



# What is DSCC?

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## How does DSCC benefit children who are deaf/hard of hearing?

- DSCC stands for the Division of Specialized Care for Children and is an organization out of the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- They have 11 regional offices within Illinois.
- The purpose of DSCC is to help connect Illinois children and youth with special healthcare needs to services and resources.
- DSCC supports eligible children from birth up to 21 years of age.
- Care coordination services are available to all regardless of family income and can include finding more information, help with utilizing insurance/Medicaid, communicating with doctors/schools, and more.
- DSCC provides services that vary in scope based on the medical and financial needs of the family.
- Hearing loss is a qualifying medical condition for DSCC eligibility, but family income guidelines determine eligibility for financial assistance from DSCC for eligible medical expenses.
- DSCC can help with testing for children through enrolled providers, whether families are just starting the diagnosis process or they need further testing with a specialist.
- A professional may refer a family to DSCC, or the family can find and complete the application on the DSCC website.
- DSCC sponsors the Institute for Parents of Preschool Children who are deaf/hard for hearing held annually through the Illinois School for the Deaf. They also coordinate the application process for this institute.