

Orange Grove Center
Tennessee Family Support Program
District 3 Funding Priorities and Service Caps

The Tennessee Family Support Program is a small grant program funded through the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Orange Grove Center is the host agency of the Tennessee Family Support Program for District 3 serving Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie Counties.

Enclosed will find the priorities and service caps for the Tennessee Family Support Program District 3 catchment area for fiscal year 2016-2017. Please know that the funding, priorities, and caps are subject to change on an annual basis or as deemed necessary based on State's approval of funds, the District Council 3 recommendations, and/or the availability of funding.

As per the Tennessee Family Support Guidelines, the primary focus of the Family Support Program is to provide services to those who:

- 1) Were born with a severe or developmental disability or acquired it in childhood
- 2) Have been severely disabled by injury or trauma {brain injury, spinal cord injury, loss of limbs}
- 3) Or have a neurological/neuromuscular disorder {ALS, Muscular Dystrophy, or Multiple Sclerosis}

Due to limited funding, not all who are deemed eligible for the program may be selected for funding. For more information regarding eligibility, please refer to the Tennessee Family Support Guidelines (<https://www.tn.gov/didd/section/family-support>).

Below are the selection priorities for the fiscal year 2016-2017 as determined by the District 3 Council on 11/17/15:

1. Significant Health Risk/Safety Related Need
2. Individuals needing services/supports to gain/maintain independence with a good quality of life.
3. Individuals needing services/supports to maintain/improve their health
4. Caregiver Relief
5. All other requests

Priorities are reviewed at least annually by the District 3 Council and amended as deemed necessary.

Other factors for determining selection as identified by the Tennessee Family Support State Council and outlined in the Tennessee Family Support Guidelines are as follows:

- ♦ Family needs, including services currently available and in use
- ♦ Informal support systems available to the family, and the condition of family members
- ♦ The immediacy of need, e.g. crisis or emergency
- ♦ Severity of the family problems
- ♦ Time awaiting services
- ♦ The impact of the disability on the activities of everyday life for the whole family

In an effort to serve as many individuals as possible, the District 3 Council has set service caps for each service. It is important to remember that funding is allocated based upon need, the availability of funding, and number of applications received rather than the maximum allowed per service. Funding allocations, once approved by the District 3 Council, are considered final and not subject to appeal. Service caps are reviewed at least annually and adjusted when deemed necessary. See enclosed for a description of services.

District 3 Service Caps
Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Service	Cap
Before/After School Care	\$1500
Day Care/Adult Day Care	\$2000
Health Related	\$2000
Home modification	\$3500
Housing Repairs	\$2000
Appliances (cap is per appliance) {no microwaves}	\$600
Personal Assistance/Nursing *lives alone or elderly/disabled caregiver	\$2400 \$3500*
Respite	\$1500
Homemaking	\$1500
Specialized Equipment/Repair *Laptops/computers/ipads capped at \$500. Limit one every 5 years	\$2500
Summer Camp/Recreation	\$750
Behavior therapy	\$2000
Transportation (auto repair) *critical need only	\$2000
Vehicle Modification	\$3500
Medical Transportation	\$500
Dental Care	\$3500
Housing Costs (rent/utilities) *crisis only	\$400

Individual maximum per fiscal year \$3500

Family {household} maximum per fiscal year \$4000

For more information regarding the District 3 Tennessee Family Support Program:

Visit: www.familysupporttn.com
 Email: familysupport@orangegrove.org
 Call: 423.664.5120

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All requests must directly relate to the needs of the person with a disability {applicant}

The Family Support Program does not generally provide funding for the following items/services:

Rent, utilities, property taxes
Car payments, gasoline, car insurance
Routine car maintenance (oil changes, tune ups, etc...)
Health insurance premiums
Cosmetic repairs to the home (housing repairs are only done when there is a health/safety risk)
General clothing, shoes
School supplies, textbooks, school trips, home school supplies
Presents, televisions, cameras, video games/devices, toys
Groceries
Household items
Furniture (except mattresses)
Vacations
Pools, Trampolines, Swing Sets, toys

The following is an overview of services/supports frequently funded by the Family Support Program.

Home Modifications	Home modifications may include repairs or modifications to a person's place of residence that are needed to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the person or to enable the person to function with greater independence. Examples include, but are not limited to: wheelchair ramps, widening of doorways, modifications of bathroom and kitchen facilities. *Repairs and modifications (other than wheelchair ramps) cannot be completed to rental homes or Section 8 homes. Proof of home ownership will be required. All repairs/modifications must be completed by a licensed contractor.
Vehicle Modifications	Vehicle modifications include lifts that allow access to the vehicle, interior modifications such as grab bars, head/leg rests, devices to secure wheelchairs in a stationary position, safety belts, steering control adaptations, changes to car pedals, and remote switches.
Specialized Equipment	Specialized equipment means assistive devices, adaptive aids, communication devices, hearing devices, orthotics, sensory items, specialized lifts, positioning equipment, wheelchairs, seating devices, adaptive special needs strollers/car seats, assistive technology and software.
Health Related	Health related includes services provided by a licensed health provider and may include dental care, vision/hearing care, medicine, medical bills, and therapies. Health Related may also cover the cost of non-prescription items such as over the counter medications, toileting supplies, first aid supplies and other items needed for the health or welfare of the person with a disability.

Behavior Services	Behavior therapy services include assessment and implementation of behavior intervention strategies. Behavior Services must be provided by a credentialed professional.
Respite	Respite is a service that provides a break for the caregiver. It is also referred to as “sitter services”. Paid service providers cannot be the spouse, the parent or guardian/conservator of an adult or minor child, or another family member living in the same residence as the person receiving respite services.
Personal Assistance	Personal assistance provides in-home or community support to a person with a disability. Services may include assistance with bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, eating, meal preparation, laundry, general housecleaning, grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, and medical appointments. Paid service providers cannot be the spouse, the parent or guardian/conservator of an adult or minor child, or another family member living in the same residence as the person receiving the personal assistance.
Homemaker	Homemaker services include general household activities and chores such as sweeping, mopping, dusting, changing linens, making beds, washing dishes, laundry, meal preparation, and assistance with maintenance of a safe environment. Paid service providers cannot be the spouse, the parent or guardian/conservator of a minor child or an adult, or another family member living in the same residence as the person receiving homemaker services.
Day Care	Day care is a service that typically provides out of home care for a child or adult on a regular ongoing basis. Generally, day care is provided to enable a caregiver to engage in a regularly scheduled activity such as employment.
Specialized Nutrition	Specialized nutrition may include services performed by a Nutritionist or Dietician and food items such as ensure, boost, and thick-it.
Recreation/ Summer Camp	Recreation/summer camp may include, but is not limited to, the cost of attendance at camp for either a child or adult with disabilities, therapeutic activities, horse therapy, swimming, YMCA activities, and participation in other community recreational activities.
Medical Travel	Medical travel includes mileage and/or lodging associated with transporting a person with a disability from rural areas to a distant medical appointment.
Transportation	Transportation includes the cost minor auto repairs to ensure a person with a disability has access to their community and medical appointments.