To receive these services, one must fill in an assistance application form (B) and present it to the Assistant Chief who will then forward the form to the next endorsing office to forward to the next level. All copies must bear all endorsements. Please see the link below.

Their offices are located in Nairobi, 2nd Floor, Rehema House Kaunda/Standard Street.

https://nfdk.or.ke/wp/content/uploads/2019/03/ NFDK-Assistance-Form-Individual-1.pdf

# **Education Assessment Resource Centres (EARCS)**

Each sub county has an Education Assessment Resource Centre (EARC) staffed with experienced personnel that are knowledgeable in assessing children and placing them in appropriate institutions/programmes for specialized care, support and learning. The EARC staff are also responsible for community outreach and disability awareness, assisting schools to set up institution or community based rehabilitation programmes for learners with special needs.

Most EARC offices are located at the Sub County level within Special Schools or integrated schools.

#### Access to medical care

All children below 5 years can visit government hospitals for free medical and therapeutic care.

#### Requirements

- Child needs to be below 5 years
- Registration card with National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPDW)
- Registration card at the hospital for Kshs 50/=

# Access to justice

In the event that the right of a child with disability is violated for instance: sexual abuse, economic exploitation, segregation, child labour, physical abuse or any other form of abuse, report to the nearest authorities (sub-chief, chief or police station and obtain an OB number). Thereafter, seek services of a legal officer to file a case in court.

### **National Child Helpline – 116**

Child Helpline Kenya operates the National Child Helpline 116, Kenya's only 24 hour toll free telephone and web based helpline for children. They work in conjunction with government, other NGOs and civil society organizations to break the silence on child abuse and create awareness on children's rights.

Report any child abuse by calling the number 116 toll free.

More information on this can be found on www.childlinekenya.co.ke

# **OTHER SEP BROCHURES**

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Cerebral Palsy
- Communication Disorder
- Down syndrome
- Hydrocephalus
- Learning Disabilities
- Rickets
- Spina Bifida

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# RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



#### **CHILDREN RIGHTS**

Children's rights are human rights specifically adapted to the child because they take into account the child's vulnerability and the specific age -appropriate needs. These rights are provided for in various national, regional and international human rights instruments such as the Children's Act, Constitution of Kenya, Convention on the Rights of the Child, The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, among others.

#### **CHILDREN SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Kenyan Government has established constitutional bodies and institutions to deliver support services for children and persons with disability. Among these institutions and services offered by the government to children with disabilities are:

#### **National Council for Persons with Disabilities**

The Council provides disability services, benefits, and grants to Persons with Disabilities. The council has deployed disability officers across most of the sub counties in the country. To receive these funds, one must register with them and receive their identification card.

To register an assessment is done by an authorised medical facility to confirm that one has a disability. The medical report obtained is attached to the application form and a passport sized photo and submitted to the council. Sometimes the council also conducts registration camps in the community.

Application forms are available on www.ncpwd.go.ke

Kindly note that this registration is helpful in securing other government services for CWD/PWD.

#### National Development Fund for Persons with Disability

The National Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities (NDFPWD) supports the provision of Assistive Devices and Services to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Kenya to enable these individuals to function in society. The Fund gives priority to those individuals requiring assistance to function in a learning, training or work environment. The fund offers the following services:

#### **Assistive Devices**

To receive an assistive device, one has to submit the following documents:

- Duly filled form for Assistive Devices Form
- Full photo of the beneficiary/ assessment report
- Pro-forma invoice (where the device is not produced by APDK or Jaipur foot project)
- Letter or recommendation from the Area Chief/ Assistant Chief or District Social Development Officer (DSDOs)

#### **Education Assistance**

This programme aims to improve persons with disabilities' enrolment, retention and completion of the education cycle for the eventual engagement in decent and gainful employment. NDFPWD provides support to persons with disabilities from Primary, Secondary, Colleges, Vocational Training Schools and University.

To apply, you need the following:

- Dully filled Education form
- Copy of National ID (if under 18 years the guardian's)
- Copy of admission letter
- Copy of fees structure
- Certificate of previous course completed
- A letter of recommendation from the educational institution
- Recommendation by the DSDOs
- Proof of registration with NCPWD

# National Safety Net Programme - Cash Transfer for Persons with Severe Disabilities (PWSD -CT)

The programme seeks to enhance the capacities of care givers through cash transfers and as such, improve the livelihoods of persons with severe disabilities as well as reduce negative impact of disability on households. It targets adults and children with severe disabilities, who require full time support of a caregiver.

# Amount paid

KES 2,000 per household per month delivered every two months through appointed payment agents - currently KCB and Equity Bank.

# Who can apply?

The Eligibility criteria for the Cash Transfer programme include:

- Households that are categorized as extremely poor and vulnerable and have a member with severe disability
- Household is not enrolled in any other cash transfer programme
- Registration with NCPWD
- A member of the household not receiving any pension or any income
- Proof of the requirements in the ranking criteria
- Copy of National ID or that of the guardian if the person is under 18 years.

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# The National Fund for the Disabled of Kenya

The Fund empowers persons with disabilities realize their potential through socio-economic integration by providing mobility appliances like wheelchairs, crutches, white canes and hearing aids.