



AGING SERVICES OF NORTH CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

Formerly the Montachusett Home Care Corporation

HANDICAP RAMPS

Lifeway Mobility 508-492-2273 www.lifewaymobility.com

Offering wheelchair ramps to rent, rent to own, purchase new or purchase certified pre-owned. This company also offers shower and bath transfer aids, shower and bath remodels, stair lifts, portable wheelchair ramps, folding ramps and threshold ramps. This company will also purchase back ramps once they are no longer needed. No Insurance/MH Accepted.

Mass Rehab Commission - Home Modification Resources 866-500-5599

Home Modification Loan Program 866-500-5599 www.mass.gov/mrc/hmlp

Offers low and no interest loans to modify homes of elders, adults and children with disabilities. Based on household size and income limits, from \$1000-\$50,000 may be borrowed. Owners of manufactured home may borrow from \$1000-\$30,000. An HMLP loan may be obtained only one time per property.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program 617-204-3721 Eugene.Blumkin@state.ma.us

Adaptive Housing Program at MRC serves consumers with disabilities who are pursuing vocation/employment goals with needs for home modification. The Adaptive Housing Program provides housing evaluations, architectural services, housing modifications, and equipment installation to individuals with disabilities to enable them to achieve an employment outcome by removing barriers to living in their current home.

Adaptive Housing services include (major) home modifications and (minor) home modifications.

Major home modifications may include wheelchair ramps and lifts, stairlifts, bathroom modifications (such as roll-in showers, roll under sinks, higher toilets and widened doors), and kitchen modifications (such as lowered counters, and roll under cooktops).

Minor Home Modifications may include door openers, grab bars, handrails, and widening of doors.

The maximum cost limit for a home modification is \$15,000.00. There is however a waiver procedure available for jobs exceeding the \$15,000.00 limit. Each waiver request will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Department of Developmental Services www.mass.gov/dds

Individuals eligible for services for the Department of Developmental Services may be eligible to receive adaptive housing services through the Family Support Program.

Examples of home modifications for which family support allocations may be approved:

- Ramps
- Widening of doorways
- Bathroom modification
- Stair lift

Mass Housing Home Improvement Loan Program 617-854-1000 www.masshousing.com

The Home Improvement Loan Program provides funds to make general, non-luxury improvement to your property which includes necessary home modifications.

Rebuilding Together Worcester: 413-283-6709 www.rebuildingtogether.org

Safe at Home provides home modifications for older adults and people with disabilities to improve accessibility, reduce falls, increase independence and facilitate aging-in place. Safe at Home is designed to improve aging-in-place outcomes for low-income older adults through the modification of their home environment to meet their specific needs.

Habitat for Humanity 978-348-2749 www.ncmhabitat.org

Aging in Place Program Habitat helps older adults age at home and in communities of their choice. Our local Habitat affiliates collaborate with human services organizations to evaluate individual needs and provide critical home repairs, modifications and community services specific to each homeowner's lifestyle to preserve their home and their independence.

Able Home Accessibility 800-355-5451 www.ableha.com

Modular ramp systems can be purchased or rented. Reconditioned ramps offer a significant cost reduction. They can be a temporary solution or a long-term solution. When you no longer need the ramp, Able Home will buy it back and do the removal for you. The modular design enables the installation and removal to be done quickly, without any impairment to your property.

Handyman Heroes 978-597-6773 www.handymanheroes.net

Provides elders with ADA compliant grab bars, handicapped ramps, hand held shower heads and CHORES among other tasks related to home maintenance.

Lift and Care Systems**508-802-4439**www.liftandcaresystems.com

Handicap ramps for home can be placed at the front and back entrances, as well as internally in areas where there are three or four steps between one room and the next. Ramps are not just for seniors who require the use of a wheelchair. They are also useful for those who use walkers or canes for stabilization. Stairs can create tripping hazards especially if they are improperly lit. Ramps eliminate that hazard and are easier to navigate.

Easterseals Massachusetts**508-757-2756**www.easterseals.com/ma**Assistive Technology Loan Programs**

The Massachusetts Alternative Finance Program improves the independence and quality of life of residents with disabilities through loan opportunities for acquiring assistive technology devices and services.

Many different items are considered assistive technology, including:

- Hearing Aids
- Computers
- Flashing doorbells
- Electric wheelchairs or scooters
- Adapted vehicles
- Home modifications such as portable ramps or stair lifts

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