

## **Assistance Dogs International**

Assistance Dogs International is a worldwide coalition of non-profit programs that train and place assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities to improve their quality of life. Members of ADI educate the public about assistance dogs, advocate for the legal rights of people with disabilities partnered with assistance dogs and help to set standards and establish guidelines and ethics for the training of these dogs.

<https://assistancedogsinternational.org/resources/member-search/>

## **Regional ADA Center**

Call your Regional ADA Center at 1-800-949-4232 or visit ADA.gov for more information on service animals and to view the Service Animals Fact Sheet and brochure.

<https://adata.org/find-your-region>

## ***General Financial Assistance for Service Animals:***

### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

If you need the assistance of a service animal to continue working or to return to work, try contacting your state's vocational rehabilitation office. They may be able to assist with the cost of obtaining a service animal for you to maintain or regain employment.

[List of Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies \(by state\) : Job Accommodation Network](#)

### **National Resource Directory**

If you are a veteran, check to see if your VA benefits could assist with the cost. We also suggest running a search on the National Resource Directory. To view a list of all available programs, click on the below link and enter 'service animals' in the search field.

[Search for Service Animal Resources : National Resource Directory](#)

Other organizations to try contacting about potential funding include your local independent living center.

### **Centers for Independent Living**

[Directory of Centers for Independent Living \(CILs\) and Associations: \(ILRU\) Independent Living Research Utilization](#)

**NOTE:** Click on your state on the website above to find the Center for Independent Living (CIL) which serves your area. Then, contact the local CIL for more information regarding what referrals or assistance programs may be available

For information specific to the use of **assistance animals in persons affected by MS**, view our website and magazine:

[Staying Mobile : National MS Society](#)

[Animal Attraction : Momentum magazine](#)

### **RESOURCES IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

#### **Find your supportive partner with MS Navigator®**

The National MS Society believes no one should face MS alone. The Society's comprehensive MS Navigator program provides you and your loved ones accurate, current information. We can also help you identify and advocate for what you need, when and how you need it. We offer referrals to healthcare providers familiar with MS, educational opportunities and assistance accessing services, benefits and expanded healthcare solutions. Our **MS Navigators** are available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT. To connect, call **1-800-344-4867**, chat or email [ContactUsNMSS@nmss.org](mailto:ContactUsNMSS@nmss.org). We are a partner in your MS journey.