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Below is a list of agencies that may provide services for people with developmental disabilities in Orange County. General eligibility information is provided. Please contact each agency directly to determine whether you meet their unique eligibility criteria.

Benefits	Description of Services	Eligibility	Phone Number/Website
California Alternate Rates for Energy **CARE/FERA**	Low-income customers may receive a 30-35% discount on their electric bill and a 20% discount on their natural gas bill.	If a family member is on SSI, CalFresh, WIC, or Medi-Cal, the household may qualify for the discount.	**https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/electric-costs/care-fera-program**
California Children's Services (CCS) – Medical Program **200 W. Santa Ana Blvd.** **Santa Ana, CA 92701**	CCS is a state program that provides assistance to children with certain diseases, physical limitations, or chronic health problems.	To get services your child must: • Be under 21 years old • Have a medical problem that CCS covers • Be a resident of California • Have a family income under $40,000	714-347-0300 **https://www.ochealthinfo.com/about-hca/medical-health-services/california-childrens-services**
California Children's Services (CCS) - Medical Therapy Program	CCS provides medically necessary physical and occupational therapy to children with eligible conditions. These services are provided in Medical Therapy Units (MTU) located throughout the county.	Free regardless of family income	714-347-0300 **https://www.ochealthinfo.com/about-hca/medical-health-services/california-childrens-services**
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to kids (CalWORKs)	CalWORKs is a public assistance program that provides cash aid and services to eligible families that have a child (ren) in the home.	Families where parents are unemployed, or that have a child(ren) who has been deprived of parental support or care because of the absence, disability or death of either parent. Needy caretaker relatives of a foster child (ren) may be eligible.	949-389-8456 **https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/calworks**

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CalOptima **505 City Parkway West Orange, CA 92868**	CalOptima is a county organized health system that offers health insurance programs for low-income children, adults, seniors and people with disabilities.	Most individuals who are Orange County residents and are eligible for Medi-Cal are CalOptima members	714-246-8400 1-888-587-8088 TTY: 800-735-2929 **https://www.caloptima.org/**
CalOptima Community Liaison/RCOC	CalOptima Liaison to RCOC assists in answering questions with regards to active Medi-Cal/CalOptima benefits.	Assistance is available to all those served by RCOC and who have active Medi-Cal/CalOptima benefits.	Carina Tapia 714-246-8694 Email: **ctapia@caloptima.org**
Coalition of Orange County Health Centers	Assistance finding health care for uninsured, Medi-Cal beneficiaries and application assistance for Covered California.	For children of families with no medical insurance and limited financial resources	714-352-5990 **http://www.coalitionoc.org/**
Community Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC)	CHIOC connects all children, families, and adults to affordable and high-quality healthcare and social services.	Orange County residents	714-619-4045 **www.chioc.org**
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Attorneys and staff provide free evaluation, and advice. They offer no-cost legal support at their clinics, workshops, and Self-Help Centers, and provide direct representation on a case-by case basis.	Low income residents of Orange County	714-571-5200 **https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/about-us/**
Denti -Cal	A dental program contracted with Medi-Cal/CalOptima to provide members with dental services.	Medi-Cal/CalOptima members	800-322-6384 **www.denti-cal.org**
Disability Benefits 101 (Website)	Benefits information for major public benefits. Real world knowledge about work, disability, healthcare and other benefits.	Anyone living with a disability	**https://www.db101.org/**

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Department of Motor Vehicles • **Disabled Parking Placard**	Placard allows use of parking spaces designated for those with a disability.	Those with impaired mobility in one or both lower extremities, both hands, visual problems or require the aid of assistive device.	**https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-registration/license-plates-decals-and-placards/disabled-person-parking-placards-plates/**
• **Identification Card**	The form for a Reduced Fee Identification Card can be issued to an applicant by RCOC Service Coordinators.	A person whose income meets the eligibility requirements or is receiving public benefits.	**https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/driver-licenses-identification-cards/identification-id-cards/**
Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)	DOR administers the largest vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs in the country. Vocational rehabilitation services are designed to help job seekers with disabilities obtain competitive employment in integrate work settings.	Individuals with disabilities	**https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/FindAnOffice**
Disability Rights California (DRC)	DRC is the agency designated under federal law to protect and advocate for the rights of Californians with disabilities. They work in litigation, legal representation, advocacy services, investigations, and public policy.	Californians with disabilities	866-833-6712 **https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/**
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	IHSS provides those that are eligible with personal assistance and in-home services so they can safely stay in their homes or continue working. Services range from assistance with household chores to personal care and paramedical services. The IHSS program also covers "protective supervision" for individuals who need 24-hour supervision to monitor behavior related to a mental impairment including mental illness and to intervene to prevent injury to the IHSS recipient.	Assists individuals who are low income and are blind, disabled, or 65 years or older living on their own or in their family home.	714-825-3000 **https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/elder/ihss/**

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Medical Baseline Allowance Program	Provides electricity and gas at the lowest rate for individuals that rely upon in-home medical equipment or have a serious medical condition.	Any household with a family member dependent upon in-home medical equipment or requires more heat in winter; requires signature from physician.	**www.pge.com/en_US/residential/save-energy-money/help-paying-your-bill/longer-term-assistance/medical-condition-related/medical-baseline-allowance/medical-baseline-allowance.page** **www.ssa.ocgov.com**
Orange County Social Services Agency	Provides General Relief (GR), CalFresh, and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Medi-Cal programs, etc.	Individuals who are low income, blind, disabled or elderly depending on program. Serves Orange County residents.	Check the website for addresses and phone numbers of offices in Orange County **https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/about-us/office-locations/office-location-list**
Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) ACCESS Program	Offers shared-ride service to qualified applicants whose physical or cognitive limitations prevent them from utilizing the regular OC bus fixed-route service. Shared-ride service includes: curb-to-curb service, subscription service, and same-day taxi service.	Eligibility is based on a person's functional abilities and limitations due to a disability, not a specific diagnosis or disability. May be valid for up to 5 years.	714-560-5956 **accesseligibility@octa.n7et**
Public Law Center **601 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701-4002**	Through volunteers and staff, they provide free civil legal services, including counseling, individual representation, community education, and strategic litigation and advocacy.	Low income Orange County residents	714-541-1010 **https://www.publiclawcenter.org** /
Social Security Administration (SSA)	Some services include: administration of social security retirement payments, Medicare sign-ups and related benefit program information. Provides financial benefit to some disabled individuals.	Eligibility varies by program.	800-772-1213 **http://www.ssa.gov**

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Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) [Administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA)]	There are two types of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Benefits. The first is for disabled workers who are insured under Social Security. The second is for children of disabled workers who are insured under Social Security and who are retired, disabled or deceased. These benefits may be referred to as Title II benefits; Title II is the section covering disability retirement and dependent benefits in the Social Security Act.	Disabled workers who are insured under Social Security or children of disabled workers who are insured under Social Security and who are retired, disabled or deceased	800-772-1213 TTY:800-325-0778 **http://www.ssa.gov**
Social Security Disability Starter Kit (Website)	A tool designed to help individuals prepare to participate in a disability interview or complete an on-line application for SSI benefits.	For persons with disabilities wishing to apply for Social Security disability benefits	**https://www.ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_adult_eng.htm**
Special Education Public Law 94-142	The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal law that makes available a free and appropriate public education to those students (age 3 – 22) who qualify for special education services. Services are individually planned and monitored through the Individual Education Program (IEP).	Contact your local school district office to arrange for an assessment of the student to determine eligibility.	District offices can be found at this link. **https://ocde.us/SchoolDistricts/Pages/default**
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) [Administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA)]	Provides a monthly financial benefit and Medi-Cal benefits to people who are eligible. It is an unearned financial benefit.	People age 65+ years, blind or disabled with low income and limited assets	800-772-1213 TTY:800-325-0778 **https://www.ssa.gov/**
U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Voucher - Section 8	Administers federal aid to local housing agencies that manage the housing for low-income residents at rents they can afford. There are 4 housing authorities in Orange County which provide rental assistance housing vouchers.	For low income, the elderly or people with disabilities	714-796-5577 **https://www.hud.gov/**

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• **Anaheim Housing Authority**		Preference is given to those living or working in Anaheim	714-765-4320 **https://www.anaheim.net/668/ Housing-Authority**
• **Garden Grove Housing Authority**		Preference is given to those living or working in Garden Grove	714-741-5150 **www.ggcity.org/housing-authority**
• **Orange County Housing Authority**		Serves all of Orange County EXCEPT Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana	714-480-2700 **www.ochousing.org**
• **Santa Ana Housing Authority**		Preference is given to those living or working in Santa Ana	714-667-2200 **https://www.santa-ana.org/cd/housing-authority**
WIC Program – (Women/Infants/Children Supplemental Nutrition Program)	Provides nutrition education, supplemental food, access to health care and other social services and breastfeeding support. Services are provided through a network of clinics located throughout Orange County.	Women, who meet income guidelines, are pregnant, breastfeeding or post-partum; also, children up to five years of age who are at nutritional risk. Medical referral required. Serves Orange County residents.	888-942-2229 **https://www.phfewic.org/**
WIPA (**Work Incentives Planning & Assistance**)	WIPA provides education about work incentives. Coordinator creates a Benefits Summary and Analysis, so that an individual can make an informed decision about going to work.	Social Security Beneficiaries	888-768-7058 **https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/what-we-do/programs/work- incentives-planning-and- assistance-wipa**

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