

How to apply

Applications may be submitted conveniently and securely on our website at dsc.uic.edu. You may also call us at **(800) 322-3722** and our staff can help you complete an application by phone or in person at one of our regional offices. We can even arrange to meet you at your home or another location for your convenience.

We work as quickly as we can to determine how we can help your child. Our goal is to begin making a difference in the life of your family as soon as possible!

Reaching for a future

We want to help you and your child prepare for adulthood and the changes this transition will bring in the areas of health care, education, employment, independence and other facets of life. We'll help you:

- Determine a youth's readiness for the transition to adulthood
- Develop a transition plan
- Find information and connect you and your child with programs



We'll help you plan for the future.

Our regional offices serve families in their local communities.

Champaign

(800) 779-0889 (Toll Free)
(217) 244-8390 (TTY)
(217) 244-4212 (Fax)

Chicago

(800) 425-1068 (Toll Free)
(312) 433-4122 (TTY)
(312) 433-4121 (Fax)

Chicago Home Care

(800) 905-9995 (Toll Free)
(312) 433-4108 (TTY)
(312) 433-4107 (Fax)

Lombard

(800) 924-0623 (Toll Free)
(630) 424-0553 (TTY)
(630) 424-0669 (Fax)

Marion

(800) 451-0464 (Toll Free)
(618) 993-2481 (TTY)
(618) 993-8929 (Fax)

Mokena

(800) 425-5454 (Toll Free)
(708) 478-3864 (TTY)
(708) 478-3850 (Fax)

Olney

(888) 841-3232 (Toll Free)
(618) 392-3869 (TTY)
(618) 395-2902 (Fax)

Peoria

(800) 382-8569 (Toll Free)
(309) 693-5345 (TTY)
(309) 693-5306 (Fax)

Rockford

(800) 651-9319 (Toll Free)
(815) 987-7995 (TTY)
(815) 987-7891 (Fax)

St. Clair

(800) 842-7204 (Toll Free)
(618) 624-0544 (TTY)
(618) 624-0538 (Fax)

Springfield

(800) 946-8468 (Toll Free)
(217) 524-2011 (TTY)
(217) 524-2020 (Fax)



**Not sure who to contact?
We'll get you to the right place.**

**(800) 322-3722 (Voice)
(217) 785-4728 (TTY)
(217) 558-0773 (Fax)**

**Visit our Website:
dsc.uic.edu**

We're Here to Help.

We (DSCC) **partner** with Illinois families and communities to **help** children and youth with special healthcare needs **connect** to services and resources.



Partner Help Connect



**SPECIALIZED CARE
FOR CHILDREN**

Our impact

Our care coordination helps families feel more confident and organized in the care of their child. Families develop a stronger partnership with their child's doctors and specialists and stay at the center of decisions about their child's care. Our care coordination also helps families navigate the maze of resources and insurance coverage/benefits more effectively and achieve their child's educational and vocational goals.

How we help

We partner with families, doctors, schools and others to develop a plan of care that addresses a child's medical, social, behavioral, educational and financial needs. This process is called care coordination and is FREE, regardless of a family's income level. Our care coordination can include:

- Accessing diagnostic tests
- Finding specialized medical care
- Explaining insurance coverage/benefits
- Communicating with doctors, specialists and schools
- Assisting with transportation for appointments
- Connecting families for parent-to-parent support
- Preparing for the transition to adulthood

We can also help pay for eligible medical expenses, such as equipment, therapies, supplies and medical services, when families meet income guidelines.

(DSCC has) been an emotional shoulder to lean on...They've helped connect us to various grants for funding and have taken pressure off of myself and my husband when it comes to contacting medical facilities and practitioners regarding services and approvals and payment."

– Jessica Lance, parent



Who we help

UIC's Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) is a statewide program that serves Illinois families with children who have or are suspected of having a chronic medical condition in one of our 11 eligible impairment categories. Families who care for children and youth who require in-home shift nursing receive support through the Home Care Program.



Is my child eligible?

Our eligible medical conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Cardiac Impairments
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Eye Impairments (Cataract, Glaucoma, Strabismus)
- External Body Impairments (Cleft Lip and Palate, Craniofacial Anomalies)
- Hearing Impairments
- Hemophilia
- Inborn Errors of Metabolism (Phenylketonuria [PKU])
- Nervous System Impairments (Seizures, Nerve, Brain, Spinal Cord & Cerebral Palsy)
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Speech Impairments (Dysarthria, Vocal Cord Paralysis)
- Urinary System Impairments

If your child's diagnosis is unclear, we can arrange a diagnostic test.

To find out if your child is eligible, call us at **(800) 322-3722**.