

Section 11:

Grants

Children at Home (CAH)

What it is – Children at Home is a grant program designed to support families with a child diagnosed with a disability. The funding is utilized for needed supports and services to allow the individual to remain at home. Supports and services are defined by Iowa Family Support Network as a purchase of equipment, respite care, supplies, assistive technology, or payment of other costs that relate to the individual's disability.

Eligibility

- Resident of Iowa – both child and family.
- One family member must have a child with a disability.
- Child with a disability is defined as someone under the age of 22 and meets the definition of a developmental disability.
- The family's intent is to have their child remain in the home environment and utilize services and supports to ensure the child remains in the home.
- The family's Federal Net (not gross) taxable income must be less than \$60,000 from the most recent tax return.

Apply for CAH

- Visit the Children At Home website and complete the steps in the How to Apply and Additional Documents section on the site.
<https://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/families/children-at-home>.

Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance (formerly known as SED or Wraparound funds)

What it is – Linn County Children's Mental Health Assistance is a county funded program to fill the gap when insurance and waiver funds do not meet the entire mental health needs of Linn County youth. It helps support youth when there are gaps in insurance or a high deductible plan. It can be used to cover mental health medications, therapy and medication check appointments, autism social skills group, family and individual BHIS services, respite, and respite activity fees, etc. with contracted providers.

Eligibility – Individuals must meet the criteria of Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED), have a mental health diagnosis, be a Linn County resident under the age of 21 and have exhausted all other options for funding. Individuals are eligible for up to \$1,500 each fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Apply for Children’s Mental Health Assistance –

For more information please call or email Terri Godwin at 319-892-5726 or terri.godwin@linncountyiowa.gov.

Money Follows the Person (MFP)

What it is – Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a grant funding program which allows individuals to move out of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Disabilities (ICF/ID) into a home of their choice in the community. Nursing Facilities, Psychiatric Mental Institutes for Children (PMIC), and inpatient hospitals may qualify for MFP. The program provides one year of support for individuals in their new independent living setting.

Eligibility – Individuals must be Medicaid eligible, diagnosed with an intellectual disability or brain injury, live in a qualifying facility for 60 consecutive days, and must express an interest of moving into the community.

Apply for MFP – For more information on how to access MFP resources visit <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/mfp>.