

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program Waiver Renewal Initiative



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About CLTS

The CLTS Waiver Program provides community-based supports and services from birth through age 21 for eligible children with long-term support needs.

What is a Waiver?

- A waiver allows Medicaid to fund additional services and supports not normally covered to help children stay in their homes and communities.
- Wisconsin must get permission from the federal government to waive certain Medicaid requirements to fund these additional services.

CLTS Waiver Renewal Initiative

- The CLTS Waiver Program is renewed and federally approved every five years.
 - Completed renewal period: 2017–2021
 - Current waiver period: 2022–2026
- Opportunity to improve the CLTS Program and add new supports and services to better serve children and families.

Guiding Pillars

- Access/eligibility
- Family-focused
- Inclusion

New Services

- Discovery and career planning
- Grief and bereavement counseling
- Health and wellness
- Participant and family directed goods and services
- Participant and family-direction broker services
- Safety planning and prevention
- Virtual equipment and supports

Renamed Services

Previous Name	New Name
Consumer education and training	Empowerment and self-determination supports
Housing counseling	Housing support services
Supported employment – individual	Community competitive/integrated employment – individual
Supported employment – small group	Community competitive/integrated employment – small group
Supportive home care	Personal supports
Training for parents/guardians and families of children with disabilities	Family/unpaid caregiver supports and services