Be younger than age 22 (adults eligible for adult long-term care (LTC) cannot enroll in CLTS).
- Be eligible for a full-benefit Wisconsin Medicaid program.
- Live at home, in foster care, or in another approved setting.
- Need a level of care that people get at:
 - A hospital
 - A nursing home
 - An institution for people with developmental disabilities
- Be able to get safe, required care at home or in the community.

How to Apply

- Contact the [county waiver agency](#) in your county of residence. Let them know you are interested in services for your child. They will help with next steps.
- Work with the county health and human services agency's support and service coordinator (SSC) to complete a functional screen.

The Goal of CLTS

- Wisconsin's CLTS Program provides children with disabilities and their families individualized supports and services that help those children grow and live their best lives in their home and community.
- Nearly 20,000 children in Wisconsin are enrolled in CLTS.

What is a Waiver?

- A waiver allows Medicaid to fund additional services and supports not normally covered to help children stay in their homes and communities.
- Wisconsin must get permission from the federal government to waive certain Medicaid requirements to fund these additional services.

Medicaid and CLTS

Medicaid

- Regular health checkups
- Any medically necessary services and aids

CLTS Waiver Program

- Support services
- Skill development
- Adaptive and communication aids
- Housing-related services

The Team

When a child enrolls in CLTS, a team is created for them. The team includes:

- The child
- The family (parents, caregivers) and others the family wants to be involved
- The health and human services agency from the county that the child resides in
- Service providers that are identified with the family

Support and Service Coordinator

- Partners with the family in their journey.
- Helps navigate community and CLTS services.
- Reaches out to families at least every three months.

Families can connect with the SSC at any time or request more frequent contact.

- Coordinates regularly with the child's providers and other contacts.

Deciding Together

- Deciding Together is a team approach to help find the right supports and services for your family and child.
- Team members use Deciding Together to learn more about the child and family and how to best support.
- All decisions made about the child's supports and services are based on the family's and child's unique needs and goals identified through the Deciding Together approach.
 - [Deciding Together Guide, P-02246](#)
 - [Deciding Together Guide: What It Is and What It Isn't, P-02246C](#)

Services at a Glance

Explains the supports and services available to families in the CLTS Program ([P-02570](#))

Children's Long-Term Support Program Supports and Services at a Glance

The supports and services below are available through the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program. All decisions made about supports and services are made together as a team.

A support and service coordinator will work with your family to decide which services help meet your family and child's unique goals.

Support Services

Child care

Help for your family to find care for the child when they need added support, or when the child is over 12 years old and needs supervision.

Day services

Services that help the child get involved in their own community by providing regularly scheduled activities for part of the day.

Respite care

A short term break for your family when a trained worker provides care for the child. Respite care helps ease daily stress the family and caregivers.

Personal supports

Help that ensures the child is doing their daily activities, and that the activities are meeting their needs. Personal supports promote independence and safety for the child in their home and community.

i Example: Help to take their own medication, use transportation, and do household tasks

Community competitive/integrated employment

Help for a child to get and maintain a job in the community that is available to anyone else and pays the same amount.

Transportation

Transportation for the child so they can get to places in their community to meet their goals and needs. This is for nonmedical and nonemergency transportation.

i Example: Bus tickets, train passes, taxi vouchers, ride-share

Participant and family-directed goods and services

Services, supports, and items that help the child meet a goal, and which your family cannot get through another CLTS Program service or Medicaid.

Discovery and career planning

Help for a child to develop skills to get a job.

i Example: Interviewing skills, how to dress for an interview



2022 Accomplishments

- Implemented new waiver, which included new services for families.
- Improved guidance on transition.
- Served over 4,000 “net new” kids in CLTS, nearly 7,000 new kids.
- And more!

2023 Priorities

- Unwinding the public health emergency.
- Helping families find and get the resources they need after learning their child has a delay, disability, or special health care need.
- Updating our materials used for training for SSCs.
- And more!

Stay Informed

- Visit the CLTS family [webpage](#) for more information and helpful resources.

- Read the All in For Kids: CLTS family newsletter.

This newsletter is mailed to families and can also be found on the webpage listed above.

- Sign up for the CLTS Information for Families and Participants [email list](#).

Signing up will also make sure you get the All in for Kids newsletter by email