Functional Needs

One way to think about your needs is to consider the "functional needs" of rural people with disabilities for living in the community. These functional needs include:

Health care needs

- Mental health care
- Home health care
- Preventative health care

Independent living needs

- Affordable and accessible housing
- Home modification or repair
- Food security
- Personal assistance services
- Training to learn independent living skills
- Peer support
- Access to technology
- Emergency preparedness

Community participation needs

- Opportunities for community engagement (for example, doing activities with community organizations)
- Employment opportunities
- Transportation options
- Accessible features of the built environment, such as doctor's offices and other buildings
- Equal and appropriate education
- Parenting and childcare supports