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This book is dedicated to my wife, Anita, and two children, Collin and Brittany, who give me the greatest life imaginable. The long hours it took to finish this book would never have been possible without the support of my loving wife. Her constant encouragement, understanding, and love provided me with the strength I needed to accomplish my goals. I thank her with all my heart.

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—R. P.

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Preface

The idea for writing *The Big Book of Special Education Resources* first came to us when we were looking for a comprehensive information source for members in The American Academy of Special Education Professional (AASEP) The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET), and The National Association of Parents With Children in Special Education (NAPCSE). As officers in all three organizations, we were looking for one particular resource book where we could find all necessary information for both parents and professionals in the field of special education. Nothing that we read seemed to have all the information in one all-inclusive directory.

That set us on a mission to write a practical, useful, and helpful book of special education resources. We interviewed numerous parents and professionals to find out what they would want in a comprehensive book of information on disabilities and special education. After months of research, we narrowed down areas that came up consistently as ones that were “absolutely necessary” for this type of book to be a practical resource tool.

The *Big Book of Special Education Resources* is subsequently broken down into 5 sections. Each section is alphabetized, A-Z, for your convenience.

We hope you find this book to be a tremendously valuable resource guide. It was designed to meet your everyday needs and help you in doing research in all areas of special education.

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In the course of writing this book, we have encountered many professional and outstanding sites. It has been our experience that those resources have contributed and continue to contribute enormous information, support, guidance, and education to parents, students, and professionals in the area of special education. Although we have accessed many worthwhile sites, we would especially like to thank and acknowledge the National Dissemination Center for Children and Youths With Disabilities (NICHCY). NICHCY is the center that provides information to the nation on disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; IDEA, the nation's special education law; No Child Left Behind, the nation's general education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities. Its professional resources were critical to making this book a comprehensive information source for parents and professionals.

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Step-by-Step Guide to Eligibility in Special Education, The Educator's Step-by-Step Guide to Assessment in Special Education, The Educator's Step-by-Step Guide to Working with Students with ADHD, The Educator's Step-by-Step Guide to Response to Intervention (RTI), The Educator's Step-by-Step Guide to Classroom Management for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, The Educator's Step-by-Step Guide to Setting Up Your Special Education Classroom, The Educator's Step-by-Step Guide to Classroom Management for Students with Autism, and The Educator's Step-by-Step Guide to Classroom Management for Students with Learning Disabilities. Dr. Pierangelo has also published 6 articles for the New York State Bar Association's Family Law Review on separation and divorce issues.

National Disability Resources

CLEARINGHOUSES

Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

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Materials available in Spanish

The Center has been established by the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education, to give schools capacity-building information and technical assistance for identifying, adapting, and sustaining effective schoolwide disciplinary practices. The Center operates as a consortium of researchers, advocates, family members, teacher educators, professional association leaders, and model developers and receives guidance from an external evaluation team. A network of researchers has been established to provide feedback on Center-related products and activities,

receive and disseminate Center-related products and information, and participate in Center-sponsored events.

Clearinghouse on Disability Information

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Communication and Media Services

Room 3132, Switzer Building

330 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20202-2524

(202) 205-8241 (Voice/TTY)

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) is committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. In supporting President Bush's No Child Left Behind agenda and the New Freedom Initiative, OSERS provides a wide array of supports to parents and individuals, school districts, and states in three main areas: special education, vocational rehabilitation, and research.

DB-LINK

National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind

345 N. Monmouth Avenue

Monmouth, OR 97361

(800) 438-9376 (Voice); (800) 854-7013 (TTY)

E-mail: info@nationaldb.org

Web: <https://nationaldb.org/>

Materials available in Spanish

DB-LINK's extensive resources and personalized service are available to anyone needing information about or for deaf-blind children. Its goal is to help parents, teachers, and others by providing them with information to foster the skills, strategies, and confidence necessary to nurture and empower deaf-blind children. DB-LINK is a federally funded service that identifies, coordinates, and disseminates information related to children and youth from birth through 21 years of age, at no cost.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education

Council for Exceptional Children

(Project is no longer in operation, but a substantial Web site of disability-related materials is still available)

Web: <http://ericec.org>

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) has been the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and the gifted.

CEC has advocated for appropriate governmental policies, has set professional standards, provided continual professional development, advocated for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helped professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

ERIC System

Educational Resources Information Center

(800) 538-3742

Web: <http://eric.ed.gov>

The Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) is a digital library of education-related resources sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences of the U.S. Department of Education. ERIC's mission is to provide a comprehensive, easy-to-use, searchable, Internet-based bibliographic and full-text database of education research and information that also meets the requirements of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002. A fundamental goal for ERIC's future is to increase the availability and quality of research and information for educators, researchers, and the general public.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Center for Excellence

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

E-mail: fasdcenter1@ngc.com

Web: <http://www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/>

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. These effects may include physical, mental, behavioral, and learning disabilities, with possible lifelong implications. It refers to conditions such as fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), fetal alcohol effects (FAE), alcohol-related neurodevelopmental disorder (ARND), and alcohol-related birth defects (ARBD). Each year, as many as 40,000 babies are born with FASD, costing the nation about \$4 billion.

Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center

P.O. Box 8126

Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8126

(888) 205-2311 (Voice); (888) 205-3223 (TTY)

E-mail: gardinfo@nih.gov

Web: <http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/>

The goals of the Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center, also known as the Office of Rare Diseases (ORD) are to stimulate and coordinate research on rare diseases and to support research to respond to the needs of patients who have any one of the more than 6,000 rare diseases known today. To leverage its resources, stimulate rare diseases research activities, and foster collaboration, ORD works with National Institutes of Health (NIH) Institutes or Centers to support

grants, programs, conferences, workshops, information, and activities.

HEATH Resource Center (National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities)

The George Washington University

2121 K Street NW, Suite 220

Washington, DC 20037

(800) 544-3284 (V/TTY); (202) 973-0904

E-mail: askheath@heath.gwu.edu

Web: www.heath.gwu.edu

The HEATH Resource Center of The George Washington University, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, is the national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Support from the U.S. Department of Education enables the clearinghouse to serve as an information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities at UNITED STATES campuses, vocational and technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities.

Health Resources and Services Administration Information Center (for publications and resources on health care services for low-income, uninsured individuals and those with special health care needs)

Health Resources and Services Administration

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane

Rockville, MD 20857

(888) 275-4772

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/contact/hrsahelp.aspx>

Web: <http://www.hrsa.gov/index.html>

Publications available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides national leadership, program resources, and services needed to improve access to culturally competent, quality health care. HRSA envisions optimal health for all, supported by a health care system that assures access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality care.

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center and Clearinghouse

KDES PAS-6

800 Florida Avenue, NE

Washington, DC 20002-3695

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E-mail: infotogo@gallaudet.edu

Web: <http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo>

The Clerc Center has been mandated by Congress to develop, evaluate, and disseminate innovative curricula, instructional techniques and strategies, and materials to improve the quality of education for deaf and hard of hearing children and youth from birth through age 21.

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition

University of Minnesota

6 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillsbury Drive SE

Minneapolis, MN 55455

(612) 624-2097

E-mail: ncset@umn.edu

Web: www.ncset.org

The National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) was established to create opportunities for youth with disabilities to achieve successful futures. NCSET provides technical assistance and disseminates information focused on four major areas of national significance for youth with disabilities and their families. The four areas are

1. Providing students with disabilities with improved access and success in the secondary education curriculum
2. Ensuring that students achieve positive postschool results in accessing postsecondary education, meaningful employment, independent living, and participation in all aspects of community life
3. Supporting student and family participation in educational and postschool decision making and planning
4. Improving collaboration and system linkages at all levels through the development of broad-based partnerships and networks at the national, state, and local levels

National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse

Two Information Way

Bethesda, MD 20892

(800) 891-5389; (301) 654-3810

E-mail Web Form: <http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/about/contact.htm>

Web: <http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/about/index.htm>

Materials available in Spanish

The National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse (NDDIC) was established in 1980 to increase knowledge and understanding about digestive diseases among people with

these conditions and their families, health care professionals, and the general public. To carry out this mission, NDDIC works closely with a coordinating panel of representatives from federal agencies, voluntary organizations on the national level, and professional groups to identify and respond to informational needs about digestive diseases.

National Health Information Center

P.O. Box 1133

Washington, DC 20013-1133

(800) 336-4797; (301) 565-4167

E-mail: info@nhic.org

Web: www.health.gov/nhic/

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Health Information Center (NHIC) is a health information referral service. NHIC puts health professionals and consumers who have health questions in touch with those organizations that are best able to provide answers. The Health Information Resource Database includes 1,400 organizations and government offices that provide health information upon request. Entries include contact information, short abstracts, and information about publications and services the organizations provide.

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Information Clearinghouse

1 AMS Circle

Bethesda, MD 20892-3675

(877) 226-4267; (301) 495-4484 (Voice)

(301) 565-2966 (TTY)

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Web: www.niams.nih.gov

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The mission of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases is to support research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, the training of basic and clinical scientists to carry out this research, and the dissemination of information on research progress in these diseases.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

NIH Neurological Institute

P.O. Box 5801

Bethesda, MD 20824

(800) 352-9424; (301) 496-5751; (301) 468-5981(TTY)

E-mail Web Form: http://www.ninds.nih.gov/contact_us.htm

Web: www.ninds.nih.gov

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) conducts and supports research on brain and nervous system disorders. The mission of NINDS is to reduce the burden of neurological disease—a burden borne by every age group, by every segment of society, by people all over the world.

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Clearinghouse

31 Center Drive, MCS 2320

Bethesda, MD 20892-3456

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The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) is one of the institutes that compose the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH is the Federal government's focal point for the support of biomedical research. Its mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. Simply described, the goal

of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability.

National Institute on Mental Health

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Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Institute on Mental Health's (NIMH) mission is to reduce the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior. This public health mandate demands that powerful scientific tools be harnessed to achieve better understanding, treatment, and eventually, prevention of these disabling conditions that affect millions of Americans.

National Organization for Rare Disorders

P.O. Box 1968

Danbury, CT 06813-1968

(800) 999-6673; (203) 744-0100 (Voice)

(203) 797-9590 (TTY)

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Web: www.rarediseases.org

The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), a 501(c)3 organization, is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare “orphan” diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service.

National Rehabilitation Information Center

4200 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 202

Lanham, MD 20706

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The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NARIC) is one of three components of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) at

the U.S. Department of Education. NIDRR operates in concert with the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

It is the mission of NIDRR to generate, disseminate, and promote new knowledge to improve the options available to disabled persons. The ultimate goal is to allow these individuals to perform their regular activities in the community and to bolster society's ability to provide full opportunities and appropriate supports for its disabled citizens.

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The Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health was established in 1984 at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, with funding from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), U.S. Department of Education, and the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Center is dedicated to promoting effective community-based, culturally competent, family-centered services for families and their children who are or may be affected by mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders. This goal is accomplished through collaborative research partnerships with family members, service providers, policy makers, and other concerned persons.

Research and Training Center on Independent Living

University of Kansas

4089 Dole Building, 1000 Sunnyside Ave.

Lawrence, KS 66045-7555

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The Research and Training Center on Independent Living (RTC/IL) is made up of a team of people who are committed to research and training to enhance independent living for people with disabilities. Staff members work on projects that both interest them and address a need in the field. A project might be the sole activity under a grant; however, multiple projects are commonly funded under larger or “center” grants. Projects bridge local, state, and national levels.

DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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Washington, DC 20007

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The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell) is a lifelong resource, support network, and advocate for listening, learning, talking, and living independently with hearing loss. Through publications, outreach, training, scholarships and financial aid, AG Bell promotes the use of spoken language and hearing technology.

Alliance for Technology Access

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San Rafael, CA 94901

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(415) 455-0491 (TTY)

E-mail: atainfo@ataccess.org

Web: www.ataccess.org

The mission of the Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is to increase the use of technology by children and adults with disabilities and functional limitations. The ATA is a growing national network of technology resource centers, organizations, individuals, and companies. ATA encourages and facilitates the empowerment of people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities.

The American Academy of Special Education Professionals (AASEP)

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The American Academy of Special Education Professionals (AASEP) is a national professional association that seeks to meet a critical need for many of America's special education professionals. AASEP develops and promotes professional excellence through the support of professionals who provide services to children with special needs. It seeks to help professionals stay abreast of current issues that are shaping the field, affecting the lives of students, and influencing

professional careers. AASEP is committed to standards of excellence and innovation in educational research, practice, and policy. AASEP works to enhance professional practice for professionals in special education and to build public support for high-quality special education programs.

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The American Brain Tumor Association is a not-for-profit, independent organization. Not affiliated with any one institution, it serves individuals globally and awards funds to researchers throughout the United States and Canada. The Association exists to eliminate brain tumors through research and to meet the needs of brain tumor patients and their families.

American Council of the Blind

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E-mail: info@acb.org

Web: www.acb.org

The American Council of the Blind is the nation's leading membership organization of blind and visually impaired people. It was founded in 1961 and incorporated in the District of Columbia. The Council strives to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people by serving as a representative national organization of blind people; elevating the social, economic and cultural levels of blind people; improving educational and rehabilitation facilities and opportunities; cooperating with the public and private institutions and organizations concerned with blind services; encouraging and assisting all blind persons to develop their abilities; and conducting a public education program to promote greater understanding of blindness and the capabilities of blind people.

American Foundation for the Blind

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(800) 232-5463; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)—the organization to which Helen Keller devoted her life—is a national nonprofit whose mission is to ensure that the ten million U.S. residents who are blind or visually impaired enjoy the same rights and opportunities as other citizens. The American Foundation for the Blind promotes wide-ranging, systemic change by addressing the most critical issues facing the growing blind and visually impaired population—employment, independent living, literacy, and technology. In addition to its New York City headquarters, AFB maintains four national centers in cities across the United States and a Governmental Relations office in Washington, DC.

American Occupational Therapy Association

4720 Montgomery Lane

P.O. Box 31220

Bethesda, MD 20824-1220

(301) 652-2682 (Voice); (800) 377-8555 (TTY)

Web: www.aota.org

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) is the nationally recognized professional association of approximately 35,000 occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and students of occupational therapy. AOTA advances the quality, availability, use, and support of

occupational therapy through standard setting, advocacy, education, and research on behalf of its members and the public. The contributions of occupational therapy to health, wellness, productivity, and the quality of life are widely used, understood, and valued by society.

American Physical Therapy Association

1111 North Fairfax Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

(800) 999-2782; (703) 684-2782 (Voice)

(703) 683-6748 (TTY)

E-mail: practice@apta.org

Web: www.apta.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is a national professional organization representing more than 63,000 members. Its goal is to foster advancements in physical therapy practice, research, and education.

American Society for Deaf Children

P.O. Box 3355

Gettysburg, PA 17325

(800) 942-2732; (717) 334-7922 (V/TTY)

E-mail: ASDC1@aol.com

Web: www.deafchildren.org

The American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) is a national organization of families and professionals committed to education and empowering and supporting parents and families to create opportunities for their children who are deaf and hard of hearing in gaining meaningful and full communication access in their homes, schools, and communities, particularly through the competent use of sign language.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

10801 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD 20852

(800) 498-2071 (V/TTY); (301) 571-0457 (TTY)

E-mail: actioncenter@asha.org

Web: www.asha.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 115,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; and

speech, language, and hearing scientists. Its mission is "To promote the interests of and provide the highest quality services for professionals in audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech and hearing science, and to advocate for people with communication disabilities."

American Syringomyelia Alliance Project

P.O. Box 1586

Longview, TX 75606-1586

(800) 272-7282; (903) 236-7079

E-mail: info@asap.org

Web: www.asap.org

The American Syringomyelia Alliance Project, Inc. (ASAP), is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), member-supported organization chartered in May 1988. Don and Barbara White started ASAP as a grassroots organization in their spare bedroom due to the frustration they encountered when Barbara was first diagnosed. Since then, ASAP has become a nationwide support group serving thousands and sending tens of thousands of information packages.

American Therapeutic Recreation Association

1414 Prince Street, Suite 204

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 683-9420

E-mail: atra@atra-tr.org

Web: www.atra-tr.org

The American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) is the largest national membership organization representing the interests and needs of recreational therapists. Recreational therapists are health care providers using recreational therapy interventions for improved functioning of individuals with illness or disabling conditions. ATRA was incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1984 as a nonprofit, grassroots organization in response to growing concern about the dramatic changes in the health care industry.

Angelman Syndrome Foundation

414 Plaza Drive, Suite 209

Westmont, IL 60559

(800) 432-6435; (630) 734-9267

E-mail: info@angelman.org

Web: www.angelman.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF) is a national organization of families, caregivers, and professionals who care about those with Angelman syndrome. It is a member

organization of the International Angelman Syndrome Organization (IASO).

As described in its by-laws, ASF's mission is to advance the awareness and treatment of Angelman syndrome through education and information, research, and support for individuals with Angelman syndrome, their families, and other concerned parties.

Anxiety Disorders Association of America

8730 Georgia Avenue, Suite 600

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(240) 485-1001

E-mail: AnxDis@adaa.org

Web: www.adaa.org

The Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA) is the only national, nonprofit, membership organization dedicated to informing the public, healthcare professionals, and legislators that anxiety disorders are real, serious, and treatable. ADAA promotes the early diagnosis, treatment, and cure of anxiety disorders and is committed to improving the lives of the people who suffer from them.

The Arc (formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens of the U.S.)

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 565-3842

E-mail: Info@thearc.org

Web: www.thearc.org

The Arc is the national organization of and for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities, and their families. It is devoted to promoting and improving supports and services for people with mental retardation and their families. The association also fosters research and education regarding the prevention of mental retardation in infants and young children.

ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center

Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project

800 Eastowne Drive, Suite 105

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(800) 773-5433 (National Respite Locator Service)

Web: www.archrespite.org

Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project (CHTOP) is a national provider of training and technical assistance services and audiovisual and print materials, as well as a provider of direct services to families and children, such as Head Start. CHTOP was established in 1969 with funding from the federal

government as part of the nation's earliest attempts to provide educational services to young children with disabilities.

Asperger Syndrome Coalition of the United States

This group has joined forces with MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Syndrome.

Autism Coalition

181 Westchester Avenue, 3rd Floor

Port Chester, NY 10573

(914) 935-1462

Web: <http://www.autismcoalition.org/>

The Autism Coalition works with and supports national, state, and local organizations working to accelerate biomedical and applied research to find the causes of autism to lead to a cure.

Autism Information Center

Web: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html>

The Autism Information Center is part of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease Control.

Autism National Committee

Autism National Committee

P.O. Box 6175

North Plymouth, MA 02362-6175

(781) 648-1813

Web: www.autcom.org

The Autism National Committee is an advocacy organization dedicated to “Social Justice for All Citizens with Autism” through a shared vision and a commitment to positive approaches. It was founded in 1990 to protect and advance the human rights and civil rights of all persons with autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, and related differences of communication and behavior.

Autism-PDD Resources Network

Autism-PDD.net

P.O. Box 1596

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Web: www.autism-pdd.net/

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814-3015

(800) 328-8476; (301) 657-0881

E-mail: info@autism-society.org

Web: www.autism-society.org

Materials available in Spanish

The mission of the Autism Society of America (ASA) is to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum, and their families, to be fully participating and included members of their community. Education, advocacy at state and federal levels, active public awareness, and the promotion of research form the cornerstones of ASA's efforts to carry forth its mission.

Beach Center on Disability

The University of Kansas

Haworth Hall, Room 3136

1200 Sunnyside Avenue

Lawrence, KS 66045-7534

(785) 864-7600 (V/TTY)

E-mail: beach@ku.edu

Web: www.beachcenter.org

Through excellence in research, teaching and technical assistance, and service in Kansas, the United States, and globally, and through collaborations with those individuals

and entities dedicated to the same ends, the Beach Center on Disability makes a significant and sustainable difference in the quality of life of families and individuals affected by disability and of those who are closely involved with them.

Best Buddies International, Inc.

100 SE Second Street, Suite 1990

Miami, FL 33131

(800) 892-8339; (305) 374-2233

E-mail: info@bestbuddies.org

Web: www.bestbuddies.org

Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. In addition to the traditional, campus-based volunteer activities, and for those with limited personal time, Best Buddies helps people with intellectual disabilities connect with others through technology with its online friendship program, e-Buddies.

Blind Children's Center

4120 Marathon Street

Los Angeles, CA 90029-0159

(323) 664-2153; (800) 222-3566

E-mail: info@blindchildrenscenter.org

Web: www.blindchildrenscenter.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Blind Children's Center is a family-centered agency which serves children with visual impairments from birth to school age. The Center-based and home-based programs and services help the children acquire skills and build their independence. The Center utilizes its expertise and experience to serve families and professionals worldwide through support services, education, and research.

Brain Injury Association of America

8201 Greensboro Drive, Suite 611

McLean, VA 22102

(703) 761-0750; (800) 444-6443

E-mail: FamilyHelpline@biausa.org

Web: www.biausa.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Brain Injury Association of America was founded in 1980 by a group of individuals who wanted to improve the quality of life for their family members who had sustained brain injuries. Despite phenomenal growth over the past two decades, the Association remains committed to its grassroots.

The Brain Injury Association of America encompasses a national network of more than 40 chartered state affiliates across the country as well as hundreds of local chapters and support groups.

CADRE (see Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education, Direction Service, Inc.)

Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice (Improving Services for Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Problems)

1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Suite 400

Washington, DC 20007

(888) 457-1551; (202) 944-5300 (877) 334-3499 (TTY)

E-mail: center@air.org

Web: <http://cecp.air.org>

It is the mission of the Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice (CECP) to support and promote a reoriented national preparedness to foster the development and the adjustment of children with or at risk of developing serious emotional disturbance. To achieve that goal, the Center is dedicated to a policy of collaboration at federal, state, and local levels that contributes to and facilitates the production, exchange, and use of knowledge about effective practices.

Center for Universal Design

North Carolina State University, College of Design

Campus Box 8613

Raleigh, NC 27695-8613

(800) 647-6777; (919) 515-3082 (V/TTY)

E-mail: cud@ncsu.edu

Web: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud/>

The Center for Universal Design was established in 1989 under a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research as the Center for Accessible Housing, with a mission to improve the quality and availability of housing for people with disabilities, including disabilities that result from aging. Guided by the vision of founder Ronald L. Mace, FAIA, the Center developed a successful program of assembling and disseminating existing information and created new, landmark materials on accessible housing. The Center's mission is to improve the built environment and related products for all users by impacting change in policies and procedures through research, information, training, and design assistance.

Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation

1187 Wilmette Avenue, PMB #331

Wilmette, IL 60091

E-mail: cabf@bpkids.org

Web: www.bpkids.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation (CABF) is a parent-led, not-for-profit, Web-based membership organization of families raising children diagnosed with or at risk for early-onset bipolar disorder. Its online community includes parents, researchers, medical doctors, neuroscientists, social workers, therapists, civic leaders, teachers, and others. Its Professional Advisory Council includes leading experts on bipolar disorder. An Honorary Advisory Board is being formed. Its sponsors are charitable organizations, individuals, corporations, and government agencies.

Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America

123 Eisele Road

Cheswick, PA 15024

(412) 767-6589

E-mail: helpdesk@apraxia-kids.org

Web: www.apraxia-kids.org

Partnering together to work on the difficulties of childhood apraxia of speech, the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) and The Hendrix Foundation build quality programs and services for professionals and parents. Services include education

programs, research symposiums, a comprehensive resource-oriented Web site, online discussion groups, and a phone help line. Serving well over 1,000 families and professionals monthly, it helps children struggling to overcome apraxia of speech.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

8181 Professional Place, Suite 201

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (To request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1987 in response to the frustration and sense of isolation experienced by parents and their children diagnosed with AD/HD. Many individuals and families dealing with AD/HD turn to CHADD, the national organization representing individuals with AD/HD, for education, advocacy, and support. The organization is composed of dedicated volunteers from around the country who play an integral part in the association's success by providing resources and encouragement to parents, educators, and professionals on a grassroots level through CHADD chapters.

Children's Craniofacial Association

13140 Coit Road, Suite 307

Dallas, TX 75240

(800) 535-3643; (214) 570-9099

E-mail: contactCCA@ccakids.com

Web: www.ccakids.com

Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) is a national, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization headquartered in Dallas, Texas, dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with facial differences and their families. Nationally and internationally, CCA addresses the medical, financial, psychosocial, emotional, and educational concerns relating to craniofacial conditions. CCA's mission is to empower and give hope to facially disfigured children and their families.

Closing The Gap, Inc. (for information on computer technology in special education and rehabilitation)

P.O. Box 68

526 Main Street

Henderson, MN 56044

(507) 248-3294

Web: www.closingthegap.com

Computers are tools that can provide solutions to many problems facing people with disabilities today. Closing The Gap, Inc., is a company that focuses on computer technology for people with special needs. Through its newspaper, annual conference, and new online service, “Solutions,” Closing The Gap provides practical up-to-date information on assistive technology products, procedures, and best practices.

Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education

Direction Service, Inc.

P.O. Box 51360

Eugene, OR 97405-0906

(541) 686-5060; (800) 695-0285 (NICHCY)

E-mail: cadre@directionservice.org

Web: www.directionservice.org/cadre

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE), The National Center on Dispute Resolution is funded by the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. CADRE uses advanced technology as well as traditional means to provide technical assistance to state departments of education on implementation of the mediation requirements under IDEA 1997. CADRE also supports parents, educators, and

administrators to benefit from the full continuum of dispute resolution options that can prevent and resolve conflict and ultimately lead to informed partnerships that focus on results for children and youth.

Council for Exceptional Children

1110 N. Glebe Road, Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22201-5704

(888) 232-7733; (866) 915-5000 (TTY)

(703) 620-3660

E-mail: cec@cec.sped.org

Web: www.cec.sped.org/

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

Craniofacial Foundation of America

975 East Third Street

Chattanooga, TN 37403

(800) 418-3223; (423) 778-9192

E-mail: terry.smyth@erlangers.org

Web: <https://www.craniofacialfoundation.org/www>

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

Dedicated to creating better tomorrows for patients suffering from birth defects, tumors, and trauma-related injuries, the Craniofacial Foundation of America (CFA) supports the work of the Tennessee Craniofacial Center in Chattanooga while offering a variety of services for patients and health professionals.

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

386 Park Avenue South, 17th Floor

New York, NY 10016

(800) 932-2423; (212) 685-3440

E-mail: info@ccfa.org

Web: www.ccfa.org

Materials available online only in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The purpose of this foundation is to cure and prevent Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis through research and to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these digestive diseases through education and support. Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) sponsors basic and clinical research of the highest quality. It also offers a wide range of educational programs for patients and health-care professionals and provides supportive services to help people cope with these chronic intestinal diseases.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

6931 Arlington Road

Bethesda, MD 20814

(800) 344-4823; (301) 951-4422

E-mail: info@cff.org

Web: www.cff.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

Established in 1955, the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis (CF) and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

730 N. Franklin Street, Suite 501

Chicago, IL 60610

(800) 326-3632; (312) 642-0049

E-mail: questions@dbsalliance.org

Web: www.dbsalliance.org

Spanish speaker on staff

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) is the nation's leading patient-directed organization focusing on the most prevalent mental illnesses—depression and bipolar disorder. The organization fosters an understanding about the impact and management of these life-threatening illnesses by providing up-to-date, scientifically based tools and information written in language the general public can understand. DBSA supports research to promote more timely diagnosis, develop more effective and tolerable treatments, and discover a cure. The organization works to ensure that people living with mood disorders are treated equitably.

Disabled Sports USA

451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 100

Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 217-0960 (Voice); (301) 217-0963 (TTY)

E-mail: Information@dsusa.org

Web: www.dsusa.org

Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA) is a national nonprofit, 501(c)(3), organization established in 1967 by disabled Vietnam veterans to serve the war injured. DS/USA now offers nationwide sports rehabilitation programs to anyone with a permanent physical disability. Activities include winter skiing, water sports, summer and winter competitions, fitness, and special sports events. Participants include those with visual impairments, amputations, spinal cord injury, dwarfism, multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, and other neuromuscular and orthopedic conditions.

Easter Seals—National Office

230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800

Chicago, IL 60606

(800) 221-6827; (312) 726-6200 (Voice)

(312) 726-4258 (TTY)

E-mail: info@easter-seals.org

Web: www.easter-seals.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

Easter Seals has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives for more than 80 years. From child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities, Easter Seals offers a variety of services to help people with

disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

Epilepsy Foundation-National Office

4351 Garden City Drive, 5th Floor

Landover, MD 20785-4941

(800) 332-1000; (301) 459-3700

E-mail: ContactUs@efa.org

Web: www.epilepsyfoundation.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Epilepsy Foundation is a national, charitable organization founded in 1968 as the Epilepsy Foundation of America. The only such organization wholly dedicated to the welfare of people with epilepsy, its mission is simple: To work for children and adults affected by seizures through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Exploring Autism

Web: www.exploringautism.org/

The Exploring Autism Web site is the collaborative effort of Autism Genetics Cooperative, a group of researchers and clinicians working with the help of families with children affected by autism to find the genetic causes of autism.

FACES: The National Craniofacial Association

P.O. Box 11082

Chattanooga, TN 37401

(800) 332-2372; (423) 266-1632

E-mail: faces@faces-cranio.org

Web: www.faces-cranio.org

FACES: The National Craniofacial Association is a nonprofit organization serving children and adults throughout the United States with severe craniofacial deformities resulting from birth defects, injuries, or disease. There is never a charge for any service provided by FACES. In addition to a quarterly newsletter, of which over 20,000 copies are mailed to client families, supporters, professional groups, and the medical community, FACES has an ever-growing national speaker's bureau of clients, clients' family members, and volunteers who speak to groups about the challenges and needs of those with craniofacial differences.

Families and Advocates Partnership for Education

This project is out of operation, but its Web site still provides information on IDEA legislation and its implications for parents.

Web: www.fape.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE) project was a partnership that aimed to improve the educational outcomes for children with disabilities. It linked families, advocates, and self-advocates to information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The project was designed to address the information needs of the 6 million families throughout the country whose children with disabilities receive special education services.

Family Center for Technology and Disabilities Academy for Educational Development

1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 7th Floor

Washington, DC 20009-5721

(202) 884-8068

E-mail: fctd@aed.org

Web: www.fctd.info

The Family Center for Technology and Disabilities Academy for Educational Development (AED) is a resource designed to support organizations and programs that work with families of children and youth with disabilities. It offers a range of information and services on the subject of assistive technologies to organizations, parents, educators, and interested friends that supports efforts to bring the highest quality education to children with disabilities.

Family Empowerment Network: Support for Families Affected by FAS/E

772 S. Mills Street

Madison, WI 53715

(800) 462-5254; (608) 262-6590

E-mail: fen@fammed.wisc.edu

Web: www.fammed.wisc.edu/fen

The Family Empowerment Network (FEN) is a national resource, referral, support, and research program serving families affected by fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and fetal alcohol effects (FAE) and the providers who work with them. FEN's mission is simple: to empower families through education and support.

Family Resource Center on Disabilities

20 East Jackson Boulevard, Room 900

Chicago, IL 60604

(800) 952-4199 (Voice/TTY; toll-free in IL only)

(312) 939-3513 (Voice); (312) 939-3519 (TTY)

Web: www.frcd.org/

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCDD) was a pioneer coalition that covered all disabilities. Formerly known

as the Coordinating Council for Handicapped Children, FRCD was organized in 1969 by parents, professionals, and volunteers who sought to improve services for all children with disabilities.

Family Village (a global community of disability-related resources)

Waisman Center

University of Wisconsin-Madison

1500 Highland Avenue

Madison, WI 53705-2280

Web: <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/>

Family Village is a global community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support. The community includes informational resources on specific diagnoses, communication connections, adaptive products and technology, adaptive recreational activities, education, worship, health issues, disability-related media and literature, and much more.

Family Voices (a national coalition speaking for children with special health care needs)

3411 Candelaria NE, Suite M

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(888) 835-5669; (505) 872-4774

E-mail: kidshealth@familyvoices.org

Web: www.familyvoices.org

Materials available in Spanish

Family Voices, a national grassroots network of families and friends, advocates for health care services that are family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, coordinated, and culturally competent for all children and youth with special health care needs. It promotes the inclusion of all families as decision makers at all levels of health care and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals.

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

1101 King Street, Suite 420

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 684-7710

E-mail: ffcmh@ffcmh.com

Web: www.ffcmh.org

Materials available in Spanish

This national family-run organization is dedicated exclusively to helping children with mental health needs and their families achieve a better quality of life. It provides leadership to (a) develop and sustain a nationwide network of family-run organizations, (b) focus the passion and cultural diversity of its membership to be a potent force for changing how systems respond to children with mental health needs and their families, and (c) help policy makers, agencies, and providers become more effective in delivering services and supports that foster healthy emotional development for all children.

Forward Face (for children with craniofacial conditions)

317 East 34th Street, Suite 901A

New York, NY 10016

(212) 684-5860

E-mail: linda@forwardface.org

Forward Face's mission is to help children with craniofacial conditions and their families find immediate support that helps empower them to successfully manage the craniofacial condition. Knowing the overwhelming demands that craniofacial conditions place on the patient as well as the family, Forward Face provides comprehensive services: educational support, advocacy, networking, community organizing, and other forms of assistance when necessary. Forward Face strongly advocates educating members and the public in the quest for understanding and acceptance. The organization is totally committed to providing the necessary

resources to enable every person to attain the highest quality of life.

Genetic Alliance

4301 Connecticut, NW, Suite 404

Washington, DC 20008

(800) 336-4363; (202) 966-5557

E-mail: info@geneticalliance.org

Web: www.geneticalliance.org

Genetic Alliance increases the capacity of genetic advocacy groups to achieve their missions and leverages the voices of millions of individuals and families living with genetic conditions. As a coalition of hundreds of genetic advocacy organizations, health professionals, clinics, hospitals, and companies, Genetic Alliance is at the crossroads of the genetics community.

Office of Head Start Administration on Children, Youth and Families

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

P.O. Box 1182

Washington, DC 20013

Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs>

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

Human Growth Foundation

997 Glen Cove Avenue

Glen Head, NY 11545

(800) 451-6434

E-mail: hgfl@hgfound.org

Web: www.hgfound.org

Materials available in Spanish

Today, with the advent of recombinant (synthetic) growth hormone for humans, the Human Growth Foundation (HGF) has broadened its services to encompass many disorders, including intrauterine growth retardation, Russell-Silver syndrome, Turner's syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Noonan's syndrome, chondroplasias, and more. The Foundation has a membership of over 1,000, with approximately 30 chapters. It publishes a quarterly newsletter and many booklets and answers questions from the members and the public in support of its goals. HGF sponsors "starter grants" to encourage research in both physical and psychosocial areas of growth disorders and chondroplasias.

Huntington's Disease Society of America

158 West 29th Street, 7th Floor

New York, NY 10001-5300

(800) 345-HDSA; (212) 242-1968

E-mail: hdsainfo@hdsa.org

Web: www.hdsa.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is a national nonprofit voluntary health agency that is dedicated to finding a cure for Huntington's disease (HD) while providing vital services to improve the lives of those affected by HD and support and guidance for HD families, through a national network of volunteer-based chapters and affiliates as well as through its Centers of Excellence.

Hydrocephalus Association

870 Market Street #705

San Francisco, CA 94102

(415) 732-7040

E-mail: |FCO|Hyperlinkinfo@hydroassoc.org|FCC|

Web: www.hydroassoc.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Hydrocephalus Association was founded in 1983, incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) in 1986. Twenty prominent medical professionals actively serve on its Medical Advisory Board. Its mission is to provide support, education, and advocacy for individuals, families, and professionals. Its goal is to ensure that families and individuals dealing with the complex issues of hydrocephalus receive personal support, comprehensive educational materials and ongoing quality health care.

IBM Accessibility Center

11400 Burnet Road

Austin, TX 78758

(800) 426-4832 (Voice); (800) 426-4833 (TTY)

E-mail: via the Web site

Web: <http://www-03.ibm.com/able/index.html>

IBM's Accessibility Center offers services to make organizations more accessible to citizens, employees, and other businesses. Accessibility offers tremendous new business opportunities, and IBM believes in a holistic, end-to-end approach, going beyond compliance with disability regulations to create a better user experience and improving people's interaction with information technology.

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (Voice); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

Spanish speaker on staff

Independent Living Research Utilization Project (ILRU) is a program of The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) and is affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine. The Web site was developed and is supported in part by Baylor College of Medicine. ILRU is supported in part by public and private funding agencies, including the U.S. Department of Education—National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)—and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. See individual project descriptions for further information on these organizations.

Indiana Resource Center for Autism

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

2853 E. 10th Street

Bloomington, IN 47408-2696

(812) 855-6508 (Voice)

(812) 855-9396 (TTY)

Web: www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca/fmain1.html

International Dyslexia Association (formerly the Orton
Dyslexia Society)

Chester Building #382

8600 LaSalle Road

Baltimore, MD 21286-2044

(800) 222-3123; (410) 296-0232

E-mail: info@interdys.org

Web: www.interdys.org

Materials available in Spanish

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals with dyslexia, their families, and the communities that support them. IDA is the oldest learning disabilities organization in the nation, founded in 1949 in memory of Dr. Samuel T. Orton, a distinguished neurologist. Throughout its history, its goal has been to provide the most comprehensive forum for parents, educators, and researchers to share their experiences, methods, and knowledge.

International Rett Syndrome Association

9121 Piscataway Rd., Suite 2B

Clinton, MD 20735-2561

(800) 818-7388; (301) 856-3334

E-mail: irsa@rettsyndrome.org

Web: www.rettsyndrome.org

Materials available in Spanish

The mission of the International Rett Syndrome Association (IRSA) is to support and stimulate biomedical research that will determine the cause and find treatments and cures for Rett syndrome, to increase public awareness of the disease, and to provide informational and emotional support to families of children with Rett syndrome.

Internet Mental Health (Web site only)

Web: www.mentalhealth.com

Internet Mental Health is a free encyclopedia of mental health information created by a Canadian psychiatrist, Dr. Phillip Long.

Job Accommodation Network

West Virginia University

P.O. Box 6080

Morgantown, WV 26506-6080

(800) 526-7234 (Voice/TTY)

(800) 232-9675 (Voice/TTY, information on the ADA)

E-mail: jan@jan.wvu.edu

Web: www.jan.wvu.edu

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is one of several projects of the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the U.S. Department of Labor. JAN's mission is to facilitate the employment and retention of workers with disabilities by providing employers, employment providers, people with disabilities, their family members, and other interested parties with information on job accommodations, self-employment and small business opportunities, and related subjects. JAN's efforts are in support of the employment of people with disabilities, including self-employment and small business ownership. It represents the most comprehensive resource for job accommodations available. It has provided information on job accommodations since 1984.

Kristin Brooks Hope Center

210 North 23rd Street, Suite 100

Purcelleville, VA 20132

(540) 338-5756

E-mail: reese@hopeline.com

Web: <http://www.hopeline.com/>

The Kristin Brooks Hope Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to suicide prevention, intervention, and healing by providing a single point of entry to community-based crisis services through innovative telephony and Internet-based technologies, by bringing national attention and access to services for postpartum depression and other women's mood disorders, through education and advocacy, through formal research and evaluation of crisis line services, and by championing the need for national funding for community-based suicide prevention crisis services.

LD Online (Web site on learning disabilities)

Web: www.ldonline.org

LD OnLine is a national educational service of public television station WETA in Washington, DC. It is operated in association with the Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities and is made possible by generous support from Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes®. LD OnLine offers online services and produces video programs dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with learning disabilities and ADHD.

Learning Disabilities Association of America

4156 Library Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15234

(412) 341-1515

E-mail: info@ldaamerica.org

Web: www.ldaamerica.org

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) is dedicated to identifying causes and promoting prevention of learning disabilities and to enhancing the quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities and their families by encouraging effective identification and intervention, fostering research, and protecting their rights under the law. LDA seeks to accomplish this through awareness, advocacy, empowerment, education, service, and collaborative efforts.

Let's Face It USA (for information and support on facial differences)

P.O. Box 29972

Bellingham, WA 98228-1972

(360) 676-7325

E-mail: letsfaceit@faceit.org

Web: www.faceit.org

Let's Face It's vision since 1987 has been to educate the world to value the person behind every face and to bring resources to all who are dealing with and caring for people with facial difference.

Little People of America—National Headquarters

P.O. Box 65030

Lubbock, TX 79464

(888) LPA-2001

E-mail: LPADataBase@juno.com

Web: www.lpaonline.org

Spanish speaker on staff

Little People of America, Inc. (LPA) assists dwarfs with their physical and developmental concerns resulting from short stature. By providing medical, environmental, educational, vocational, and parental guidance, short-statured individuals and their families may enhance their lives and lifestyles with minimal limitations. Through peer support and personal example, members are supportive of all those who reach out to LPA. By networking with national and international growth-related and genetic support groups, LPA enhances knowledge and support of short-statured individuals.

MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Spectrum

Web: <http://www.aspergersyndrome.org/>

Major Aspects of Growth Disorders in Children: MAGIC Foundation

6645 W. North Avenue

Oak Park, IL 60302

(708) 383-0808

E-mail: mary@magicfoundation.org

Web: www.magicfoundation.org

The Major Aspects of Growth Disorders in Children (MAGIC) Foundation is a national nonprofit organization created to provide support services for the families of children afflicted with a wide variety of chronic or critical disorders, syndromes, and diseases that affect children's growth. Some of the diagnoses are quite common while others are very rare. MAGIC continues and develops through membership fees, corporate sponsorship, private donations, and fundraising.

Mental Help Net (Web site only)

Web: <http://mentalhelp.net>

The Mental Help Net Web site exists to promote mental health and wellness education and advocacy. This Web site participates in the CenterSite Network of behavioral healthcare Web sites.

MUMS, National Parent-to-Parent Network

150 Custer Court, Green Bay, WI 54301-1243

(920) 336-5333; (877) 336-5333 (Parents only)

E-mail: mums@netnet.net

Web: www.netnet.net/mums/

MUMS is a national parent-to-parent network whose mission is to help parents who have a child with any disorder, medical condition, mental or emotional disorder, or rare diagnosis make connections with other parents whose children have the same or similar conditions. If possible, matches are made according to age, geographical location, gender, and severity of the symptoms. MUMS is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that runs on donations and subscription fees for their quarterly newsletters. Anyone wanting to be registered in the MUMS database for matching with other parents can download the MUMS' survey form or call and leave name, address, and phone number and the child's diagnosis on the answering machine. A sample newsletter will be sent with a survey form to fill out and return.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

3300 East Sunrise Drive

Tucson, AZ 85718

(800) 572-1717; (520) 529-2000

E-mail: mda@mdausa.org

Web: www.mdausa.org

Web site in Spanish: www.mdaenespanol.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is a voluntary health agency—a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million citizens. MDA combats neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive medical and community services, and far-reaching professional and public health education.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Colonial Place Three, 2107 Wilson

Boulevard, Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22201-3042

(800) 950-6264; (703) 524-7600

(703) 516-7991 (TTY)

E-mail: info@nami.org

Web: www.nami.org

Materials available in Spanish

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is a nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with severe mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic and other severe anxiety disorders, autism and pervasive developmental disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and other severe and persistent mental illnesses that affect the brain. Local affiliates and state organizations identify and work on issues most important to their community and state. Individual membership and the extraordinary work of hundreds of thousands of volunteer leaders is the lifeblood of NAMI's local affiliates and state organizations. The national office, under the direction of an elected board of directors, provides strategic direction to the entire organization; support to NAMI's state and affiliate members; governs the NAMI corporation; and engages in advocacy, education, and leadership development nationally.

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (mental illness and mental retardation)

132 Fair Street

Kingston, NY 12401

(800) 331-5362; (845) 331-4336

E-mail: info@thenadd.org

Web: www.thenadd.org

The National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) is the leading North American expert in providing professionals, educators, policy makers, and families with education, training, and information on mental health issues relating to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. NADD is recognized as the world's leading organization in providing educational services, training materials, and conferences in this area of interest. NADD has been influential in the development of appropriate community-based policies, programs, and opportunities in addressing the mental health needs of persons with mental retardation.

National Association of the Deaf

814 Thayer Avenue, Suite 250

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 587-1788; (301) 587-1789 (TTY)

E-mail: nadinfo@nad.org

Web: www.nad.org

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) was established in 1880 in Cincinnati, Ohio. NAD has a long history of defending the rights of deaf and hard-of-hearing people. Throughout its history, new challenges always rise, and breakthroughs and achievements have created a better life for deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses

P.O. Box 18087

Asheville, NC 28814-0087

(800) 542-9730; (828) 253-1188

E-mail: helpinghomes@nahhh.org

Web: www.nahhh.org

The National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses, Inc. (NAHHH) promotes and assists not-for-profit programs that provide lodging and supportive services in a caring environment for families receiving medical care away from home. The NAHHH vision is to be the resource and voice for homes that help and heal by providing true hospitality in extraordinary ways to patients and families receiving medical care.

National Association of Parents With Children in Special Education

1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 300

Washington DC, 20004

(800) 754-4421

E-mail: contact@napcse.org

Web: www.napcse.org

The mission of The National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education (NAPCSE) is to render all possible support and assistance to parents with children in special education, both in and outside of school. NAPCSE is dedicated to ensuring that all children and adolescents with special needs receive the most appropriate education possible. NAPCSE develops and promotes excellence in special education through the support of parents who have children with special needs and the professionals with whom they work.

National Association of Private Special Education Centers

1522 K Street NW, Suite 1032

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 408-3338

E-mail: napsec@aol.com

Web: <http://www.napsec.org/>

The National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC) programs provide special education services for preschool, elementary, and secondary students and adults with mild to severe disabilities in over 60 different disability categories who need individualized education programs that address their unique needs.

National Disability Rights Network

820 1st Street NE, Suite 740

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 408-9514 (Voice); (202) 408-9521 (TTY)

E-mail: info@ndrn.org

Web: <http://www.ndrn.org/index.php>

The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) is the voluntary national membership association of protection and advocacy systems and client assistance programs. It assumes leadership in promoting and strengthening the role and performance of its members in providing quality legally based advocacy services. NDRN has a vision of a society where people with disabilities exercise self-determination and choice and have equality of opportunity and full participation. NDRN believes this vision will be realized through the enactment and vigorous enforcement of laws protecting civil and human rights.

National Association of Special Education Teachers
(NASSET)

1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300

Washington, DC, 20004

(800) 754-4421

E-mail: contactus@naset.org

Web: www.naset.org

The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) is a national membership organization dedicated to supporting and assisting teachers and future teachers of special education. It was founded to promote the profession of special education teachers and to provide a national forum for their ideas. NASSET seeks to meet a critical need for many of America's special education teachers. It develops and promotes professional excellence through the support of teachers who provide services to children with special needs.

National Ataxia Foundation

2600 Fernbrook Lane, Suite 119

Minneapolis, MN 55447

(763) 553-0020

E-mail: naf@ataxia.org

Web: www.ataxia.org

Materials available in Spanish

The National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) is a nonprofit, membership-supported organization established in 1957 to help ataxia families. The Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of persons affected by ataxia through support, education, and research. It supports research in dominant ataxia, recessive ataxia (including Friedreich's), and sporadic ataxia. In addition, the Foundation has developed an extensive library of NAF brochures, fact sheets, books, and other educational material relating to ataxia. Also available to

its members is a quarterly news publication called Generations.

National Attention Deficit Disorder Association

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

E-mail: mail@add.org

Web: www.add.org

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) is designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization by the Internal Revenue Service. This international organization has been in existence since 1989. The mission of ADDA is to provide information, resources, and networking to adults with AD/HD and to the professionals who work with them. In doing so, ADDA generates hope, awareness, empowerment, and connections worldwide in the field of AD/HD. Bringing together scientific perspectives and the human experience, the information and resources provided to individuals and families affected by AD/HD and professionals in the field focus on diagnoses, treatments, strategies, and techniques for helping adults with AD/HD lead better lives.

National Brain Tumor Foundation

414 13th Street, Suite 700

Oakland, CA 94612

(800) 934-2873; (510) 839-9777

E-mail: nbtf@braintumor.org

Web: www.braintumor.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Brain Tumor Foundation (NBTF) is a nonprofit health organization dedicated to providing information and support for brain tumor patients, family members, and healthcare professionals, while supporting innovative research into better treatment options and a cure for brain tumors.

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)

381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401

New York, NY 10016

(212) 545-7510; 1(888) 575-7373

Web: www.ld.org; www.getreadytoread.org

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) works to ensure that the nation's 15 million children, adolescents, and adults with learning disabilities have every opportunity to succeed in school, work, and life.

NCLD provides essential information to parents, professionals, and individuals with learning disabilities,

promotes research and programs to foster effective learning, and advocates for policies to protect and strengthen educational rights and opportunities.

The National Center for Learning Disabilities' (NCLD) Get Ready to Read! (GRTR!) is a national initiative to build the early literacy skills of pre-school-aged children. The initiative provides an easy-to-administer, research-based screening tool to early childhood educators, child care providers, and parents in order to help them prepare all children to learn to read and write.

GRTR!'s program vision is that all preschool children will have the skills they need to learn to read when they enter school. This Web site is a part of NCLD's initiative to provide parents, educators, health-care professionals, and advocates with information to help build early literacy skills by integrating emergent literacy screening and learning activities into routine early childhood education, child care, and parenting practices.

National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

VA Medical Center (116D)

215 North Main Street White River Junction, VT 05009

(802) 296-6300

E-mail: ncptsd@va.gov

Web: <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was created within the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989, in response to a Congressional mandate to address the needs of veterans with military-related PTSD. Its mission was, and remains, to advance the clinical care and social welfare of America's veterans through research, education, and training in the science, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSD and stress-related disorders. This Web site is provided as an educational resource concerning PTSD and other enduring consequences of traumatic stress.

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

1640 W. Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608-6904

(800) 900-8086 (V/TTY)

E-mail: ncpad@uic.edu

Web: www.ncpad.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Center on Physical Activity and Disability (NCPAD) is an information center concerned with physical activity and disability. Being physically active is good for everybody. That's a message you will find many times on this site. Being active is an important part of getting and staying healthy. NCPAD's goal is to provide people with options and information to help them pursue whatever kinds of activities they would enjoy. The important thing is that everyone does

something. Indoor or outdoor, recreational or competitive, solo or team, easy or intensive, NCPAD has resources, contacts, and assistance available.

National Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia Association

P.O. Box 18426

Kansas City, MO 64133

(816) 313-2000

E-mail: information@ncfsfa.org

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

Spanish speaker on staff

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) is the oldest cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents over 700 organizations and individuals, including centers for

independent living, statewide independent living councils, individuals with disabilities, and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

National Down Syndrome Congress

1370 Center Drive, Suite 102

Atlanta, GA 30338

(800) 232-6372; (770) 604-9500

E-mail: info@ndsccenter.org

Web: www.ndsccenter.org

Parent packet available in Spanish

The mission of the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) is to provide information, advocacy, and support concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome. The vision of the NDSC is a world with equal rights and opportunities for people with Down syndrome. It is the purpose of the National Down Syndrome Congress to create a national climate in which all people will recognize and embrace the value and dignity of persons with Down syndrome.

National Down Syndrome Society

666 Broadway, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10012-2317

(800) 221-4602; (212) 460-9330

E-mail: info@ndss.org

Web: ndss.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to realize their life aspirations. NDSS is committed to being the national leader in enhancing the quality of life and realizing the potential of all people with Down syndrome. The mission of NDSS is to benefit people with Down syndrome and their families through national leadership in education, research, and advocacy.

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

Web: www.nectac.org/topics/autism/autism.asp

This group offers an online resource page on autism spectrum disorders and young children.

National Eating Disorders Association (formerly Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention)

603 Stewart Street, Suite 803

Seattle, WA 98101

(800) 931-2237; (206) 382-3587

E-mail: info@NationalEatingDisorders.org

Web: www.nationaleatingdisorders.org

Materials available in Spanish

The National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) is the largest not-for-profit organization in the United States working to prevent eating disorders and provide treatment referrals to those suffering from anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating disorder and those concerned with body image and weight issues. NEDA serves the needs of the national community by providing programs, products, and services of superior quality that support the elimination of eating disorders. To achieve its mission, it develops prevention programs for a wide range of audiences, publishes and distributes educational materials, and operates the nation's first toll-free eating disorders information and referral helpline.

National Federation for the Blind

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9314

E-mail: nfb@nfb.org

Web: www.nfb.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The purpose of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) is twofold—to help blind persons achieve self-confidence and self-respect and to act as a vehicle for collective self-expression by the blind. By providing public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families, members of the NFB strive to educate the public that the blind are normal individuals who can compete on terms of equality.

National Fragile X Foundation

P.O. Box 190488

San Francisco, CA 94119-0488

(800) 688-8765; (925) 938-9315

E-mail: NATLFX@FragileX.org

Web: www.fragilex.org

Materials available in Spanish

The National Fragile X Foundation unites the Fragile X community to enrich lives through educational and emotional support, promote public and professional awareness, and

advance research toward improved treatments and a cure for Fragile X.

National Gaucher Foundation

5410 Edson Lane, Suite 260

Rockville, MD 20852-3130

(800) 428-2437; (301) 816-1515

E-mail: ngf@gaucherdisease.org

Web: www.gaucherdisease.org

The National Gaucher Foundation (NGF) was established in 1984 as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to supporting and promoting research into the causes of and a cure for Gaucher Disease. The mission of the NGF is to find a cure for Gaucher Disease by funding vital research programs, meet the ever-increasing needs of patients and families, as well as promote community and physician awareness and educational programs.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The Library of Congress

1291 Taylor Street NW

Washington, DC 20011

(800) 424-8567; (202) 707-5100 (Voice); (202) 707-0744 (TTY)

E-mail: nls@loc.gov

Web: www.loc.gov/nls

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, administers the free program that loans recorded and braille books and magazines, music scores in braille and large print, and specially designed playback equipment to residents of the United States who are unable to read or use standard print materials because of visual or physical impairment. NLS administers the program nationally while direct service to eligible individuals and institutions is the responsibility of cooperating libraries in the various states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Service is also extended to eligible U.S. citizens residing abroad.

National Mental Health Association

2001 N. Beauregard, 12th Floor

Alexandria, VA 22311

(800) 969-6642; (703) 684-7722

(800) 433-5959 (TTY)

E-mail: via the Web site

Web: www.nmha.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The National Mental Health Association (NMHA) is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 340 affiliates nationwide, NMHA works to improve the mental health of all U.S. citizens, especially the 54 million individuals with mental disorders, through advocacy, education, research, and service.

National Mental Health Information Center (formerly the Knowledge Exchange Network)

P.O. Box 42557

Washington, DC 20015

(800) 789-2647; (866) 889-2647 (TTY)

Web: <http://www.samhsa.gov/>

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Mental Health Information Center provides information about mental health via a toll-free telephone number (800-789-2647), their Web site, and more than 600 publications. The National Mental Health Information Center was developed for users of mental health

services and their families, the general public, policy makers, providers, and the media.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

733 Third Avenue

New York, NY 10017

(800) 344-4867

E-mail: via the Web site

Web: www.nationalmssociety.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

Founded in 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports more multiple sclerosis (MS) research, offers more services for people with MS, provides more professional education programs, and furthers more MS advocacy efforts than any other MS organization in the world. It does this through the extensive research it supports to find the cause, cure, and improved treatments of the disease; the comprehensive services we provide to people with MS and their families; the professional education programs we offer to assist health care providers better serve their MS patients; and through our advocacy efforts on state and federal levels to encourage public policies supportive of the needs of people with MS.

National Neurofibromatosis Foundation

95 Pine Street; 16th Floor

New York, NY 10005

(800) 323-7938; (212) 344-6633

E-mail: nnff@nf.org

Web: www.nf.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Children's Tumor Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) medical foundation dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by neurofibromatosis (NF). The mission of The Children's Tumor Foundation is to encourage and support research and the development of treatments and cures for neurofibromatosis types 1 and 2, schwannomatosis, and related disorders (hereafter collectively referred to as "NF"); support persons with NF, their families and caregivers by providing thorough, accurate, current, and readily accessible information; assist in the development of clinical centers, best practices, and other patient support mechanisms (but not including direct medical care) to create better access to quality healthcare for affected individuals; and expand public awareness of NF to promote earlier and accurate diagnoses by the medical community, increase the nonaffected population's understanding of the challenges facing persons with NF, and encourage financial and other forms of support from public and private sources.

National Organization on Disability

910 16th Street NW, Suite 600

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 293-5960 (Voice); (202) 293-5968 (TTY)

E-mail: ability@nod.org

Web: www.nod.org

Spanish speaker on staff

The mission of the National Organization on Disability (NOD) is to expand the participation and contribution of the United States's 54 million men, women, and children with disabilities in all aspects of life. By raising disability awareness through programs and information, together it is possible to work toward closing the participation gaps.

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

900 17th Street NW, Suite 910

Washington, DC 20006

(800) 666-6327; (202) 785-4585

E-mail: information@nofas.org

Web: www.nofas.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

NOFAS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1990 to address alcohol use during pregnancy, the leading known preventable cause of mental retardation and birth defects.

NOFAS recognizes the importance of health education in order to reduce the number of alcohol-exposed births and fulfills its mission by implementing innovative ideas in prevention, education, intervention, and advocacy. The organizational objectives include

Increasing public awareness about the range of consequences associated with prenatal alcohol exposure

Educating medical and allied health students and practitioners about the range of health effects related to alcohol and pregnancy

Training youth as peer educators in their schools and communities

Developing prevention and education messages and strategies for implementation among diverse populations nationwide

Providing referrals, resources, and information on a broad range of alcohol and pregnancy services through a national clearinghouse

Collaborating and partnering with prevention, education, advocacy, and research agencies, organizations, and universities to promote the awareness of FAS and to coordinate activities

National Patient Air Transport Hotline

c/o Mercy Medical Airlift,

4620 Haygood Road, Suite 1

Virginia Beach, VA 23445

(800) 296-1217

E-mail: mercymedical@erols.com

Web: www.patienttravel.org

PatientTravel.org is a third-generation site updated in April 2002, a continuation of the original National Patient Air Travel HELPLINE site which has been serving patients since 1998. This site now receives more than 3,000 visits per month. The availability of charitable, long-distance medical air transportation in the United States is growing rapidly. More than 41,500 patients and their escorts were served during calendar year 2002. This Web site is a service of the National Patient Travel Center—the facility housing all the programs of Mercy Medical Airlift, a national charity. The Center is in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and provides a variety of services to those seeking a way to travel long distances for specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment.

National Resource Center for Family Centered Practice

University of Iowa

100 Oakdale Hall

Iowa City, IA 52242-5000

(319) 335-4965

Web: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~nrcfcp/>

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

National Resource Center for Paraprofessionals in Education
and Related Services

6526 Old Main Hill Utah State University

Logan, UT 84322-6526

(435) 797-7272

E-mail: info@nrpara.org

Web: <http://www.nrpara.org/>

National Resource Center on Supported Living and Choice

Syracuse University, Center on Human Policy

805 S. Crouse Avenue

Syracuse, NY 13244-2280

(800) 894-0826; (315) 443-3851; (315) 443-4355 (TTY)

E-mail: thechp@sued.syr.edu

Web: <http://thechp.syr.edu/nrc.html>

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation

P.O. Box 829

Bryan, OH 43506

(800) 233-7393; (419) 636-2679

E-mail: nrsf@reyessyndrome.org

Web: www.reyessyndrome.org

Materials available in Spanish

Reye's syndrome, a deadly disease, strikes swiftly, and can attack any child or adult without warning. All body organs are affected, with the liver and brain suffering most seriously. While the cause and cure remain unknown, research has established a link between Reye's syndrome and the use of aspirin and other salicylate-containing medications. In 1974, the National Reye's syndrome Foundation was incorporated, becoming the first citizen group to generate a concerted, organized lay movement to eradicate Reye's syndrome.

National Spinal Cord Injury Association

6701 Democracy Boulevard Suite 300-9

Bethesda, MD 20817

(800) 962-9629; (301) 588-6959

E-mail: info@spinalcord.org

Web: www.spinalcord.org

Spanish speaker on staff

Founded in 1948, the National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA) is the nation's oldest and largest civilian organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of Americans living with the results of spinal cord injury and disease and their families. This number grows by 30 newly injured people each day. NSCIA educates and empowers survivors of spinal cord injury and disease to achieve and maintain the highest levels of independence, health, and personal fulfillment. This mission is fulfilled by providing an innovative peer support network and by raising awareness about spinal cord injury and disease through education. Education programs are developed to address information and issues important to the Association's constituency, policy makers, the general public, and the media and include injury prevention; improvements in medical, rehabilitative, and supportive services; research; and public policy formulation.

National Stuttering Association

119 W. 40th Street, 14th Floor

New York, NY 10018

(800) 937-8888

E-mail: info@westutter.org

Web: www.westutter.org

The National Stuttering Association (NSA) is the largest self-help/support organization in the United States for people who stutter. Its mission is to bring hope, dignity, support, education, and empowerment to children and adults who stutter and their families.

National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association

2001 Beacon Street, Suite 204

Brighton, MA 02135

(800) 906-8723

E-mail: info@ntsad.org

Web: www.ntsad.org

Materials available in Spanish

The National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association (NTSAD) is dedicated to the treatment and prevention of Tay-Sachs, Canavan, and related diseases and to provide information and support services to individuals and families affected by these diseases, as well as the public at large. Strategies for achieving these goals include public and professional education, research, genetic screening, family services, and advocacy.

Neurofibromatosis, Inc.

9320 Annapolis Road, Suite 300

Lanham, MD 20706-3123

(800) 942-6825; (301) 918-4600

E-mail: info@nfinc.org

Web: www.nfinc.org

Materials available in Spanish

Neurofibromatosis, Inc. (NF, Inc.) is a national, tax-exempt, charitable organization whose mission is to create a community of support for those affected by NF through education, advocacy, coalitions, raising public awareness, and supporting research for treatments and a cure.

NLD on the Web! (Web site only)

Web: www.NLDontheweb.org

NLD on the Web! was designed and developed in September, 1999, by Pamela Tanguay and Joan Scott, both mothers of daughters with nonverbal learning disorder (NLD). They met on a neuropsychology bulletin board and joined forces as they headed down the same challenging path—researching the disorder at a time when NLD information was very hard to come by, especially on the Web. This site is a result of those efforts. Their goal was to create the kind of Web site they were hoping to find themselves . . . but never did.

Nonverbal Learning Disorders Association

2446 Albany Avenue

West Hartford, CT 06117

(800) 570-0217

E-mail: NLDA@nlda.org

Web: www.nlda.org

The Nonverbal Learning Disorders Association (NLDA) is an international nonprofit corporation committed to facilitating education, research, and advocacy for children and adults who manifest disabilities associated with the syndrome of nonverbal learning disorders. The NLDA volunteer workforce includes individuals with learning disabilities, their families and associates, and those who provide professional care and intervention. It strives to enhance the lives of all individuals with NLD by encouraging effective identification and intervention, fostering research, and protecting the rights of learning disabled individuals. NLDA seeks to accomplish this through awareness, advocacy, empowerment, education, and service.

OASIS—Online Asperger Syndrome Support and Information

Web: www.aspergersyndrome.org/

Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation, Inc.

676 State Street

New Haven, CT 06511

(203) 401-2070

E-mail: info@ocfoundation.org

Web: www.ocfoundation.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation (OCF), with more than 10,000 members, is an international not-for-profit organization composed of people with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and related disorders, their families, friends, professionals, and other concerned individuals. Founded by a group of individuals with OCD in 1986, the mission of the OCF is to educate the public and professional communities about OCD and related disorders; to provide assistance to individuals with OCD and related disorders, their family and friends; and to support research into the causes and effective treatments of OCD and related disorders.

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation

804 Diamond Avenue, Suite 210

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

(800) 981-2663; (301) 947-0083

E-mail: bonelink@oif.org

Web: www.oif.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc. (OI Foundation) is the only voluntary national health organization dedicated to helping people cope with the problems associated with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI). The Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals affected by OI through research to find treatments and a cure, education, awareness, and mutual support. The OI Foundation began in 1970 when a small group of parents from around the United States met in Chicago to discuss OI and its problems. At that time, they banded together to stimulate public and professional interest, support families, and encourage research. Today, many of the people who serve on the board of directors and oversee the Foundation's operation have OI themselves or are parents of children with OI.

Parents Helping Parents: The Parent-Directed Family
Resource Center for Children with Special Needs

3041 Olcott Street

Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 727-5775

E-mail: info@php.com

Web: www.php.com

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

Parents Helping Parents (PHP) is a 28-year-old nonprofit, family resource center that benefits children with special

needs. This includes children of all ages (birth through life) and all backgrounds who have a need for special services due to any special need, including but not limited to illness, cancer, accidents, birth defects, neurological conditions, premature birth, learning or physical disabilities, mental health issues, and attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder. PHP's mission is to help children with special needs receive the resources, love, hope, respect, health care, education, and other services they need to reach their full potential by providing them with strong families, dedicated professionals, and responsive systems to serve them.

Parents of Galactosemic Children

885 Del Sol Street

Sparks, NV 89436

(775) 626-0885

E-mail: mesmeadow@aol.com

Web: www.galactosemia.org

Parents of Galactosemic Children, Inc. (PGC) is a nonprofit charitable organization. Founded in February 1985 by a small group of mothers in New York, PGC realizes the need for further information and networking between affected families and professionals. Metabolic clinics across the nation continue to assist PGC in researching families and information. Today its mailing list includes over 1,000 families and extended families, professionals and clinics,

media groups, donors, and numerous international contacts. Objectives and functions are achieved by unpaid volunteers.

Parent to Parent of the United States (Web site only)

Web: <http://www.p2pusa.org/p2pusa/sitepages/p2p-home.aspx>

Parent to Parent-USA (P2P-USA) is an alliance of parent-to-parent programs whose primary purpose is to help emerging or established parent-to-parent programs by: providing a clearinghouse of information and support on best practices, offering networking and peer mentoring experiences, mentoring future parent-to-parent leaders, nurturing and developing key relationships that enhance P2P programs' ability to support families, and effect policy change.

Pathways Awareness Foundation

150 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2100

Chicago, IL 60601

(800) 955-2445

E-mail: friends@pathwaysawareness.org

Web: www.pathwaysawareness.org

Brochure and video available in Spanish

Pathways Awareness Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the benefit

of early detection and early therapy for children with physical movement differences. Our Web site, designed for both parents and professionals, contains valuable information about children's physical development, including a growth and development chart where it is possible to track a child's physical, play, and speech milestones from 3 months to 15 months.

Patient Centers: The Autism Center

Web: www.patientcenters.com/autism/

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

5700 Midnight Pass Road, Suite 6

Sarasota, FL 34242

(800) 926-4797; (941) 312-0400

E-mail: national@pwsausa.org

Web: www.pwsausa.org

Materials available in Spanish

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA) [PWSA(USA)] is dedicated to serving individuals affected by Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS), their families, and interested professionals. Organized in 1975 to provide a resource for education and information about Prader-Willi syndrome and support for families, professionals and other interested citizens, PWSA(USA) was first headquartered in the Minneapolis/St.

Paul area, then in St. Louis, Missouri, and currently in Sarasota, Florida since October of 1997. The association is governed by a 12-member Board of Directors who, together with an executive director and four officers, are responsible for directing the organization's operations and serving the twenty-seven state and regional chapters and their members.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

The Anne T. Macdonald Center

20 Roszel Road

Princeton, NJ 08540

(800) 221-4792; (866) 732-3585; (609) 452-0606

E-mail: custserv@rfbid.org

Web: www.rfbid.org

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, a nonprofit volunteer organization, is the nation's educational library serving people who cannot effectively read standard print because of visual impairment, dyslexia, or other physical disability. Its mission is to create opportunities for individual success by providing and promoting the effective use of accessible educational materials.

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

333 Commerce Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 838-0030; (703) 838-0459 (TTY)

E-mail: info@rid.org

Web: www.rid.org

The philosophy of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) is that excellence in the delivery of interpretation and transliteration services among people who are deaf or hard of hearing and people who are hearing will ensure effective communication. As the professional association for interpreters and transliterators, RID serves as an essential arena for its members in their pursuit of excellence. It is the mission of RID to provide international, national, regional, state, and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the professions of interpretation and transliteration of American Sign Language and English. It is the goal of RID to promote the profession of interpreting and transliterating American Sign Language and English.

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society
of North America

1700 N. Moore Street, Suite 1540

Arlington, VA 22209-1903

(703) 524-6686 (Voice); (703) 524-6639 (TTY)

E-mail: info@resna.org

Web: www.resna.org

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) is an interdisciplinary association of people with a common interest in technology and disability. Its purpose is to improve the potential of people with disabilities to achieve their goals through the use of technology. It serves that purpose by promoting research, development, education, advocacy, and provision of technology and by supporting the people engaged in these activities.

The International Rett Syndrome Foundation

4600 Devitt Drive

Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

513/874.3020

Web: <http://www.rettsyndrome.org/>

The International Rett Syndrome Foundation offers an electronic newsletter, which can be e-mailed about once a week with the latest research news, abstracts from new Rett publications, treatment and drug information, scientific meetings, and fundraising events.

Schwab Learning

1650 S. Amphlett Boulevard, Suite 300

San Mateo, CA 94402

(800) 230-0988; (650) 655-2410

E-mail: webmaster@schwablearning.org

Web: www.schwablearning.org

Portion of Web site in Spanish

Schwab Learning is an operating program of the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation, a private, nonprofit foundation that funds programs in learning disabilities and human services. Schwab Learning aspires to help kids with learning and attention problems, such as learning disabilities and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder lead satisfying and productive lives in an environment that recognizes, values, and supports the unique attributes of every child. Schwab Learning provides free information, resources, publications, and support to parents of children who struggle with learning and to kids themselves through two Web sites and outreach and community services.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-2248; (301) 657-2249 (TTY)

E-mail: information@hearingloss.org

Web: www.hearingloss.org

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. SHHH exists to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy, and support. Its primary purpose is to educate its members, their families, friends, coworkers, teachers, hearing health care providers, industry, government, and others about hearing loss.

Special Needs Advocate for Parents

11835 W. Olympic Boulevard, Suite 65

Los Angeles, CA 90069

(888) 310-9889

E-mail: info@snapinfo.org

What started as a frustrated but determined mother and five file drawers of information is now Special Needs Advocate for Parents (SNAP). The organization was founded by Nadine Vogel in 1993, two years after she had her first child, Gretchen, who was born with numerous health problems. Gretchen's younger sister, Rachel, was born in 1999, also with special needs. SNAP offers a number of services to parents who have children with special needs to help them make important decisions in planning for their child's well-being as well as to provide information, resources, and networking opportunities. Whether a child is 2 years old or 42, SNAP stands ready to offer support.

Special Olympics International

1325 G Street NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 628-3630

E-mail: info@specialolympics.org

Web: www.specialolympics.org/

Materials available in Spanish and French

Spanish and French speaker on staff

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competition in 26 Olympic-type summer and winter sports. There is no charge to participate in Special Olympics. Special Olympics currently serves almost 1.4 million persons with intellectual disabilities in more than 200 programs in more than 150 countries.

Spina Bifida Association of America

4590 MacArthur Boulevard, NW, Suite 250

Washington, DC 20007-4226

(800) 621-3141; (202) 944-3285

E-mail: sbaa@sbaa.org

Web: www.sbaa.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The mission of the Spina Bifida Association of America (SBAA) is to promote the prevention of spina bifida and to enhance the lives of all affected. SBAA serves the 70,000 adults and children who live with spina bifida. Since 1973, SBAA has served as the nation's only voluntary health agency dedicated to enhancing the lives of those with spina bifida and those whose lives they touch. Through its network of 57 chapters, SBAA has a presence in more than 125 communities nationwide and serves thousands of people each year.

Stuttering Foundation

3100 Walnut Grove Road #603

P.O. Box 11749

Memphis, TN 38111

(800) 992-9392

E-mail: stutter@stutteringhelp.org

Web: www.stutteringhelp.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Stuttering Foundation provides free online resources, services, and support to those who stutter and their families, as well as support for research into the causes of stuttering. It is the largest—and the first—nonprofit charitable organization in the world working towards the prevention and improved treatment of stuttering, reaching over a million people annually. It also offers extensive educational programs on stuttering for professionals.

TASH (formerly the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps)

29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 210

Baltimore, MD 21204

(410) 828-8274 (Voice); (410) 828-1306 (TTY)

E-mail: info@tash.org

Web: www.tash.org

TASH is an international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals fighting for a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm. TASH is an organization of members concerned with human dignity, civil rights, education, and independence for all individuals with disabilities.

Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers PACER Center

8161 Normandale Boulevard

Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044

(888) 248-0822; (952) 838-9000

(952) 838-0190 (TTY)

E-mail: alliance@taalliance.org

Web: www.taalliance.org

Materials available in Spanish; Spanish speaker on staff

The Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers (the Alliance) is an innovative project that supports a unified technical assistance system for the purpose of developing, assisting, and coordinating parent training and information projects and community parent resource centers under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The project is funded to strengthen the connections to the larger technical assistance network and fortify partnerships between parent centers and state education systems at regional and national levels.

Tourette Syndrome Association

42-40 Bell Boulevard

Bayside, NY 11361

(718) 224-2999

E-mail: ts@tsa-usa.org

Web: www.tsa-usa.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Tourette Syndrome Association's mission is to identify the cause of, find the cure for, and control the effects of Tourette syndrome (TS). It offers resources and referrals to help people and their families cope with the problems that occur with TS. It raises public awareness and counters media stereotypes about TS.

Trace Research and Development Center

1550 Engineering Drive, 2107 Engineering Hall

Madison, WI 53706

(608) 262-6966; (608) 263-5408 (TTY)

E-mail: info@trace.wisc.edu

Web: www.trace.wisc.edu/

The Trace Research and Development Center is a part of the College of Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Founded in 1971, Trace has been a pioneer in the field of technology and disability. The Trace Center mission statement is to prevent the barriers and capitalize on the opportunities presented by current and emerging information and telecommunication technologies, in order to create a

world that is as accessible and usable as possible for as many people as possible.

Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

801 Roeder Road, Suite 750

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(800) 225-6872; (301) 562-9890

E-mail: info@tsalliance.org

Web: <http://www.tsalliance.org/>

The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance (TS Alliance)—the only national voluntary health organization for the genetic disorder known as tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC)—is a membership-based organization; members have voting privileges at the organization's annual meeting. It is also the lead organization for the funding of medical research related to TSC. Such medical research has included the breakthrough discovery of two genes (TSC1 and TSC2) that are known to cause the disorder.

United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc.

1660 L Street, NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 776-0406; (800) 872-5827;

(202) 973-7197 (TTY)

E-mail: national@ucp.org

Web: www.ucp.org

Materials available in Spanish

The United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCP) is the leading source of information on cerebral palsy and is a pivotal advocate for the rights of persons with any disability. As one of the largest health charities in the United States, the UCP mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network.

United Leukodystrophy Foundation

2304 Highland Drive

Sycamore, IL 60178

(800) 728-5483

E-mail: ulf@tbcnet.com

Web: www.ulf.org

Materials available in Spanish

The United Leukodystrophy Foundation (ULF), incorporated in 1982, is a nonprofit, voluntary health organization dedicated to providing patients and their families with

information about their disease and assistance in identifying sources of medical care, social services, and genetic counseling; establishing a communication network among families; increasing public awareness and acting as an information source for health care providers; and promoting and supporting research into causes, treatments, and prevention of the leukodystrophies. Leukodystrophies are a group of genetic nervous system disorders affecting the myelin sheath, which insulates the axon through which nerve impulses are conducted.

U.S. Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication

P.O. Box 21418

Sarasota, FL 34276

(941) 312-0992

E-mail: USSAAC@comcast.net

Web: www.ussaac.org

The U.S. Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (USSAAC) is the only national association specifically designed to address the needs of persons who are either severely speech impaired or unable to speak. Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) refers to methods of communication that enhance (augment) or replace (provide alternative) conventional forms of expression. Members of USSAAC join together to improve the services, supports, and products used by children and adults in need of

AAC. The main purpose of USSAAC is to enhance the communication effectiveness and ultimately, the independence of persons needing access to a communication system. USSAAC is the national chapter of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

Vestibular Disorders Association

P.O. Box 4467

Portland, OR 97208-4467

(800) 837-8428; (503) 229-7705

E-mail: veda@vestibular.org

Web: www.vestibular.org

Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA) is a nonprofit organization that provides information to the public and health professionals about inner-ear balance disorders, such as Ménière's disease, BPPV, and labyrinthitis. VEDA now has over 70 publications on general and more specific topics related to vestibular balance disorders, and it also serves as a hub service to support groups located around the world. In addition, VEDA provides a listing service by state of the United States and regions of the world for health professionals who specialize in vestibular disorders.

Williams Syndrome Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 297

Clawson, MI 48017-0297

(800) 806-1871; (248) 244-2229

E-mail: info@williams-syndrome.org

Web: www.williams-syndrome.org

Materials available in Spanish

The Williams Syndrome Association (WSA) was formed in 1982 by and for families of individuals with Williams syndrome. WSA is the only group in the United States devoted exclusively to improving the lives of individuals with Williams syndrome and their families. It supports research into all facets of the syndrome and the development of the most up-to-date educational materials regarding Williams syndrome.

World Association of Persons with disAbilities

4503 Sunnyview Drive, Suite 1121

P.O. Box 14111

Oklahoma City, OK 73135

(405) 672-4440

E-mail: thehub@wapd.org

Web: www.wapd.org

World Association of Persons with disAbilities (WAPD) advances the interests of persons with disAbilities at national, state, local, and home levels. It is based on a belief that all are entitled to high quality of life. Over 15 years of grassroots planning and growth catapulted the association to a world leadership position, advancing the soundness and empowerment of the so-called “disAbled” everywhere. WAPD links the “disAbled” and supporters to current leading-edge disAbility information via the various mediums of communication.

Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic

Web: <http://info.med.yale.edu/chldstdy/autism/>

The Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic offers comprehensive, multidisciplinary evaluations for children with social disabilities, usually focusing on the issues of diagnosis and intervention. It is also conducting several large research projects on autism, AS, and other PDDs. The clinic is located in the Child Study Center at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

National Toll-free Numbers

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

ADA InfoLine—U.S. Department of Justice

1(800) 514-0301 (V, English/Spanish)

1(800) 514-0383 (TTY)

ADA National Access for Public Schools Project

1(800) 893-1225 (V/TTY)

Center for Universal Design

1(800) 647-6777 (V)

Disability & Business Technical Assistance Centers

1(800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

1(800) 669-4000 (V; English/Spanish)

1(800) 669-6820 (TTY)

Job Accommodation Network (Jan)

1(800) 526-7234 (V/TTY)

1(800) 232-9675 (V/TTY; ADA Information)

U.S. Access Board

1(800) 872-2253 (V)

1(800) 993-2822 (TTY)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—HUD
User

1(800) 245-2691 (V)

1(800) 927-7589 (TTY)

Assistive Technology/Devices

ABLEDATA

1(800) 227-0216

AbleNet

1(800) 322-0956 (V)

Alliance for Technology Access

1(800) 455-7970

Apple Computers Disability Connection

1(800) 692-7753

IBM Accessibility Center (formerly the Independence Series Information Center)

1(800) 426-4832 (V); 1(800) 426-4833 (TTY)

TechKnowledge

1(800) 726-9119 (V/TTY)

BLINDNESS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

American Council of the Blind

1(800) 424-8666 (V; English/Spanish)

American Foundation for the Blind

1(800) 232-5463 (V)

American Printing House for the Blind

1(800) 223-1839

Blind Children's Center

1(800) 222-3566 (V)

Library Reproduction Service (LRS)

1(800) 255-5002

Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Child Development

1(800) 829-0500 (V)

1(212) 821-9713 (TTY)

National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

1(800) 562-6265

National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1(800) 424-8567 (V)

Prevent Blindness America

1(800) 331-2020 (V)

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

1(800) 221-4792 (V)

The Foundation Fighting Blindness

1(888) 394-3937 (V)

1(800) 683-5551 (TTY)

CHILD ABUSE

National Child Abuse Hotline

1(800) 422-4453

Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect/Family Violence
Information

1(800) 394-3366 (V)

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

1(800) 843-5678 (V)

1(800) 826-7653 (TTY)

Prevent Child Abuse America

1(800) 244-5373

CHILD CARE

Child Care Aware

1(800) 424-2246

National Child Care Information Center

1(800) 616-2242 (V; English/Spanish)

1(800) 516-2242 (TTY)

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care

1(800) 598-5437

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Communication Aid Manufacturers' Association

1(800) 441-2262

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication
Disorders Clearinghouse

1(800) 241-1044 (V); 1(800) 241-1055 (TTY)

National Stuttering Association

1(800) 937-8888

Stuttering Foundation of America

1(800) 992-9392

CRANIOFACIAL SYNDROMES

Children's Craniofacial Association

1(800) 535-3643 (V)

Craniofacial Foundation of America

1(800) 418-3223

Faces—National Craniofacial Association

1(800) 332-2373 (V)

Foundation for Nager and Miller Syndromes

1(800) 507-3667 (V)

CRISIS INTERVENTION

National Hopeline Network

1(800) 999-9999

Nineline Crisis Hotline

1(800) SUICIDE (784-2433)

DEAFNESS AND HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

American Society for Deaf Children

1(800) 942-2732 (V/TTY)

Better Hearing Institute

1(800) 327-9355 (V/TTY)

Hear Now

1(800) 648-4327 (V/TTY)

Hearing Aid Helpline

1(800) 521-5247 (V/TTY)

John Tracy Clinic

1(800) 522-4582 (V/TTY; English/Spanish)

1(213) 748-5481 (V; in 213 area)

1(213) 747-2924 (TTY; in 213 area)

National Cued Speech Association

1(800) 459-3529

National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who are
Deaf-Blind (DB-LINK)

1(800) 438-9376 (V); 1(800) 854-7013 (TTY)

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication
Disorders Clearinghouse

1(800) 241-1044 (V); 1(800) 241-1055 (TTY)

Postsecondary Education Programs Network Resource Center
(PEPNet)

1(888) 684-4695 (V/TTY)

DISABILITY AWARENESS

Kids on the Block

1(800) 368-5437 (V)

EDUCATION

American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials

1(800) 228-4689 (V)

Association for Career and Technical Education

1(800) 826-9972 (V/TTY)

Association for Childhood Education International

1(800) 423-3563 (V)

ERIC System (Educational Resources Information Center)

1(800) 538-3742

HEATH Resource Center (for information on post-secondary education for individuals with disabilities)

1(800) 544-3284 (V/TTY)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

1(800) 424-2460

National Clearinghouse for Comprehensive School Reform (NCCSR)

1(877) 766-4277

National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition & Language Instruction Educational Programs (NCELA)

1(800) 321-6223

National Information Center for Educational Media

1(800) 926-8328 (V/TTY)

National Institute for Literacy (NIFL)

1(800) 228-8813

1(800) 552-9097 (TTY)

National Library of Education (NLE)

1(800) 424-1616

National Middle School Association

1(800) 528-6672

No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

1(888) 814-6252 (V)

1(800) 437-0833 (TTY)

EMPLOYMENT

Education, Career, and Community Program

1(800) 547-6339

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

1(800) 669-4000 (V; English/Spanish)

1(800) 669-6820 (TTY)

Job Accommodation Network

1(800) 526-7234 (V/TTY)

1(800) 232-9675 (V/TTY; ADA Information)

National Center on Workforce and Disability/Adult

1(888) 886-9898 (V/TTY)

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability/Youth

1(877) 871-4748 (V/TTY)

FINANCIAL COUNSELING

National Foundation for Consumer Credit

1(800) 388-2227 (V)

1(800) 682-9832 (Spanish)

HOSPICE

Children's Hospice International

1(800) 242-4453 (V/TTY)

Hospice Education Institute (formerly Hospicelink)

1(800) 331-1620 (V)

INFORMATION CENTERS

Abledata (for information on assistive technology)

1(800) 227-0216 (V/TTY)

Access Eric

1(800) 538-3742 (V)

HRSA Information Center (formerly National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse)

1(888) 275-4772

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

1(800) 695-0285 (V/TTY; English/Spanish)

National Epilepsy Library

1(800) 332-4050

National Health Information Center

1(800) 336-4797

National Lead Information Center

1(800) 424-5323 (English/Spanish)

National Library of Medicine

1(888) 346-3656

LITERACY

National Literacy Hotline

1(800) 228-8813

1(800) 552-9097 (TTY)

ProLiteracy Worldwide (formerly Laubach Literacy
International and Literacy Volunteers of America)

1(888) 528-2224

Reading is Fundamental

1(877) 743-7323

MEDICAL AND HEALTH DISORDERS

American Stroke Association

1(888) 478-7653 (V)

Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation

1(800) 747-2820 (V)

Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome
Association (CFIDS)

1(800) 442-3437 (V)

Crohn and Colitis Foundation of America

1(800) 932-2423

Epilepsy Foundation

1(800) 332-1000

Family Voices: A National Coalition Speaking for Children
with Special Health Care Needs

1(888) 835-5669 (V)

Foundation for Ichthyosis and Related Skin Types

1(800) 545-3286

International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal
Disorders

1(888) 964-2001

Kennedy Krieger Institute

1(888) 554-2080

National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses
(NAHHH)

1(800) 542-9730

National Brain Tumor Foundation

1(800) 934-2873 (V; English/Spanish)

National Digestive Diseases Information Center

1(800) 891-5389

National Eating Disorders Association (formerly Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention)

1(800) 931-2237

National Epilepsy Library

1(800) 332-4050

National Health Information Center

1(800) 336-4797

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Clearinghouse

1(877) 226-4267 (V)

National Patient Travel Helpline

1(800) 296-1217

Shriners Hospital for Children

1(800) 237-5055 (V)

United Ostomy Association

1(800) 826-0826 (V)

Vestibular Disorders Association

1(800) 837-8428

Williams Syndrome Association

1(800) 806-1871

MENTAL HEALTH

Anxiety Disorders Information, National Institute of Mental Health

1(888) 826-9438 (English/Spanish)

Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program, National Institute of Mental Health

1(866) 627-6464

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

1(800) 950-6264 (V, English/Spanish)

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed

1(800) 331-5362

National Foundation for Depressive Illness

1(800) 239-1265

National Hopeline Network

1(800) Suicide (784-2433) (English/Spanish)

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Hopeline

1(800) 784-2433

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Information Line

1(866) 615-6464

National Mental Health Association

1(800) 969-6642 (V); 1(800) 433-5959 (TTY)

National Mental Health Consumer Self-Help Clearinghouse

1(800) 553-4539 (English/Spanish)

National Mental Health Information Center (formerly
Knowledge Exchange Network)

1(800) 789-2647

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center

1(800) 539-7309

Courage Center

1(888) 8INTAKE (846-8253)

Craniofacial Foundation of America

1(800) 418-3223

Easter Seals—National Office

1(800) 221-6827 (V); 1(312) 726-4258 (TTY)

Human Growth Foundation

1(800) 451-6434 (V)

Muscular Dystrophy Association

1(800) 572-1717

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin
Diseases Information Clearinghouse

1(877) 226-4267 (V)

National Library Services for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped

1(800) 424-8567 (V)

National Spasmodic Torticollis Association

1(800) 487-8385

National Spinal Cord Injury Hotline

1(800) 962-9629 (V)

Pathways Awareness Foundation

1(800) 955-2445 (V)

RARE SYNDROMES

Genetic Alliance

1(800) 336-4363 (V)

Genetic & Rare Diseases Information Center

1(888) 205-2311

1(888) 205-3223 (TTY)

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

1(800) 999-6673 (V/TTY)

RECREATION

Adventures in Movement for the Handicapped

1(800) 332-8210 (V)

Best Buddies

1(800) 892-8339 (V)

Girl Scouts of the USA

1(800) 478-7248

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

1(800) 900-8086 (V/TTY)

National Lekotek Center's Toy Resource Helpline

1(800) 366-PLAY (V); 1(800) 573-4446 (TTY)

North American Riding for the Handicapped, Inc.

1(800) 369-7433 (V)

REHABILITATION

Abledata

1(800) 227-0216 (V/TTY)

ADED: Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists

1(800) 290-2344

National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials

1(800) 223-5219 (V)

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)

1(800) 346-2742

RESPITE CARE

Arch National Resource Center, National Respite Locator Service

1(800) 773-5433 (V)

RURAL

Rural Institute on Disabilities

1(800) 732-0323

SPECIFIC DISABILITIES

American Association on Mental Retardation

1(800) 424-3688 (outside DC area)

(202) 387-1968 (in DC)

American Behcet's Disease Association

1(800) 7-BEHCETS (723-42387)

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association (ALSA)

1(800) 782-4747 (for Patients)

Angelman Syndrome Foundation

1(800) 432-6435

Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation

1(800) 747-2820 (V)

Arthritis Foundation

1(800) 283-7800

Autism Society of America

1(800) 3-Autism (328-8476)

Beckwith Wiedemann Support Network

1(800) 837-2976

Brain Injury Association

1(800) 444-6443 (V)

Center for the Study and Treatment of Usher Syndrome

1(800) 835-1468 (V/TTY)

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity
Disorder (CHADD)

1(800) 233-4050

(301) 306-7070 (in DC metro area)

Cleft Palate Foundation

1(800) 242-5338

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation

1(800) 223-8355 (V); (860) 676-8166 (V; in CT)

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

1(800) 932-2423

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

1(800) 344-4823 (V)

Epilepsy Foundation—National Office

1(800) 332-1000 (V)

Family Empowerment Network: Support for Families
Affected by FAS/E

1(800) 462-5254

Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types

1(800) 545-3286

Huntington's Disease Society of America

1(800) 345-4372

International Dyslexia Association (formerly the Orton
Dyslexia Society)

1(800) 222-3123

International Rett Syndrome Association

1(800) 818-7388

Little People of America

1(888) 572-2001

Lyme Disease Foundation

1(800) 886-5963

Malignant Hyperthermia Association of the U.S.

1(800) 986-4287

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD)

1(800) 331-5362

National Center for Learning Disabilities

1(888) 575-7373

National Down Syndrome Congress

1(800) 232-6372 (V)

National Down Syndrome Society

1(800) 221-4602 (V; English/Spanish)

National Eating Disorders Association (formerly Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention)

1(800) 931-2237

National Fragile X Foundation

1(800) 688-8765 (V)

National Gaucher Foundation

1(800) 428-2437

National Lymphedema Network

1(800) 541-3259

National Marfan Foundation

1(800) 8-Marfan (862-7326)

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

1(800) 344-4867 (V; English/Spanish)

National Neurofibromatosis Foundation

1(800) 323-7938

National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation

1(877) 287-3672

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

1(800) 666-6327

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation

1(800) 233-7393 (V)

National Scoliosis Foundation

1(800) 673-6922 (V)

National Stuttering Association

1(800) 937-8888

National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, Inc.

1(800) 906-8723 (V)

Neurofibromatosis, Inc.

1(800) 942-6825

Nonverbal Learning Disorders Association

1(800) 570-0217

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation

1(800) 981-2663 (V)

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

1(800) 926-4797 (V)

Spina Bifida Association of America

1(800) 621-3141 (V; English/Spanish)

Sturge-Weber Foundation

1(800) 627-5482

Stuttering Foundation of America

1(800) 992-9392 (V)

Support Organization for Trisomy 17, 13, and Related Disorders

1(800) 716-7638

Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance (formerly National Tuberous Sclerosis Association)

1(800) 225-6872 (V)

United Cerebral Palsy Associations

1(800) 872-5827 (V)

United Leukodystrophy Foundation

1(800) 728-5483 (V)

Williams Syndrome Association

1(800) 806-1871

Wilson's Disease Association

1(800) 399-0266

SUICIDE PREVENTION

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

1(888) 333-2377

National Hopeline Network

1(800) SUICIDE (784-2433)

Nineline Crisis Hotline

1(800) 999-9999

(See also Mental Health resources)

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

Social Security Administration

1(800) 772-1213 (V; English/Spanish)

1(800) 325-0778 (TTY)

TRAUMA

American Trauma Society

1(800) 556-7890 (V)

1(800) 735-2258 (TTY)

Brain Injury Association

1(800) 444-6443 (V)

National Spinal Cord Injury Association

1(800) 962-9629 (V)

WISHES FOR CHILDREN

Believe in Tomorrow National Children's Foundation
(formerly the Grant-a-Wish Foundation)

1(800) 933-5470

Sunshine Foundation

1(800) 767-1976

Disability Publishers Offering Books, Videos, and Journals on Specific Disabilities, Special Education, Parenting, and Other Disability and Special Needs Topics

A

Academic Therapy Publications

Web: www.academictherapy.com/

This Web site offers books for all professionals working with children who have special needs. In addition, this publisher offers High Noon Books, which are written for high-interest/low-level readers. That is, students who are reading below their age level but prefer more age-appropriate subject matter.

ADD Warehouse

Web: www.addwarehouse.com

Developmental disorders, including attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, are this publisher's specialty. Browse through the books by category: kids, adults, parents, and teachers. Don't miss the videos. Some products are also available in Spanish.

Albert Whitman and Company

Web: www.awhitmanco.com

This publisher specializes in children's books and features stories for kids on asthma, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, and more.

Allyn & Bacon/Longman

Web: www.ablongman.com/

This publisher produces tons of materials on a variety of disability-related topics for teachers, teachers in training, and parents. Search by keyword to pinpoint what you are looking for.

B

Brookline Books

Web: www.brooklinebooks.com

This publisher offers three categories of disability books: assistive technology, general disability, and self-advocacy. The materials are for teachers, families, and young adults with disabilities.

Butte Publications Resources

Web: www.buttepublications.com/

At this publisher's site, you'll find educational materials for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, their parents, teachers, and other professionals in the field.

C

Canter and Associates

Web: www.canter.net

Click on “Canter Store” when you get to this Web site, and you’ll find a wealth of information. Products are broken down into categories for parents, teachers, and administrators. Or you can search by keyword.

Centering Corporation

Web: www.centering.org

This organization specializes in publications about grief and overcoming loss.

Childsworld/Childsplay

Web: www.childsworld.com

This publisher offers over 450 resources to address the social and emotional needs of children and adolescents. Their Web site has areas dedicated to disorders, research issues, teachers, parents, and mental health professionals.

Compact Clinicals

Web: www.compactclinicals.com

This publisher offers concise overviews on attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, aggressive and defiant behavior, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, and other conditions.

Corwin Press, Inc.

Web: www.corwinpress.com

Educators, administrators, and counselors, this publisher has products for you! Check out the books and journals listed on the Web site. Request a free catalog.

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

Web: www.cec.sped.org

CEC publishes almost exclusively on issues related to exceptional children, which includes both children with disabilities and children who are gifted. You can find a lot of guidance here about educating exceptional students.

D

Delmar Learning/Thomson Learning

Web: www.earlychilded.delmar.com/

This Web site features early childhood education products. Browse through the categories of books to find books on assessment, inclusion, and much more.

E

Educators Publishing Service

Web: www.epsbooks.com/#XYZ

At this site you will find books and workbooks for students from kindergarten through high school as well as students who are home-schooled. This publisher focuses on teacher-developed literacy products.

F

Free Spirit Publishing

Web: www.freespirit.com

This publisher offers books and other learning materials on learning differences (or learning disabilities) for kids, teens, teachers, and parents. Browse by category to find what you are looking for.

Future Horizons

Web: www.futurehorizons-autism.com

This is the site to visit if you are looking for products on autism, PDD, or Asperger's syndrome. They offer books, videos, and a magazine, as well as medical resources, and conference information.

G

Gallaudet University Press

Web: <http://gupress.gallaudet.edu>

This site is a one-stop shop for books on deaf and hard of hearing topics, including American Sign Language, deaf culture, parenting, special education, and more.

GSI Publications

Web: www.gsi-add.com

This site is chock full of ADHD products for parents, teachers, children with ADHD, and their siblings. Some materials are also available in Spanish.

Guilford Press

Web: www.guilford.com

Click on “ADHD Resources” to find lots of books and videos on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Also check the “Education” category for other disability-related resources. Some materials are also available in Spanish.

H

Heinle & Heinle/Thomson Learning

Web: www.heinle.com

This publisher specializes in ESL and ELT (English as a Second Language, and English Language Teaching) materials. Teachers and students can find products tailored to them.

J

Jason & Nordic Publishers

Web: www.jasonandnordic.com

This publisher offers an awesome series of children's books about what it's like to have a disability such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, or deafness. Some books are also available in an audio version.

John Wiley & Sons

Web: www.wiley.com

Check out the "Special Education" category (within the "Education" section) to find over 20 different books for teachers on teaching special-needs kids.

L

L&A Publishing

Web: www.lapublishing.com

This publisher offers tons of reader-friendly information on brain injury in children and adults. Check out the resources for survivors, parents, kids, siblings, teachers, advocates, and counselors.

LRP Publications

Web: www.lrp.com

LRP offers lots of legal information regarding special education. On their site, you can sign up for free Special Ed e-news—short e-mail newsletters giving you significant case decisions, important developments in the special education community, and updates on LRP’s new products. Also visit their special education store to find resources on IDEA, inclusion and more.

Lawrence Erlbaum Associates

Web: www.erlbaum.com

Education professionals will find over 50 resources of interest at this publisher’s site when they search by “special education.” Topics covered include learning disabilities, multiculturalism, and educational placement.

Love Publishing

Web: www.lovepublishing.com

Click on “special education” at this publisher’s Web site to find a categorical list of special-needs resources, including behavior, early intervention, special education law, and much more.

M

Magination Press

Web: www.maginationpress.com

This publisher features special books for children's special concerns. Written for ages 4 through 18 years, these books range in topic from autism and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder to medical problems and self-esteem. This is a great site for hard-to-find children books.

Master Teacher

Web: www.masterteacher.com

This publisher has great special education resources for teachers, principals, administrators, and paraeducators (also called teacher aides).

N

Nolo Press

Web: www.nolo.com

This publisher offers easy-to-read legal information. Search by "special education" to find the products that would be of interest to you.

O

Open Minds

Web: www.openmindsinc.com

This publisher focuses on children's literature that celebrates differences and models inclusion. Materials are available in

series sets that can easily be used in the classroom—fiction books, student journals, and parent and teacher guides.

P

Paul H. Brookes

Web: www.brookespublishing.com

This publisher is a gold mine of special needs materials, useful particularly to professionals, with some parent materials scattered throughout. They publish research-based resources in developmental and learning disabilities, early intervention, child development, language and literacy, special and inclusive education, community supports and services, mental health, and behavior.

Peachtree Publications

Web: www.peachtree-online.com

Check out the children and young adult's section of this publisher's Web site. You'll find great children's books covering topics such as deafness, getting a prosthetic hand, and using a wheelchair.

Peytral Publications

Web: www.peytral.com

This publisher has a great bunch of publications for parents, teachers, paraeducators and more on various disability and special education materials.

Prentice Hall/Pearson Education

Web: <http://vig.prenhall.com>

Special educators in training will find tons of resources at this publisher's site. Select "special education" under the Discipline Finder and you'll get over 20 subcategories of special education topics, including behavior management, families in special education, special education law.

Pro-Ed, Inc.

Web: www.proedinc.com

Visit this site to find the resources this publisher provides on speech, language, and hearing; psychology and counseling; special education; early childhood intervention; and occupational and physical therapy.

Psy-Ed Corporation

Web: www.exceptionalparent.com

Psy-Ed Corporation publishes Exceptional Parent, a magazine published primarily for parents of children with special needs.

S

SAGE Publications

Web: www.sagepub.com

This publisher offers a wide range of publications geared toward teachers and teachers in training. Search by “special education” or “disability” to find books suited to your interests.

Scholastic, Inc.

Web: www.scholastic.com/index.asp

This site has numerous disability-related materials. Search by “disabilities” or “special needs,” and you’ll find tons of books, articles, and other products.

Sensory Resources

Web: www.sensoryresources.com/

Parents, teachers, and therapists will love the hard-to-find resources on sensory integration and sensory processing that are available through this site. Children with autism spectrum disorders often have sensory issues.

Sopris West

Web: www.sopriswest.com

Education professionals and parents: This publisher specializes in practical products aimed at helping students with their behavior, social skills, and academics. You’ll find books, journals, curricula, and more on a variety of topics, including behavior management, inclusion, reading, and social skills. Search the online catalog or request a free publications catalog.

Special Kids

Web: www.specialkids1.com

Special Kids produces educational videotapes and picture books aimed at children who have autism, Down syndrome, PDD, Asperger's syndrome, or learning disabilities. This site also has tons of links to other good resources.

W

Woodbine House

Web: www.woodbinehouse.com/

You'll find a real treasure chest of special needs products here. This publisher offers "The Special-Needs Collection"—60 books on disabilities and related topics for parents, children, and professionals.

Disability-Related Resources of Agencies and Organizations in the United States That Address Disability-Related Issues, Listed by States

ABOUT THE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The agencies and organizations listed in this section provide assistance to people with disabilities and their families. Some are national, with offices in each state or territory. Others are organized by region, and yet others are unique to their communities. In the individual state listings, you'll find their names and addresses and, in many cases, the names of contact persons.

State Education Department

The State Department staff can answer questions about special education and related services in your state. Many states have special manuals explaining the steps to take. Check to see if one is available. State Department officials are responsible for special education and related services programs in their state for preschool, elementary-school-, and secondary-school-aged children.

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

The state vocational rehabilitation agency provides medical, therapeutic, counseling, education, training, and other services needed to prepare people with disabilities for work. This state agency can provide you with the address of the

nearest rehabilitation office where you can discuss issues of eligibility and services with a counselor. The state vocational rehabilitation agency can also refer you to independent living programs available in your state. Independent living programs provide services which enable adults with disabilities to live productively as members of their communities. The services might include, but are not limited to, information and referral, peer counseling, workshops, attendant care, and technical assistance.

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for Students With Disabilities

States receiving federal funds used for vocational education must ensure that funding is used in programs which include students with disabilities. This office can tell you how your state funds are being used and provide you with information on current programs.

State Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies

The functions of state mental retardation and developmental disabilities agencies vary from state to state. The general purpose of these offices is to plan, administer, and develop standards for state and local mental retardation and developmental disabilities programs provided in state-operated facilities and community-based programs. These offices provide information about available services to families, consumers, educators, and other professionals.

State Developmental Disabilities Council

Assisted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Developmental Disabilities, state councils plan and advocate for improvement in services for people with developmental disabilities. In addition, funding is made available for time-limited demonstration and stimulatory grant projects.

State Mental Health Agencies

The functions of state mental health agencies vary from state to state. The general purposes of these offices are to plan, administer, and develop standards for state and local mental health programs, such as state hospitals and community health centers. They can provide information to the consumer about mental illness and resource lists of contacts where you can go for help.

Protection and Advocacy Agency and Client Assistance Program

Protection and advocacy systems are responsible for pursuing legal, administrative, and other remedies to protect the rights of people who have developmental disabilities or mental illness, regardless of their age. Protection and advocacy agencies may provide information about health, residential, and social services in your area. Legal assistance is also available. The client assistance program provides assistance to individuals seeking and receiving vocational rehabilitation services. These services, provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, include assisting in the pursuit of legal, administrative, and other appropriate remedies to ensure the protection of the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Maternal and Child Health Bureau provides grants to states for direct medical and related services to children with handicapping conditions. Although services will vary from state to state, additional programs may be funded for training, research, special projects, genetic disease testing, and counseling services. For additional information about current grants and programs in your state, contact

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health

Georgetown University

Box 571272

Washington, DC 20057

(202) 784-9770

E-mail: mchlibrary@ncemch.org

Web: www.ncemch.org

University Centers for Excellence In Developmental Disabilities

A national network of programs affiliated with universities and teaching hospitals, the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (formerly called University Affiliated Programs) engage in research, education, and service designed to further independence, productivity, and

full community participation of people with developmental disabilities. The centers train professional leaders, individuals with disabilities, and family members in fields such as early intervention and education, health care, special education, and innovative housing and employment programs.

You can obtain information about the university centers, as well as a listing of them, by contacting

Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 920

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 588-8252

www.aucd.org

Parent Training and Information Centers

Each state has a parent training and information center (PTI) that is funded through our nation's special education law, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). PTIs are a valuable resource for parents. They provide training and information on different disabilities, educational rights under the law, how to work with the schools, where to find resources in your state and community, and much more.

The following listings, state by state alphabetically, include specific information in five areas:

- U.S. senators, governors, and official Web sites

- State agencies serving children and youth with disabilities
- State chapters of disability organizations and parent groups
- Parent training and information projects
- Other useful associations and organizations

ALABAMA

Alabama—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Jeff Sessions (R)

335 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4124

(202) 224-3149 (Fax)

E-mail: senator@sessions.senate.gov

Web: <http://sessions.senate.gov>

Honorable Richard C. Shelby (R)

110 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-5744

(202) 224-3416 (Fax)

E-mail: senator@shelby.senate.gov

Web: <http://shelby.senate.gov>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 224-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Robert Bentley

State Capitol

600 Dexter Avenue

Montgomery, AL 36130-2751

(334) 242-7100

Web: www.governor.state.al.us/

Official State Web Site

Web: www.alabama.gov/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Crystal Richardson

Gordon Persons Building, Room 3346

50 North Ripley St.

Montgomery, AL 36104-3833

(334) 242-8114

E-mail: crystalr@alsde.edu

Web: www.alsde.edu/

Alabama has been removed from the requirements of No Child Left Behind Act as of 2013.

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Alabama’s Early Intervention System

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Division of Early Intervention

Elizabeth Prince, Part C Coordinator

602 South Lawrence Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

(334) 293-7166

E-mail: betsy.prince@rehab.alabama.gov

Web: <http://rehab.alabama.gov/individuals-and-families/early-intervention/>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: Ages 3–5 Years

Contact State Department of Education: Special Education

Jan Enstrom, Interim 619 Coordinator

Education Specialist

PO Box 302101

Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

(334) 242-8114

E-mail: jane@alsde.edu

Web: <http://web.alsde.edu/home/Sections/SectionInfo.aspx?SectionID=65>

Coordinator for Transition Services

DaLee Chambers, Director of Transition Initiative

Special Education Services

Alabama State Department of Education

P.O. Box 302101

Montgomery, AL 36130

(334) 242-8114

Web: www.alsde.edu/html/sections/documents.asp

Office of State Career and Technical Education

Career/Technical Education

Alabama State Department of Education

Nancy Beggs, Director

Gordon Persons Building, Room 5239

P.O. Box 302101

Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

(334) 242-9111

E-mail: nbeggs@alsde.edu

Web: www.alsde.edu/

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Steve Lafreniere, Director

Office of Children's Services

Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

P.O. Box 301410

Montgomery, AL 36130-1410

(334) 353-7110

E-mail: slafreniere@mh.state.al.us

Web: www.mh.state.al.us

State Mental Retardation Program

Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental
Retardation

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities

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Web: <http://acdd.org>

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP)

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0395

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Client Assistance Program

Department of Rehabilitation Services

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

Children's Rehabilitation Service

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(334) 281-8780; (800) 441-7607

(800) 846-3697 (in AL)

E-mail: cboswell@rehab.state.al.us

Web: www.rehab.state.al.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Children's Health Insurance Program

Gayle Lees Sandlin, Director

Alabama Department of Public Health

201 Monroe Street, Suite 250

Montgomery, AL 36104

(334) 206-5568; (877) 774-9521

Web: www.adph.org/allkids/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

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Department of Rehabilitation Services

Division of Early Intervention

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Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 548-2547 (V)

(800) 548-2546 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(888) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech-English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech-Spanish)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance
Center

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490 10th Street

Atlanta, GA 30318

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Web: www.sedbtac.org

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(800) 205-9986 (Alabama's Toll Free Hotline for ADA Information)

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Web: www.rehab.state.al.us/ada

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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Birmingham, AL 35294-0021

(205) 934-8900; (800) 822-2472

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Technology-Related Assistance

STAR (Statewide Technology Access and Response for
Alabamians With Disabilities)

Ted Bridges, Executive Director

2125 East South Boulevard

P.O. Box 20752

Montgomery, AL 36120-0752

(334) 613-3480; (334) 613-3519 (TTY)

(800) 782-7656 (In AL)

Web: www.rehab.state.al.us/star

Technology Assistance for Special Consumers (TASC)

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Huntsville, AL 35804

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Web: <http://tasc.ataccess.org>

State Mediation System

Alabama Department of Education

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Web: www.alsde.edu

Respite Care

The Alabama Respite Resource Network

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Web: <http://alabamarespite.org>

Special Format Library

Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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Montgomery, AL 36130-6000

(334) 213-3906, ext. 921; (800) 392-5671

(334) 213-3900 (TTY)

E-mail: fzaleski@apls.state.al.us

Web: <http://apls.state.al.us/webpages/services>

Alabama—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Alabama, contact

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Autism

Autism Society of Alabama

Jennifer Muller, Executive Director

3100 Lorna Road, Suite 132

Birmingham, AL 35216

(205) 824-6734; (877) 4AUTISM

E-mail: director@autism-alabama.org

Web: www.autism-alabama.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–National Literacy Center

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100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

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Web: www.afb.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham

Hand In Hand: A Learning Environment for Children

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(205) 944-3939; (800) 654-4483

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Web: <http://ucpbham.com>

United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile, Inc.

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Mobile, AL 36607

(251) 479-4900; (888) 630-7102

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Web: <http://www.ucpmobile.org/>

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of North and Central Alabama

Judith Lindsay Adamson, Executive Director

701 37th Street South, Suite 8

Birmingham, AL 35222

(205) 324-4222; (800) 950-6662 (In AL)

E-mail: epilepsy@aol.com

Web: www.epilepsyfoundation.org/local/ncalabama

Epilepsy Foundation of South Alabama

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Head Injury

Alabama Head Injury Foundation

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Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama

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Mental Health

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Mental Retardation

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Speech and Hearing

Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama

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Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Alabama

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Birmingham, AL 35213-0538

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Alabama—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Mavis Smith, Director

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600 Bel Air Boulevard, Suite 210

P.O. Box 161274

Mobile, AL 36616-2274

(251) 478-1208; (800) 222-7322 (In AL)

E-mail: seacofmobile@seacpac.com

Web: www.seacparentassistancecenter.com/

Partners in Policymaking of Alabama

100 N. Union Street

Montgomery, AL 36130-1410

(256) 765-3895; (800) 846-3735

Web: <http://acdd.org>

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Lori Farsheé, Executive Director

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Montgomery, AL 36104-4330

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Alabama—Other Disability Organizations

Alabama Association for Persons in Supported Employment

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Easter Seals Alabama

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Montgomery, AL 36117-1935

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Web: www.easter-seals.org

Lakeshore Foundation

Jeff Underwood, President/CEO

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Web: www.lakeshore.org

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Office of Special Education

Alaska Department of Education

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Alaska received a waiver from the government in 2013 and no longer has a NCLB program.

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Laurie Thomas, Early Intervention Manager/Part C Coordinator

Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs Office of Children's Services

323 East 4th Avenue

PO Box 240249

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 269-3423

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Web: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/infantlearning/default.aspx>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Cassidy Jones, 619 Coordinator

Education Specialist II

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for Students With Disabilities

Office of Career and Technical Education

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State Mental Health Agency

Division of Behavioral Health

Department of Health and Social Services

P.O. Box 110620

Juneau, AK 99811-0620

(907) 465-3370; (907) 465-2225 (TTY)

Web: www.hss.state.ak.us/dbh

Alaska Mental Health Board

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Web: www.hss.state.ak.us

State Mental Retardation Program (for children 6 and under)

Division of Senior and Disabilities Services

Leanna Rein, Children With Complex Medical Conditions
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Anchorage, AK 99503

(907) 269-3666; (800) 478-9996

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State Mental Retardation Program (for children 6 and older)

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

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Web: www.hss.state.ak.us/gcdse

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Disability Law Center of Alaska

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3330 Arctic Boulevard, Suite 103

Anchorage, AK 99503

(907) 344-1002; (907) 565-1002 (V/TTY)

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Client Assistance Program

ASIST, Inc.

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2900 Boniface Parkway, Suite 100

Anchorage, AK 99504-3195

(907) 333-2211 (V/TTY); (800) 478-0047 (V/TTY)

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Health Care Programs for Children With Special Needs

State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Special Needs Services Unit

3601 C Street, Suite 934

P.O. Box 240249

Anchorage, AK 99524-0249

(907) 269-3419; (800) 799-7570

Web: www.hss.state.ak.us

The Stone Soup Group

2401 E. 42nd Avenue, Suite 200

Anchorage, AK 99508

(907) 561-3701

E-mail: ssg@stonesoupgroup.org

Web: www.stonesoupgroup.org

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Denali KidCare

P.O. Box 110601

Juneau, AK 99811-0801

(907) 465-1696

Web: www.hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/DenaliKidCare/default.htm

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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Web: www.state.ak.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 770-8255 (V)

(800) 770-8973 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(866) 355-6198 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually
Impaired

Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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E-mail: kent_ireton@labor.state.ak.us

Web: <http://labor.alaska.gov/dvr/home.htm>

Program for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Alaska Dual Sensory Impairment Service

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2217 E. Tudor Road, Suite 1

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(907) 562-7372; (907) 563-8284 (TTY)

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Regional ADA Disability and Business Technical Assistance
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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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Special Format Library

Alaska State Library

Talking Book Center

Patience Frederiksen, Librarian

344 W. Third Avenue, Suite 125

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 269-6575; (800) 776-6566

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Web: www.library.state.ak.us/dev/tbc.html

Alaska—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Alaska, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Alaska, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

For pertinent services in Alaska, contact

American Foundation for the Blind

Gil Johnson, Director

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Cerebral Palsy

UCP of Alaska/Parents Inc.

4743 E. Northern Lights Boulevard

Anchorage, AK 99508

(907) 337-7678

E-mail: parents@parentsinc.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Alaska

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Mental Health

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Mental Retardation

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Speech and Language

Alaska Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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Alaska—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Project

PARENTS, Inc.

Sonja Bolling, Executive Director

4743 E. Northern Lights Boulevard

Anchorage, AK 99508

(907) 337-7678 (V/TTY); (800) 478-7678 (in AK only)

E-mail: parents@parentsinc.org

Web: www.parentsinc.org

Community Parent Resource Center

LINKS Mat-Su Parent Resource Center

HC01 Box 6389

Palmer, AK 99645

(907) 373-3632; (907) 373-3652

E-mail: linksdf@gci.net

Web: www.linksprc.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Alaska Congress of Parents and Teachers

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Anchorage, AK 99520-1496

(907) 279-9345

E-mail: ak_office@pta.org

Web: www.alaskapta.org

Independent Living

For information about the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Alaska, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

For information on centers for independent living (CILs) in Alaska, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

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Web: www.ade.az.gov

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

NCLB

(602)364-1842

E-mail: hqtteachers@azed.gov

Web: <http://www2.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)

Karie Taylor, Part C Coordinator

Department of Economic Security

3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 304

Site Code #801 A-6

Phoenix, AZ 85012

(602) 532-9960

E-mail: KTaylor@azdes.gov

Web: <https://www.azdes.gov/main.aspx?menu=98&id=3026>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Exceptional Student Services

Nicol Russell, 619 Coordinator

Arizona Department of Education

1535 West Jefferson, Bin #15

Phoenix, AZ 85007

E-mail: nicol.russell@azed.gov

Web: <http://www.azed.gov/early-childhood/preschool/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Rehabilitation Services Administration

Department of Economic Security

Skip Bingham, Administrator

1789 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor, NW (930A)

Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 542-3332; (800) 563-1221

E-mail: sbingham@azdes.gov

Web: https://www.azdes.gov/rehabilitation_services/

Coordinator for Transition Services

Christine Fuller

Rehabilitation Services Administration

Department of Economic Security

3221 N. 16th Street, Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85016

(602) 266-6752

E-mail: cfuller@azdes.org

Web: www.de.state.az.us/rsa

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Leslie Schwalbe, Deputy Director

Division of Behavioral Health Services

Department of Health Services

150 N. 18th Avenue, 2nd Floor

Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 364-4558

E-mail: lschwal@hs.state.az.us

Web: www.hs.state.az.us/bhs/index.htm

State Developmental Disabilities Program

Department of Economic Security

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Ric Zaharia, Assistant Director

P.O. Box 6123, Site Code (791A)

Phoenix, AZ 85005

(602) 542-0419

Web: https://www.azdes.gov/developmental_disabilities/

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

Jami Snyder, Executive Director

3839 North Third Street, Suite 306

Phoenix, Arizona 85012

602-277-4986

E-mail: jsnyder@azdes.gov

Web: <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/cdm/ref/collection/statepubs/id/2393>

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Arizona Center for Disability Law

J.J. Rico, Interim Executive Director

5025 E. Washington Street, Suite 202

Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 274-6287 (V / TTY)

E-mail: center@azdisabilitylaw.org

Web: www.acdl.com

Native American Protection and Advocacy Project

Therese E. Yanan, Director

3535 E. 30th Street, Suite 201

Farmington, NM 87402

(505) 566-5880; (800) 862-7271

E-mail: tyanan@napap.org

Web: www.dnalegalservices.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact the Protection and Advocacy agencies listed previously.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Office for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Department of Health Services

Cathryn Echeverria, Chief

150 N. 18th Ave. #320

Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 542-1860; (800) 232-1676

E-mail: cecheve@hs.state.az.us

Web: <http://azdhs.gov/phs/owch/ocshcn/>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

KidsCare

920 E. Madison

MD 500

Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 417-5437; (877) 764-5437

Web: www.kidscare.state.az.us/English/Default.asp

Programs for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

Sherri Collins, Executive Director

100 N. 15th Avenue, Suite 104

Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 542-3323 (V); (800) 352-8161 (V/TTY)

(602) 364-0990 (TTY)

E-mail: info@acdhh.az.gov

Web: www.acdhh.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 842-4681 (V)

(800) 367-8939 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 842-6520 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually
Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Dr. Marv Lamer, Interim Superintendent

P.O. Box 88510

Tucson, AZ 85754

(520) 770-3704

E-mail: Mary.Fult@asdb.az.gov

Web: www.asdb.state.az.us

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Pacific Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center

Erica C. Jones, Director

Public Health Institute

555 12th Street, Suite 1030

Oakland, CA 94607-4046

(510) 285-5600 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adatech@pdbtac.com

Web: <http://www.adapacific.org/>

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Institute for Human Development

Richard Carroll, Executive Director

Northern Arizona University

P.O. Box 5630

Flagstaff, AZ 86011

(928) 523-4791

E-mail: ihd.uap@nau.edu

Web: <http://nau.edu/sbs/ihd/>

Technology-Related Assistance

Arizona Technology Access Program (AZTAP)

Jill S. Pleasant, Director

Randy Collins, Outreach/Training Coordinator

Ed Myers, Policy and Funding Specialist

Northern Arizona University

2400 N. Central Avenue, Suite 300

Phoenix, AZ 85004

(602) 728-9534; (602) 728-9536 (TTY)

(800) 477-9921 (toll-free)

E-mail: jill.pleasant@nau.edu

Web: www.nau.edu/ihd/aztap/

State Mediation System

Arizona Department of Education

Exceptional Student Services

Dr. Hugh Pace, Education Program Specialist

400 W. Congress, Suite 241

Tucson, AZ 85701

(520) 628-6616

E-mail: hpace@ade.az.gov

Web: www.ade.az.gov

Special Format Library

Arizona State Library

Archives and Public Records

Braille and Talking Book Division

Linda A. Montgomery, Director

1030 N. 32nd Street

Phoenix, AZ 85008

(602) 255-5578; (800) 255-5578

E-mail: btbl@lib.az.us

Web: www.lib.az.us/braille/

Arizona—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Arizona, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

4601 Presidents Drive, Suite 300

Lanham, MD 20706

(301) 306-7070; (800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 103

Denver PA 17517

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Southwest Autism Research Center

Emily Chappell, Executive Director

1002 E. McDowell, Suite A

Phoenix, AZ 85006

(602) 340-8717; (877) 752-7272

E-mail: sarrc@autismcenter.org

Web: www.autismcenter.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

Foundation for Blind Children

Chris Tompkins, Executive Director

1235 E. Harmont Drive

Phoenix, AZ 85020

(602) 331-1470

E-mail: ctompkins@the-fbc.org

Web: <https://www.seeitourway.org/>

American Foundation for the Blind–West

Gil Johnson, Director

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona

Rebecca Armendariz, President

5025 E. Washington Street, Suite 108

Phoenix, Arizona 85034

(602) 323-9165; (888) 305-0073

E-mail: info@biaaz.phxcoxmail.com

Web: www.biaaz.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arizona

Guy Collison, President

1802 W. Parkside Lane

Phoenix, AZ 85027

(602) 943-5472

E-mail: info@ucpofaz.org

Web: www.ucpofaz.org

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Network, Inc.

4025 E. Chandler Boulevard-#70-C3

Phoenix AZ 85048

(480) 759-9150, Fax (480) 759-9180

E-mail: info@dsnetworkaz.org

Web: www.dsnetworkaz.org

Sharing Down Syndrome Arizona, Inc.

Gina Johnson, President/Founder

745 N. Gilbert Road, #124 PMB 273

Gilbert, AZ 85234

(480) 926-6500

(480) 980-3515 (Spanish)

E-mail: gina@sharingds.org

Web: www.sharingds.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona

Mary Macleish, Executive Director

240 W. Thomas Road, 2nd Floor

Phoenix, Arizona 85013-4407

(602) 406-3581; (888) 768-2690

E-mail: mmaclei@chw.edu

Web: <http://www.epilepsy.com/arizona>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Arizona

18001 N. 79th Avenue, Building E-71

Glendale, AZ 85308

(623) 975-4551

E-mail: dotcrawford@cox.net

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Arizona

Tiffany Bock, Executive Director

6411 E. Thomas Road

Scottsdale, AZ 85251

(480) 994-4407

E-mail: tbock@mhaarizona.org

Web: www.mhaarizona.org

Arizona Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Sue Davis, Executive Director

NAMI Arizona

5025 E. Washington Street

Suite # 112

Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 244-8166; (800) 626-5022

E-mail: azami@azami.org

Web: <http://www.namiaz.com/>

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Arizona, Inc.

Jon Meyers, Executive Director

PO Box 90714

Phoenix, AZ 85066

(602) 234-2721; (800) 252-9054

E-mail: arc@arcarizona.org

Web: www.arcarizona.org

Speech and Hearing

Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Tori Micoliczyk, Assistant to ArSHA

P.O. Box 30988

Phoenix, AZ 85046

(602) 354-8062; (800) 705-7510

E-mail: office@arsha.org

Spina Bifida

Arizona Spina Bifida Association Inc.

1001 E. Fairmont Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85014-4806

(602) 274-3323

E-mail: office@azspinabifida.org

Web: www.azspinabifida.org

Arizona—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Raising Special Kids

Joyce Millard-Hoie, Executive Director

2400 N. Central Avenue, Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85004-1313

(602) 242-4366; (800) 237-3007 (in AZ only)

E-mail: info@raisingspecialkids.org

Web: www.raisingspecialkids.org

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona

Lynn Kallis, Executive Director

2600 N. Wyatt Drive

Tucson, AZ 85712

(520) 324-3150; (877) 365-7220

E-mail: lynn@pilotparents.org

Web: www.pilotparents.org

Parent-to-Parent

Contact Parent Training and Information Center listed previously.

Partners in Policymaking

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona

Lynn Kallis, Executive Director

2600 N. Wyatt Drive

Tucson, AZ 85712

(520) 324-3150; (877) 365-7220

E-mail: lynn@pilotparents.org

Web: www.pilotparents.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Arizona Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Lucy Ranus, President

2721 N. 7th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 279-1811

E-mail: az_office@pta.org

Web: www.azpta.org

Other Parent Organizations

Parent Information Network

Exceptional Student Services

Department of Education

Rita Kenison, Child Find Coordinator

1535 W. Jefferson

Phoenix, AZ 85007

(602) 364-4015; (800) 352-4558

E-mail: Rkeniso@ade.az.gov

Web: <http://www.azed.gov/special-education/deputy-associate-superintendent/parent-information-network/>

Arizona—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Arizona

Michael Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Brian Patchett, Vice President of Programs

2075 S. Cottonwood Drive

Tempe, AZ 85282

(480) 222-4100; (800) 626-6061

E-mail: frontdesk@azseals.org

Web: www.eastersealsarizona.org

Community Information & Referral Services

Adrienne Howell, President

2200 N Central Ave Ste 211

Phoenix, AZ 85004-1431

877-211-8661

E-mail: firstcall@cirs.org

Web: www.cirs.org

VSA Arts of Arizona

Barbara Yorkis, Executive Director

3321 N. Chapel Avenue

Tucson, AZ 85716

(520) 795-6502

E-mail: vsaa@mindspring.com

Web: <http://www.vsaaz.org/>

Independent Living

For information on the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Arizona, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

For information on centers for independent living (CILs) in Arizona, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

ARKANSAS

Arkansas—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable John Boozman (R)

320 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4843

(202) 224-6435 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://lincoln.senate.gov/webform.html>

Web: <http://www.boozman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me>

Honorable Mark Pryor (D)

255 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-2353

(202) 228-3973 (Fax)

E-mail: mark_pryor@pryor.senate.gov

Web: <http://pryor.senate.gov/>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904(TTY)

Governor

Honorable Mike Beebe

Governor's Office

State Capitol

500 Woodlane Street, Suite 250

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 682-2345

E-mail form available on Governor's Web site.

Web: www.arkansas.gov/governor

Official State Web Site

Web: www.accessarkansas.org/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Special Education

Arkansas Department of Education

Marcia Harding, Associate Director

1401 W. Capitol, Suite 450

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 682-4221

E-mail: mharding@arkedu.k12.ar.us

Web: <http://www.arkansased.org/>

State Coordinator for ESEA (Elementary Secondary Education Act)

Annette Barnes, Assistant Commissioner

Division of Public School Accountability

Arkansas Department of Education

#4 Capitol Mall, Room 205-B

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 682-1298

E-mail: annette.barneslewis@arkansas.gov

Web: <http://www.arkansased.org/esea-flexibility>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

Department of Human Services

Tracy Turner, Part C Coordinator

PO Box 1437, Slot N504

Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

(501) 682-8703

E-mail: tracy.turner@dhs.arkansas.gov

Web: <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/ddds/Pages/default.aspx>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Preschool Programs, Special Education Unit

Sandra K. Reifeiss, Early Childhood Program Director

Arkansas Department of Education

1401 W. Capitol, Suite 450

Little Rock, AR 72201-2936

(501) 682-4225

E-mail: sandra.reifeiss@arkansas.gov

Web: <http://arksped.k12.ar.us>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Department of Workforce Education

John C. Wyvill, Commissioner

1616 Brookwood Drive

P.O. Box 3781

Little Rock, AR 72203-3781

(501) 296-1616

E-mail: JCWyvill@ARS.state.ar.us

Web: www.arsinfo.org

Department of Human Services

Division of Services for the Blind

James C. Hudson, Director

700 Main Street, S101

P.O. Box 3237

Little Rock, AR 72203

(501) 682-5463; (800) 960-9270

(501) 682-0093 (TTY)

E-mail: jim.hudson@arkansas.gov

Web: www.state.ar.us/dhs/dsb

Coordinator for Transition Services

Arkansas Department of Education

Special Education

Brook Charton, Transition Coordinator

950 Hogan Lane, Suite 5

Conway, AR 72034

(501) 329-7400

E-mail: bcharton@conwaycorp.net

Web: www.acc.k12.ar.us/transition

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Office of Support for Special Populations

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education

Teresa Dow, Program Manager

#3 Capitol Mall

Little Rock, AR 72201-1083

(501) 682-1800

E-mail: teresa.dow@arkansas.gov

Web: <http://dwe.arkansas.gov>

State Mental Health Agency

Division of Behavioral Health Services

Pat Dahlgren, Director

4313 W. Markham Street

Little Rock, AR 72205

(501) 686-9164

E-mail: pat.dahlgren@arkansas.gov

Web: www.state.ar.us/dhs/dmhs

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Anne Wells, Assistant Director

Division of Mental Health Services

4313 W. Markham Street

Little Rock, AR 72205

(501) 686-9489

E-mail: anne.wells@arkansas.gov

Web: www.state.ar.us/dhs/dmhs

State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

Department of Human Services

James “Charlie” Green, Director

P.O. Box 1437, Slot N501, 7th and Main Streets, 5th Floor

Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

(501) 682-8665; (501) 682-1332 (TTY)

E-mail: charlie.green1@arkansas.gov

Web: www.state.ar.us/dhs/ddds

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council

Wilma Stewart, Coordinator

Freeway Medical Tower

5800 W. 10th, Suite 805

Little Rock, AR 72204

(501) 661-2589

E-mail: wstewart@healthyarkansas.com

Web: www.ddcouncil.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Disability Rights Center

Nan Ellen East, Executive Director

1100 N. University, Suite 201

Little Rock, AR 72207

(501) 296-1775 (V/TTY); (800) 482-1174 (V/TTY)

E-mail: panda@arkdisabilityrights.org

Web: www.arkdisabilityrights.org/

Client Assistance Program

Disability Rights Center

Eddie Miller, CAP Director

1100 N. University, Suite 201

Little Rock, AR 72207

(501) 296-1775 (V/TTY); (800) 482-1174

E-mail: panda@arkdisabilityrights.org

Web: www.arkdisabilityrights.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Medical Services

Gilbert Buchanan, Medical Director

Department of Human Services

P.O. Box 1437, Slot S380

Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

(501) 682-2277; (800) 482-5850, ext. 22277 (in AR)

E-mail: gil.buchanan@arkansas.gov

Web: www.medicaid.state.ar.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

ARKids

Division of Medical Services

Arkansas Department of Human Services

P.O. Box 1437 (S295)

Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

(888) 474-8275

Web: www.arkidsfirst.com/home.htm

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Deaf ACCESS

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

4601 W. Markham

Little Rock, AR 72205

(501) 686-9680; (501) 686-9836 (TTY)

Web: www.arsinfo.org/deafaccess.html

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 285-1121 (V)

(800) 285-1131 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(866) 565-9823 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Educational Services for the Visually Impaired

Arkansas Department of Education

2402 Wildwood Avenue, Suite 112

Sherwood, AR 72120

(501) 835-5448

E-mail: jima@esvi.org

Web: www.esvi.org

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Disability Law Resource Project

Wendy Wilkinson, Director

2323 S. Shepard Boulevard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dlrp@ilru.org

Web: www.dlrp.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities Education, Research and Service

Partners for Inclusive Communities

Mark Swanson, Director

2001 Pershing Circle, Suite 300

North Little Rock, AR 72114-1841

(501) 682-9900; (800) 342-2923

E-mail: swansonmarke@uams.edu

Web: www.uams.edu/UAP/

Technology-Related Assistance

Arkansas Increasing Capabilities Access Network

Barbara Gullett, Project Director

2201 Brookwood, Suite 117

Little Rock, AR 72202

(501) 666-8868 (V/TTY); (800) 828-2799 (in AR)

Web: www.arkansas-ICAN.org

State Mediation System

State Department of Education, Special Education

Tom Hicks, Special Education Program Manager

State Education Building C, Room 105

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 682-4221

E-mail: thicks@arkedu.k12.ar.us

Special Format Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

John J. D. Hall, Librarian

One Capitol Mall

Little Rock, AR 72201-1081

(501) 682-1155; (866) 660-0885 (in AR)

(501) 682-1002(TTY)

E-mail: nlsbooks@asl.lib.ar.us

Web: <http://www.library.arkansas.gov/libraryForTheBlind/Pages/default.aspx>

Arkansas—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Arkansas, contact one of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Attention Deficit Disorders Association–Southern Region

12345 Jones Road, Suite 287-7

Houston, TX 77070

(281) 897-0982

E-mail: addaoffice@pda.net

Web: www.adda-sr.org

Autism

Arkansas Autism Society

2001 Pershing Circle, 3rd Floor

N. Little Rock, AR 72114

(501) 682-9930; (800) 342-2923

E-mail: comments@arautism.org

Web: www.arautism.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

(214) 352-7222

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Arkansas

Mary Anne Sullivan, President

525 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 1533

P. O. Box 26236

Little Rock, AR 72221-6236

(501) 374-3585; (800) 235-2443

E-mail: info@brainassociation.org

Web: www.brainassociation.org

Cerebral Palsy

UCP of Arkansas

Edmond A. Benton, President

9720 N. Rodney Parham Road

Little Rock, AR 72227

(501) 224-6067; (800) 228-6174

E-mail: info@ucpcark.org

Web: www.ucpcark.org

Deaf-Blindness

Arkansas Project for Children With Deaf-Blindness

Lou Kirkpatrick, Project Coordinator

1401 W. Capitol, Suite 450

Little Rock, AR 72201-2936

(501) 682-4222; (501) 682-2380 (TTY)

E-mail: lkirkpatrick@arkedu.k12.ar.us

Web: <http://acc.k12.ar.us/ade/db.htm>

Deafness/Hard of Hearing

Arkansas Association for Hearing Impaired Children

Karen Lutrick, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2007

Benton, AR 72018-2007

(501) 316-2442; (877) 504-5778

E-mail: aahic@aristotle.net

Web: <http://aahic.org>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Arkansas

7509 Cantrell, Suite 103

Little Rock, AR 72207

(501) 666-8777

E-mail: info@ldaarkansas.org

Web: www.ldaarkansas.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in NW Arkansas

Abby Selby, President

P.O. Box 1993

Fayetteville, AR 72702

(479) 443-2143; (479) 575-2934

E-mail: akolbse@uark.edu

NAMI Arkansas

Pauline Charton, Executive Director

712 W. 3rd Street, Suite 200

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 661-1548; (800) 844-0381

E-mail: nami-ar@nami.org

Web: <http://ar.nami.org/>

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Arkansas

Steve Hitt, Executive Director

2004 S. Main Street

Little Rock, AR 72206-1597

(501) 375-7770

E-mail: shitt@arcark.org

Web: www.arcark.org

Special HealthCare Needs

Family Voices of Arkansas

Rodney Farley, Regional Coordinator

Tammy Walloch, State Coordinator

110 Louise Street

N. Little Rock, AR 72118

(501) 753-3163; (501) 843-3133

E-mail: refarley@juno.com

Web: www.familyvoices.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Arkansas

James Rucker, President

P.O. Box 24663

Little Rock, AR 72221

(501) 975-7222

E-mail: sigmond@sbcbglobal.net

Web: www.sbaa.org

Arkansas—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI)

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Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

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(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

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Autism

To identify an autism group in California, contact

Autism Society of America

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Web: www.state.co.us/

Councils on Developmental Disabilities

Marcia Tewell, Executive Director

Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council (CDDC)

3401 Quebec, Suite 6009

Denver, CO 80207

(720) 941-0176

E-mail: cddpc.email@state.co.us

Web: www.cdhs.state.co.us/opi/cddpc/index.htm

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Mary Anne Harvey, Executive Director

The Legal Center for People With Disabilities and Older People

455 Sherman Street, Suite 130

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 722-0300; (800) 288-1376 (in CO only)

E-mail: tlcmail@thelegalcenter.org

Web: www.thelegalcenter.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency

Geoffrey Peterson, Coordinator

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Kathy Watters, Director

Health Care Program For Children With Special Needs (HCP)

Department of Public Health and Environment

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South

Denver, CO 80246-1530

(303) 692-2370; (800) 688-7777

E-mail: kathy.watters@state.co.us

Web: www.cdphe.state.co.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Child Health Plan Plus

P.O. Box 929

Denver, Colorado 80201-0929

(800) 359-1991

Web: www.cchp.org/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Tanni Anthony, Consultant

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201 E. Colfax Avenue

Denver, CO 80203

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Web: www.cde.state.co.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

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Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-6960

E-mail: Johnson_C@cde.state.co.us

Web: www.cde.state.co.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 659-3656 (V)

(800) 659-2656 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 659-4279 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Patrick Going, Director

Rocky Mountain Disability and Business Technical
Assistance Center

3630 Sinton Road, Suite 103

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

(719) 444-0268 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: rmdbtac@mtc-inc.com

Web: www.adainformation.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Cordelia Robinson, Director

JFK Partners

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

4200 E. 9th Avenue, Suite C-221

Denver, CO 80262

(303) 864-5266

Web: www.jfkpartners.org

Technology-Related Assistance

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

Cathy Bodine, Project Director

Assistive Technology Partners

Department of Rehabilitation Medicine

1245 E. Colfax Avenue, Suite 200

Denver, CO 80218

(303) 315-1280; (303) 837-8964 (TTY)

(800) 255-3477 (in CO only)

Web: www.uchsc.edu/atp

State Mediation System

Charles Masner, Consultant

Colorado Department of Education

Exceptional Student Services

201 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 300

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-6685

E-mail: masner_c@cde.state.co.us

Web: www.cde.state.co.us

Special Format Library

Barbara Goral, Librarian

Colorado Talking Book Library

180 Sheridan Boulevard

Denver, CO 80226-8097

(303) 727-9277; (800) 685-2136

E-mail: ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us

Web: www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl

Colorado—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Colorado, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Elizabeth Lehman, Executive Director

Autism Society of Colorado

701 S. Logan, Suite 103

Denver, CO 80209

(720) 214-0794

E-mail: asc@autismcolorado.org

Web: www.autismcolorado.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

(214) 352-7222

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Colorado

Helen Kellogg, Executive Director

4200 W. Conejos Place, Suite 524

Denver, CO 80204

(303) 355-9969; (800) 955-2443 (in CO only)

E-mail: biacolo@aol.com

Web: www.biacolorado.org

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy of Colorado, Inc.

Judith I. Ham, President/CEO

2200 S. Jasmine Street

Denver, CO 80222-5708

(303) 691-9339

E-mail: jham@cpco.org

Web: www.cpco.org

Down Syndrome

Mile High Down Syndrome Association, Inc.

Linda K. Barth, Executive Director

1899 Gaylord Street

Denver, CO 80206

(303) 797-1699

E-mail: mhdsa@aol.com

Web: www.mhdsa.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado, Inc.

Veronica Valdez, Interim Executive Director

234 Columbine Street, Suite 333

Denver, CO 80206-4711

(303) 377-9774; (888) 378-9779 (in CO)

E-mail: efco@msn.com

Web: www.epilepsycolorado.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Colorado

Nina Healy, President

4400 E. Iliff Avenue

Denver, CO 80222-0621

(303) 894-0992

E-mail: info@ldacolorado.com

Web: www.ldacolorado.com

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Colorado

Jeanne Rohner, Executive Director

6795 E. Tennessee Avenue, Suite 425

Denver, CO 80224

(303) 377-3040

E-mail: mentalhealth@mhacolorado.org

Web: www.mhacolorado.org

NAMI Colorado

David Salsbury, President

1100 Fillmore Street

Denver, CO 80206-3334

(303) 321-3104

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Colorado Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Ann L. Schrader, Executive Director

P.O. Box 9086

Englewood, CO 80111

(303) 572-0302; (888) 569-7500

E-mail: a_schrader@coloradofederation.org

Web: www.coloradofederation.org

EMPOWER Colorado

Christiana Humphrey, Director

2200 S. Jasmine Street

Denver, CO 80222-5708

(303) 691-9339

E-mail: policy@cpco.org

Web: <http://empowercolorado.org/>

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Colorado

Bill Baesman, Executive Director

8000 E. Prentice Avenue, Suite D-1

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

(303) 864-9334; (800) 333-7690

E-mail: bbaesman@thearcofco.org

Web: www.thearcofco.org

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices

Lorri Park and Christy Blakely, Co-Directors

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2200 S. Jasmine Street

Denver, CO 80222-5708

(800) 881-8272

E-mail: policy@cpco.org

Web: www.cpcoco.org; www.FamilyVoices.org

Speech and Hearing

Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Polly Somers

P.O. Box 345

Sedalia, CO 80135

(720) 733-9097

E-mail: cshassoc@aol.com

Web: www.cshassoc.org

Spina Bifida

Colorado Spina Bifida Association

P.O. Box 22994

Denver, CO 80222

(303) 797-7870

Web: www.coloradospinabifida.org

Colorado—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Barbara Buswell, Executive Director

PEAK Parent Center, Inc.

611 N. Weber, Suite 200

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(719) 531-9400; (800) 284-0251

E-mail: info@peakparent.org

Web: www.peakparent.org

Parent-To-Parent

Dianne McNamara, Coordinator

Parent to Parent of Colorado

c/o CP of Colorado

2200 S. Jasmine Street

Denver, CO 80222-5708

(877) 472-7201

E-mail: mail@p2p-co.org

Web: www.p2p-co.org

Community Parent Resource Center (serving the City and County of Denver, including Denver Public Schools)

Barbara Buswell, Executive Director

The Denver Outreach Project

1177 Grant Street, Suite 104

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 864-1900; (800) 284-0251

E-mail: bbuswell@peakparent.org

Web: www.peakparent.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Colorado PTA

Mark Townsend, President

7859 W. 38th Avenue

Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

(303) 420-7820; (888) 225-8234

E-mail: office@copta.org

Web: www.copta.org

Colorado—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Colorado

Lynn Robinson, President

5755 W. Alameda Avenue

Lakewood, CO 80226

(303) 233-1666 (V/TTY); (800) 875-4732

E-mail: hansonn@cess.org

Web: www.eastersealscolorado.org

Rocky Mountain Stroke Association

Esther Fretz, Executive Director

5666 S. Bannock Street

Littleton, CO 80120

(303) 730-8800; (877) 630-7444

E-mail: rmstroke@aol.com

Web: www.strokecolorado.org

VSA Arts Colorado

Damon McLeese, Executive Director

2256 Larimer Street

Denver, CO 80205

(303) 777-0797; (303) 777-0798 (TTY)

E-mail: co@vsarts.org

Web: <http://co.vsarts.org>

Independent Living

For information on the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Colorado, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

For information on centers for independent living (CILs) in Colorado, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Connecticut—State Agencies and Organizations

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Honorable Richard Blumenthal (D)

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Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable Christopher Murphy (D)

303 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4041; (800) 225-5605 (in CT)

(202) 224-9750 (Fax)

Web: <http://www.murphy.senate.gov/contact>

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To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

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Web: <http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/site/default.asp>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.ct.gov/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Dr. Nancy Cappello, Interim Chief

Bureau of Special Education

Department of Education

165 Capitol Avenue, Room 361

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 713-6912

E-mail: nancy.cappello@ct.gov

Web: www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&Q=320730

Connecticut was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Stefan Pryor, Commissioner

Department of Education

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 713-6500

Web: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/site/default.asp>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–3 Years

Lily Johnson, Birth–3 Part C Coordinator

State Birth to Three System

Department of Developmental Services

460 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106-1308

(860) 418-6141

E-mail: lynn.s.johnson@ct.gov

Web: www.birth23.org

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Maria Synodi, 3-5 Coordinator, State Preschool Program

Bureau of Early Childhood, Career and Adult Education

Connecticut Department of Education

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 713-6941

E-mail: maria.synodi@ct.gov

Web: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320750>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Brenda L. Moore, Director

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Department of Social Services

25 Sigourney Street

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 424-4848

E-mail: brenda.moore@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.brs.state.ct.us

Coordinator for Transition Services

Karen Halliday, Education Consultant

Bureau of Special Education

Department of Education

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06145-2219

(860) 713-6923

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State Adult Mental Health Agency

Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Commissioner

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

410 Capitol Avenue

P.O. Box 341431

Hartford, CT 06134

(860) 418-7000; (800) 446-7348

Web: www.dmhas.state.ct.us

State Mental Health Representative for Children

Karen Andersson, PhD, Director of Mental Health

Department of Children and Families

505 Hudson Street

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 550-6683; (800) 842-2288 (in CT)

E-mail: karen.andersson@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.state.ct.us/dcf

State Mental Retardation Program

Peter O'Meara, Commissioner
Department of Mental Retardation
460 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 418-6000

E-mail: dmrct.co@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.dmr.state.ct.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Edward T. Preneta, Director

Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

460 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106-1308

(860) 418-6160; (800) 653-1154 (in CT)

(860) 418-6172 (TTY)

E-mail: ed.preneta@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.state.ct.us/ctcdd

Protection and Advocacy Agency

James McGaughey, Executive Director

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons With
Disabilities

60 B Weston Street

Hartford, CT 06120-1551

(860) 297-4300; (800) 842-7303 (V/TTY in CT)

(860) 297-4380 (TTY)

E-mail: OPA-Information@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.state.ct.us/opapd/

Client Assistance Program

Susan Werboff, Director

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed earlier

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Martha Okafor, Director

Family Health Division

Bureau of Community Health

Connecticut Department of Public Health

410 Capital Avenue, MS #11 MAT

P.O. Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

(860) 509-8066

E-mail: Martha.Okafor@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.dph.state.ct.us

Easter Seals Camp Hemlocks

Sunny Ku, Director of Camping and Respite Services

85 Jones Street

P.O. Box 198

Hebron, CT 06248-0198

(860) 228-9496; (860) 228-2091 (TTY)

E-mail: Sku@eastersealsct.org

Web: www.ct.easter-seals.org

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

HUSKY Plan

c/o Department of Social Services

25 Sigourney Street

Hartford, CT 06106-5033

(877) 284-8759; (800) 842-4524 (TTY)

E-mail: webmaster@huskyhealth.com

Web: www.huskyhealth.com/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Stacie Mawson, Executive Director

Connecticut Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

67 Prospect Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 231-8756 (V/TTY); (800) 708-6796 (in CT)

(860) 231-8169 (TTY)

E-mail: cdhi@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.state.ct.us/cdhi/index.htm

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 833-8134 (V)

(800) 942-9710 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 842-5177 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind

Brian Sigmund, Executive Director

184 Windsor Avenue

Windsor, CT 06095

(860) 602-4000; (800) 842-4510

E-mail: BESB@po.state.ct.us

Web: www.besb.state.ct.us

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

New England ADA and Accessible IT Center

Valerie Fletcher, Executive Director

Oce Harrison, Project Director

Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.

374 Congress Street, Suite 301

Boston, MA 02210

(617) 695-0085 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adainfo@newenglandada.org

Web: www.newenglandada.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

A. J. Pappanikou Center for Developmental Disabilities

Mary Beth Bruder, PhD, Director

University of Connecticut

263 Farmington Avenue, MC6222

Farmington, CT 06030-6222

(860) 679-1500; (860) 679-1502 (TTY)

(866) 623-1315

E-mail: bruder@ns01.uhc.edu

Web: www.uconnuceedd.org

Technology-Related Assistance

Connecticut Tech Act Project

John M. Ficarro, PhD, Project Director

Department of Social Services

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

25 Sigourney Street, 11th Floor

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 424-4881; (800) 537-2549

(860) 424-4839 (TTY)

E-mail: DrJohnF@aol.com

Web: www.techactproject.com/

State Mediation System

Thomas Badway, Education Consultant

Connecticut Department of Education

Bureau of Special Education and Pupil Services

Due Process Unit

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106-1630

(860) 807-2017

E-mail: tom.badway@po.state.ct.us

Special Format Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Connecticut State Library

Carol A. Taylor, Librarian

198 West Street

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

(860) 566-2151; (800) 842-4516

E-mail: lbph@cslib.org

Web: www.cslib.org/lbph.htm

Connecticut—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Connecticut, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Connecticut, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Connecticut

Julie Peters, Executive Director

1800 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 224

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

(860) 721-8111; (800) 278-8242 (in CT)

E-mail: biacgeneral@biact.org

Web: www.biact.org

Cerebral Palsy

St. Vincents Special Needs Services

Barry Buxbaum, President/CEO

Trumbull Corporate Park

95 Merritt Boulevard

Trumbull, CT 06611

(203) 375-6400

E-mail: feroleto.child.dev@snet.net

Web: www.stvincentsspecialneeds.org

UCP of Eastern Connecticut

Margaret Morrison, Executive Director

42 Norwich Road

Quaker Hill, CT 06375

(860) 447-3889

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut, Inc.

Linda Wallace, Executive Director

386 Main Street

Middletown, CT 06457

(860) 346-1924; (800) 899-3745

E-mail: efct@aol.com

Web: www.epilepsyct.net

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Connecticut (LDA-CT)

999 Asylum Avenue, 5th Floor

Hartford, CT 06105

(860) 560-1711

E-mail: ldact@ldact.org

Web: www.ldact.org

The Connecticut Association for Children and Adults With Learning Disabilities (CACLD)

Beryl Kaufman, Executive Director

25 Van Zant Street, Suite 15-5

East Norwalk, CT 06855-1719

(203) 838-5010

E-mail: cacld@optonline.net

Web: www.cacld.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Connecticut

Beverly Walton, President and CEO

20-30 Beaver Road, Suite 108

Wethersfield, CT 06109

(860) 529-1970

E-mail: MNTLHLTH@tiac.net

Web: www.mhact.org

NAMI Connecticut

Debra Anderson, Executive Director

30 Jordan Lane, 3rd Floor

Wethersfield, CT 06109

(860) 882-0236; (800) 215-3021

E-mail: namicted@aol.com

Web: www.namict.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Connecticut

Margaret Dignoti, Executive Director

1030 New Britain Avenue, Suite 102B

West Hartford, CT 06110

(860) 953-8335

E-mail: arcct@aol.com

Web: <http://www.thearcct.org/>

FORConn (Friends of Retarded Citizens of Connecticut)

Robert Wood, President

35 Robinwood Road

Trumbull, CT 06611-4923

(203) 375-1796

E-mail: bob.wood@snet.net

Web: www.forconn.org

Speech and Hearing

Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Vernice Jury, President

213 Back Lane

Newington, CT 06111-4204

(860) 666-6900

E-mail: cscha.assoc@snet.net

Web: www.ctspeechhearing.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Connecticut

Kiley Carlson, President

P.O. Box 2545

Hartford, CT 06146-2545

(800) 574-6274

E-mail: sbac@sbac.org

Web: www.SBAC.org

Connecticut—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)

Nancy Prescott, Director

338 Main Street

Niantic, CT 06357

(860) 739-3089; (800) 445-2722 (in CT)

E-mail: cpac@cpacinc.org

Web: www.cpacinc.org

Parent-to-Parent

PATH Parent to Parent CT (Parents Available to Help)

Nanfi Lubogo, Co-Director

Carmina Cirioli, Co-Director

P.O. Box 117

Northford, CT 06472

(203) 234-9554; (800) 399-7284 (in CT)

E-mail: path03@aol.com

WeCAHR (Western Connecticut Association for Human Rights)

Pat Tomka, Coordinator

211 Main Street

Danbury, CT 06810

(203) 792-3540

E-mail: advozealot@aol.com

Web: www.wecahr.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Connecticut Parent-Teachers Association

Kevin Daly, President

Wilbur Cross Commons Building, Suite 12

60 Connolly Parkway

Hamden, CT 06514-2519

(203) 281-6617

E-mail: connecticut.pta@snet.net

Web: www.ctpta.org

Connecticut—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Connecticut

John R. Quinn, President

85 Jones Street

P.O. Box 100

Hebron, CT 06248-0100

(860) 228-9438; (800) 874-7687

E-mail: jquinn@eastersealsofct.org

Web: www.ct.easterseals.com

The Center for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Dr. Leonard Banco, Director

Connecticut Children's Medical Center

282 Washington Street

Hartford, CT 06106

(860) 545-9230; (877) 743-5516 (in CT)

Web: www.ccmckids.org

Arts for All Connecticut

Jane F. Archer, Executive Director

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Bloomfield, CT 06002

(860) 243-9910

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Independent Living

For information on the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Connecticut, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

For information on centers for independent living (CILs) in Connecticut, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Delaware was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Susan Campbell, Interim Part C Co-Coordinator

Carol Ann Schumann, Interim Part C Co-Coordinator

Birth to Three Early Intervention System

Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus

Main Administration Building

1901 N. DuPont Highway

New Castle, DE 19720

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Web: <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dms/epqc/birth3/directry.html>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

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Web: www.state.de.us

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ececehome.htm](http://www.doe.state.de.us/Exceptional_Child/ececehome.htm)

State Mental Health Agency

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State Mental Health Representative for Children

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Wilmington, DE 19805-1195

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State Developmental Disabilities Program

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Delaware Health and Social Services

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Dover, DE 19904

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Dover, DE 19904

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

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100 W. 10th Street, Suite 801

Wilmington, DE 19801

(302) 575-0660; (302) 575-0696 (TTY)

(800) 292-7980 (in DE)

Web: www.declasi.org

Client Assistance Program

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254 E. Camden-Wyoming Avenue

Camden, DE 19934

(302) 698-9336; (302) 698-9336

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Dennis L. Rubino, MSW, MPH, Director

CSHCN

Division of Public Health

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Dover, DE 19903

(302) 744-4553; (800) 464-4357 (Helpline)

E-mail: Dennis.Rubino@state.de.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Delaware Healthy Children Program

P.O. Box 950

New Castle, DE 19720-9914

(800) 996-9969

Web: www.state.de.us/dhss/dss/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

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Division for the Visually Impaired

Health and Social Services

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New Castle, DE 19720

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Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

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Wilmington, DE 19809

(302) 761-8275 (V/TTY); (302) 761-8336 (TTY)

E-mail: LSarro@dvr.state.de.us

Web: www.state.de.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 232-5470 (V)

(800) 232-5460 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech–English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech–Spanish)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Peggy Lashbrook, Coordinator

Delaware Program for Deaf-blind Children

620 E. Chestnut Hill Road

Newark, DE 19713

(302) 454-2305

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Contact State Department of Education: Special Education,
listed previously.

Regional ADA Disability & Business Technical Assistance
Center

Marian Vessels, Director

ADA and IT Information Center for the Mid Atlantic Region

451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 607

Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 217-0124 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adainfo@transcen.org

Web: www.adainfo.org

Other State Agencies for Persons With Disabilities

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State Council for Persons With Disabilities

Margaret M. O'Neill Building

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Dover, DE 19903

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516 W. Loockerman Street

Dover, DE 19904

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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Technology-Related Assistance

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Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative

University of DE/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children

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Wilmington, DE 19899

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(800) 870-3284 (in DE)

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Web: www.dati.org

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Web: www.doe.state.de.us

Special Format Library

John Phillos, Librarian

Delaware Division of Libraries

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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Dover, DE 19901

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E-mail: debph@lib.de.us

Web: www.state.lib.de.us

Delaware–Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Delaware, contact

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Delaware

Theda M. Ellis, Executive Director

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5572 Kirkwood Highway

Wilmington, DE 19808

(302) 472-2838

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Web: www.delautism.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Delaware

Eve Tolley, President

P.O. Box 95

Middletown, DE 19709

(302) 378-3035; (800) 411-0505

Web: <http://www.biaofde.org/>

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware

William J. McCool III, Statewide Executive Director

700 A River Road

Wilmington, DE 19809

(302) 764-2400

E-mail: williammccool@ucpde.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware—Kent/Sussex County
Branch

Carma Carpenter, Director

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Felton, DE 19943

(302) 335-5626

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware

Barbara H. Blair, RN, Executive Director

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Newport, DE 19804

(302) 999-9318; (800) 422-3653

E-mail: efd@efde.org

Web: <http://www.epilepsy.com/delaware>

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Delaware

James Lafferty, Executive Director

100 W. 10th Street, Suite 600

Wilmington, DE 19801

(302) 654-6833; (800) 287-6423 (In DE)

E-mail: information@mhainde.org

Web: www.mhainde.org

NAMI–Delaware

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Wilmington, DE 19805

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Web: www.namide.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Delaware

1016 Centre Road, Suite 1

Wilmington, DE 19805-1234

(302) 996-9400

Web: www.arcde.org

Speech and Hearing

Delaware Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Kristen M. Palmer, President

P.O. Box 7383

Newark, DE 19711

E-mail: dshaweb@dshaweb.org

Special Health Care Needs

Delaware Family Voices (Contact this organization for information about special care needs in the state of Delaware.)

Beth A. MacDonald, State and Regional Coordinator

2340 Alamo, SE, Suite 102

Albuquerque, NM 87106

(505) 872-4774; (888) 835-5669

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Web: www.familyvoices.org/

Delaware—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parent Information Center of Delaware, Inc. (PIC)

Marie-Anne Aghazadian, Executive Director

5570 Kirkwood Highway

Wilmington, DE 19808

(302) 999-7394

E-mail: picofdel@picofdel.org

Web: www.picofdel.org

Parent-To-Parent

Contact Parent Training and Information Center listed previously.

Partners in Policymaking

Partners in Policymaking of Delaware

Marsha Mills, Coordinator

Developmental Disabilities Council

Margaret M. O'Neill Building, 2nd Floor

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Dover, DE 19901

(302) 739-7193

Web: www.state.de.us/ddc/policymaking/

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Delaware Congress of Parents and Teachers

Sarah F. Pierce, President

92 S. Gerald Drive

Newark, DE 19713-3299

(302) 737-4646

E-mail: dpta@delawarepta.org

Web: www.delawarepta.org

Delaware—Other Disability Organizations

American Amputee Soccer Association

Richard Hofman, Executive Director

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Wilmington, DE 19809

(302) 683-0997

E-mail: rgh@ampsoccer.org

Web: www.ampsoccer.org

Delawareans with Special Needs: Medicaid Managed Care Panel

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Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

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Easter Seals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore

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New Castle, DE 19720

(302) 324-4444; (800) 677-3800

E-mail: stuttle@nc.esdel.org

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Interagency Coordinating Council

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New Castle, DE 19720

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MENTOR ABI Group–New Jersey (Contact this organization for information about services for people with brain injuries in the state of Delaware.)

Rehabilitative and Support Services for Persons With Acquired Brain Injury

505 S. Lenola Road

Blason Office Plaza II, Suite 217

Moorestown, NJ 08057

(856) 235-5505

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society–Delaware Chapter

Cindi Romanelli, Team In Training Campaign Manager

100 W. 10th Street, Suite 209

Wilmington, DE 19801

(302) 661-7300, ext. 25; (800) 220-1617

E-mail: romanellc@de.leukemia-lymphoma.org

Web: www.teamintraining.org/de

VSA Arts of Delaware

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Independent Living

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Independent Living Council (SILC) in Delaware, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Delaware, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia—Agencies and Organizations

United States House of Representatives

Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)

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Washington, DC 20515

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(202) 225-1904 (TTY)

Official State Web Site

Web: www.dc.gov/index.asp

Department of Education: Special Education

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Washington, DC 20002

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

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825 N. Capitol Street, NE, 6th Floor

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 442-4800

Web: www.k12.dc.us

Washington, D.C. was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–3 Years

DC Early Intervention Program

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Washington, DC 20002

(202) 727-5853

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Web: <http://osse.dc.gov/service/strong-start-dc-early-intervention-program-dc-eip>

DC Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Web: www.dcpanda.org

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Joseph Cooney, Program Director

Client Assistance Program

University Legal Services: Protection and Advocacy

220 I Street, NE, Suite 130

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 547-0198 (V); (202) 547-2657 (TTY)

Web: www.dcpanda.org

CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

DC Healthy Families Insurance Program

4601 N. Fairfax Drive

Arlington, VA 22203

(888) 557-1116

Web: www.dchealth.dc.gov

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Ward 5, CWI Unit & One Stop Center

Jo Constance Bond, Supervisor

DC Rehabilitation Services Administration

810 1st Street, NE, 9th Floor

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 442-8629

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 643-3769 (V)

(800) 643-3768 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 898-0137 (ASCII)

(800) 898-0740 (Speech to Speech)

(800) 546-7111 (Spanish TTY)

(800) 546-5111 (Spanish Voice)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

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(202) 442-8628

Regional ADA Technical Assistance Agency

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Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 217-0124 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (TTY)

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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Mediation System

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(202) 727-2145 (TTY)

E-mail: philip.wong-cross@dc.gov

Web: <http://dclibrary.org/lbph/>

District of Columbia–Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in the District of Columbia, contact

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in your state, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

To locate services in DC, contact

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Washington, DC

Theodore Bergeron, Director

3135 8th Street, NE

Washington, DC 20017-1601

(202) 269-1500

E-mail: tbergeron@ucpdc.org

Web: www.ucpa.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region

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300 E. Joppa Road, Suite 1103

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(410) 828-7700; (800) 492-2523

E-mail: lkingham@epilepsy-foundation.org

Web: <http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org/>

Mental Health

Child and Family Community Support Services

Amelia Missieledies, Acting Director

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Washington, DC 20020

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Mental Health Association of DC

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422 8th Street, SE

Washington, DC 20003-2832

(202) 546-0646

Web: <http://dc.nami.org>

Mental Retardation

The Arc of the District of Columbia, Inc.

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Washington, DC 20017

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Web: www.kennedyinstitute.org

Speech and Hearing

DC Speech-Hearing Association (DCSHA)

Suzanne Coyle, President

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Washington, DC 20017

(202) 877-1000

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of the National Capital Area

Jill Hill, President

P.O. Box 523415

Springfield, VA 22152-5415

(703) 455-4900

Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome Association of Greater Washington

Lyn Mox, Executive Director

33 University Boulevard, East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 681-4133

E-mail: TSAGW@aol.com

Web: www.TSAGW.org

District of Columbia—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Kim Jones, Executive Director

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

2041 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Suite 301

Washington, DC 20020

(202) 678-8060; (888) 327-8060

E-mail: Bethann.James@aje-dc.org

Web: www.AJE-DC.org

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

DC Congress of Parents and Teachers

Linda Hilliard Moody, President

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1401 Brentwood Parkway, NE

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 543-0333

E-mail: dc_pres@pta.org

Other Parent Organization

Parents' Special Education Service Center

P.O. Box 10211

Washington, DC 20018-0211

(202) 471-4272

E-mail: parenttips@shs.net

District of Columbia—Other Disability Organizations

Disability Rights Council of Greater Washington

11 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 400

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 234-7550; (202) 234-7590 (TTY)

E-mail: info@disabilityrightscouncil.org

Web: www.disabilityrightscouncil.org

Easter Seals

Programs for Infants and Children

Metropolitan DC, Northern Virginia, and Maryland

Lisa Reeves, President/CEO

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Calverton, MD 20705

(301) 931-8700

E-mail: lreeves@eseal.org

Web: www.nca-md.easterseals.com

The Quality Trust for Individuals With Disabilities

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5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 825

Washington, DC 20015

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E-mail: info@dcqualitytrust.org

Web: www.dcqualitytrust.org

WVSA Arts Connection

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Washington, DC 20036

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Web: www.wvsarts.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in the District of Columbia, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

Center for Independent Living (CIL)

DC Center for Independent Living

Richard A. Simms

1400 Florida Avenue, NE

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 388-0033

Anacostia Satellite Office

2110 Mississippi Avenue, SE

Washington, DC 20020

(202) 889-5802

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Web: <http://www.flgov.com/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.myflorida.com/

Florida was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

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Web: <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Children's Medical Services, Department of Health

Penny Geiger, Bureau Chief for Early Steps

2585 Merchants Row Blvd

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1707

(850) 245-4857

E-mail: penny.geiger@flhealth.gov

Web: http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/families/early_steps/early_steps.html

Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services

Lou Ann Long, Director

2807 Remington Green Circle

Tallahassee, FL 32308

(850) 487-6301; (800) 654-4440

E-mail: lalong@centraldirectory.org

Web: www.centraldirectory.org

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Florida Partnership for School Readiness

Gladys Wilson, Interim Executive Director

600 S. Calhoun Street

Holland Building, Room 251

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0240

(850) 922-4200; (866) 357-3239

E-mail: gladys.wilson@schoolreadiness.org

Web: www.schoolreadiness.org

Florida Directory of Early Childhood Services

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Tallahassee, FL 32308

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department of Education

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Tallahassee, FL 32301-4862

(850) 488-6210; (800) 451-4327

Web: www.rehabworks.org

Coordinator for Transition Services

The Transition Center

University of Florida

P.O. Box 117050

Gainesville, FL 32611-7050

(352)392-0701, Ext. 267

E-mail: transitioncenter@coe.ufl.edu

Web: www.thetransitioncenter.org

Career and Technical Education for Students With
Disabilities

Jane Silveria, State Supervisor

Division of Community Colleges & Workforce Education

Department of Education, Turlington Building

325 W. Gaines Street, Room 701

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

(850) 245-9022

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Web: www.myfloridaeducation.com/commhome

State Mental Health Agency

R. Ed Miles, PhD, Director

Mental Health Programs Office

Department of Children and Families

1317 Winewood Boulevard, Building 6

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

(850) 488-8304

E-mail: ed_miles@dcf.state.fl.us

Web: www.state.fl.us/cf_web/

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Department of Children and Families

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

(850) 488-8304

E-mail: Sue_Ross@dcf.state.fl.us

Web: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/mental-health>

State Developmental Services

Shelly Brantley, Director

Developmental Disabilities Program

Florida Department of Children and Families

1317 Winewood Boulevard, Building 3, Room 325

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

(850) 488-4257

E-mail: Shelly_Brantley@dcf.state.fl.us

Web: www.myflorida.com

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

Debra Dowds, Executive Director

124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203

Tallahassee, FL 32301-2981

(850) 488-4180; (800) 580-7801 (in FL)

Web: www.fddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Advocacy Center for Persons With Disabilities

Hubert Grissom, Interim Executive Director

2671 Executive Center Circle West, Suite 100

Tallahassee, FL 32301-5092

(850) 488-9071; (800) 346-4127 (TTY)

(800) 342-0823; (800) 350-4566 (Spanish- and Creole-speaking Clients)

E-mail: info@advocacycenter.org

Web: www.AdvocacyCenter.org

Client Assistance Program

Corey Hinds, CAP Program Director, Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed previously.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Dr. Phyllis Sloyer, Division Director

Children's Medical Services, Department of Health

4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-06

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1707

(850) 245-4200; (800) 654-4440

E-mail: phyllis_sloyer@doh.state.fl.us

Web: www.myflorida.com

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Florida KidCare

Agency for Healthcare Administration

2727 Mahan Drive

Building 3, Mailstop 20

Tallahassee, FL 32308

(888) 540-5437

Web: www.floridakidcare.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Division of Blind Services

David Newton, Program Specialist

Department of Education

1320 Executive Center Drive

Tallahassee, FL 32399

(850) 245-0322; (800) 342-1828 (in FL)

E-mail: david_newton@dbs.doe.state.fl.us

Web: <http://dbs.myflorida.com/>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and School-to-Work Transition

Cecil Bradley, VR Administrator

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department of Education

2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Building A

Tallahassee, FL 32301-4862

(850) 245-3353; (850) 245-3403 (V)

(850) 245-3413; (850) 245-3404 (TTY)

E-mail: bradlec@vr.doe.state.fl.us

Web: www.rehabworks.org

Telecommunications Relay for People Who Are Deaf, Hard
of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, or Speech Impaired

James Forstall, Executive Director

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

1820 E. Park Avenue, Suite 101

Tallahassee, FL 32301

E-mail: jforstall@ftri.org

Web: www.ftri.org

Questions or comments: (800) 222-3448 (V); (888) 447-5620
(TTY)

To use the relay dial 711 or the following toll-free numbers:

(800) 955-8771 (TTY)

(800) 955-8770 (Voice)

(800) 955-3771 (ASCII)

(877) 955-8260 (Voice Carry Over–Direct)

(877) 955-5334 (Speech to Speech)

(877) 955-8773 (Spanish)

(877) 955-8707 (French Cr)

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Exceptional Student Education Program Development and
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Florida Department of Education

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Web: www.myfloridaeducation.com/commhome

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Shelley Kaplan, Project Director

Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance
Center

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

Georgia Tech

490 10th Street

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(404) 385-0636; (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: sedbtac@catea.org

Web: www.sedbtac.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Daniel Armstrong, Director

Mailman Center for Child Development

University of Miami School of Medicine

1601 NW 12th Avenue

Miami, FL 33136

(305) 243-6801

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Web: <http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu>

Technology-Related Assistance

Florida Alliance for Assistive Service and Technology

Jane E. Johnson, Director

325 John Knox Road, Building B

Tallahassee, FL 32303

(850) 487-3278; (888) 788-9216

(850) 922-5951 (TTY)

E-mail: faast@faast.org

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State Mediation System

ESE Program Administration and Quality Assurance

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

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Web: www.myfloridaeducation.com/commhome

Special Format Library

Florida Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library Services

Michael Gunde, Bureau Chief

420 Platt Street

Daytona Beach, FL 32114-2804

(386) 239-6000; (800) 226-6075

(800) 955-8771 (TTY)

E-mail: mike_gunde@db.s.doe.state.fl.us

Web: [http://db.s.myflorida.com/
Talking%20Books%20Library/index.html](http://db.s.myflorida.com/Talking%20Books%20Library/index.html)

Florida—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Florida, contact

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity
Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Florida, Inc.

P.O. Box 970646

Coconut Creek, FL 33097

(954) 349-2820

Web: www.autismfl.com

Autism Recovery Network

Holly Bortfeld, President

80 Chaney Drive

Casselberry, FL 32707

(407) 695-6092

E-mail: maximom@mindspring.com

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) (One of six regional centers for autism and related disabilities)

University of Florida

P.O. Box 100234

Gainesville, FL 32610

(352) 846-2761; (800) 754-5891

E-mail: card@mbi.ufl.edu

Web: www.card.ufl.edu

To identify the CARD serving your region, either call the 800 number above, or visit www.card.ufl.edu/state.html

Blind/Visual Impairments

Frances Mary D'Andrea, Director

American Foundation for the Blind-National Literacy Center

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Elynor Kazuk, Executive Director

Brain Injury Association of Florida (BIAF)

North Broward Medical Center

201 E. Sample Road

Pompano Beach, FL 33064

(954) 786-2400; (800) 992-3442 (in FL)

E-mail: info@biaf.org

Web: www.biaf.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Florida

Gloria Wetherington, President of the Board of Directors

1830 Buford Court

Tallahassee, FL 32308

(850) 878-2141

Down Syndrome

Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

Diane DeBraga, Director

10250 NW 53rd Street

Sunrise, FL 33351

(954) 577-4122

E-mail: jmaia@aol.com

Web: www.bgcdownsyndrome.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Services Program

Florida Department of Health

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4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-18

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1744

(850) 245-4330

E-mail: sheryl_mosley@doh.state.fl.us

Web: www.floridaepilepsy.org

Web: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/epilepsy/index.html>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Florida (LDAF)

Cheryl Kron, Executive Secretary

331 E. Henry Street

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

(941) 637-8957

E-mail: ldaf00@sunline.net

Web: www.lda-fl.org

Mental Health

Center for Child and Adolescent Resources

NAMI-Florida

Lynne Hernandez, Executive Director

911 E. Park Avenue

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(850) 671-4445, ext. 23

E-mail: helpline@namifl.org

Web: www.namifl.org

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

ARC/Florida

John Hall, Executive Director

2898 Mahan Drive, Suite 1

Tallahassee, FL 32308

(850) 921-0460

E-mail: arcofflorida@comcast.net

Web: www.arcflorida.org

Speech and Hearing

Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA)

Tina Kautter, Executive Director

P.O. Box 150127

Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-0127

(407) 774-7880; (800) 243-3574

E-mail: tkautter@kmg.com

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Florida of Jacksonville, Inc.

Stephanie King, Executive Director

807 Children's Way

Jacksonville, FL 32207

(904) 390-3686; (800) 722-6355

E-mail: sbaj@sbaj.org

Web: www.sbaj.org

Florida—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.

Parent Education Network

Jan LaBelle, Executive Director

Nancy Gonsalves, Project Co-Director

Milagros Pou, Project Co-Director

2735 Whitney Road

Clearwater, FL 33760-1610

(727) 523-1130; (800) 825-5736 (In FL only)

E-mail: pen@fndfl.org

Web: www.fndfl.org/

Parent-To-Parent

Parent to Parent of Florida

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.

Diane Heffernan-Joslin, Director

2735 Whitney Road

Clearwater, FL 33760-1610

(727) 523-1130; (800) 825-5736 (In FL only)

E-mail: Diane@FNDFL.org

Web: <http://fndfl.org/>

Parent to Parent of Miami, Inc.

Community Parent Resource Center

Isabel Garcia, Executive Director

7990 SW 117th Avenue, Suite 201

Miami, FL 33183

(305) 271-9797; (800) 527-9552

E-mail: info@ptopmiami.org

Web: www.ptopmiami.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Pat Lancaster, President

Janice Bailey, Executive Director

Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

1747 Orlando Central Parkway

Orlando, FL 32809-5757

(407) 855-7604

E-mail: janice@floridapta.org

Web: www.floridapta.org

Other Parent Organization

Parent Resource Organization

(for information and training on early intervention)

Paula Kendig, Coordinator

2921 Inverness Place

Pensacola, FL 32503

(850) 434-8131; (850) 206-7851 (Cell)

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Florida—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Florida

Robert Griggs, President

2010 Mizell Avenue

Winterpark, FL 32792

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Web: www.fl.easterseals.com

Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, Inc.

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Tallahassee, FL 32301-4946

(850) 877-4816

E-mail: tfarmer@floridaarf.org

Web: www.floridaarf.org

VSA Arts of Florida

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Tampa, FL 33613

(813) 558-5095

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Web: www.vsafl.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Florida, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Florida, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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(404) 657-4209

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Web: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/default.aspx>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Babies Can’t Wait Program

Division of Public Health

Department of Human Resources

Cynthia Bryant, Part C Coordinator

2 Peachtree Street, 11.206

Atlanta, GA 30303-3186

(404) 657-2726

E-mail: cynthia.bryant@dph.ga.gov

Web: <http://dph.georgia.gov/Babies-Cant-Wait>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Young Children Special Education

Division for Exceptional Students

Georgia Department of Education

Jan Stevenson, 619 Coordinator

1870 Twin Towers East

Atlanta, GA 30334-5060

(404) 657-9965

E-mail: jstevenson@doe.k12.ga.us

Web: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Jan Cribbs, Workforce Development Coordinator

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Georgia Department of Labor

1700 Century Circle, Suite 300

Atlanta, GA 30345-3020

(404) 235-0156

E-mail: jan.cribbs@dol.state.ga.us

Web: www.vocrehabga.org

Coordinator for Transition Services

Contact Vocational Rehabilitation Agency listed above.

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Danny Fleming, Education Program Manager

Vocational Education Special Needs Unit

Georgia Department of Education

1752 Twin Towers East

Atlanta, GA 30334

(404) 656-3042

E-mail: dfleming@doe.k12.ga.us

State Mental Health Agency

Frank Berry, Commissioner

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
Disabilities

2 Peachtree Street, NW, 24th Floor

Atlanta, GA 30303-3142

(404) 657-2252

Web: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/>

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Linda Henderson-Smith, Director

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
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Atlanta, GA 30303-3171

(404) 657-2157

E-mail: linda.henderson-smith@dbhdd.ga.gov

Web: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/office-children-young-adults-and-families-cyf>

State Mental Retardation Program

Dr. Terri Timberlake, Director

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Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
Disabilities

2 Peachtree Street, NW

Atlanta, GA 30303-3142

(404) 463-7149

E-mail: tetimberlake@dbhdd.ga.gov

Web: <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/adult-mental-health>

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Eric Jacobson, Executive Director

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2 Peachtree Street, NW, 8.210

Atlanta, GA 30303-3142

(404) 657-2126; (888) 275-4233

E-mail: eejacobson@dhr.state.ga.us

Web: www.gcdd.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.

Ruby Moore, Executive Director

100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 520

Tucker, GA 30084

(404) 885-1234 (V/TTY); (800) 537-2329 (in GA only)

E-mail: info@thegao.org

Web: <http://www.thegao.org>

Client Assistance Program

Georgia Client Assistance Program

123 N. McDonough Street

Decatur, GA 30030

(404) 373-2040 (V/TTY); (800) 822-9727 (in GA only)

Web: www.vocrehabga.org/lev3j.html

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Office of Children With Special Needs

Department of Human Resources

Department of Public Health, Family Health Branch

Justine Strickland, Director

2 Peachtree Street, NW, 11.206

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 657-2724; (888) 651-8224

Web: www.dhr.state.ga.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

PeachCare for Kids

P.O. Box 2583

Atlanta, GA 30301-2583

(877) 427-3224

Web: www.peachcare.org

Web: www.communityhealth.state.ga.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired, Inc.

Jennifer Whitcomb, Executive Director

4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 103-B

Decatur, GA 30032

(404) 292-5312; (800) 541-0710 (V/TTY)

Web: www.gachi.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 255-0135 (V)

(800) 255-0056 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech–English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech–Spanish)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Georgia Sensory Assistance Project

Georgia State University

Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education (EPSE)

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University of Georgia

Athens GA, 30602-7153

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The University of Georgia

850 College Station Road

Athens, GA 30602-4806

(706) 542-3457

Web: www.uap.uga.edu

Technology-Related Assistance

Tools for Life, Georgia Assistive Technology Project

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Georgia Department of Labor

Christopher Lee, Project Manager

1700 Century Circle, Suite 300

Atlanta, GA 30345

(404) 638-0384; (800) 497-8665

(404) 486-6333 (TTY); (866) 373-7778 (TTY)

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(404) 756-4619; (800) 248-6701

E-mail: glass@georgialibraries.org

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Georgia—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

Cherokee/Cobb County, North Atlanta & Central Georgia
CHADD

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350 Weatherstone Place

Woodstock, GA 30188

(770) 517-6963

E-mail: NorthAtlantaCHADD@yahoo.com

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in your state, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—National Literacy Center

Frances Mary D’Andrea, Director

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Mary V. Sloan, Executive Director

Brain Injury Resource Foundation

1841 Montreal Road, Suite 220

Tucker, GA 30084

(678) 937-1555; (888) 334-2424

E-mail: info@birf.info

Web: www.birf.info

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia, Inc.

Diane Wilush, Executive Director

3300 Northeast Expressway, Building 9

Atlanta, GA 30341

(770) 676-2000

E-mail: dwilush@ucpga.org

Web: www.ucpga.org

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta

Sue Joe, Executive Director

3232 Cobb Parkway, Suite 213

Atlanta, GA 30339

(404) 320-3233

Web: www.down-syndrome-atlanta.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia

Melanie Birchfield, Executive Director

2625 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 400

Atlanta, GA 30339

(678) 306-1213; (800) 527-7105 (In GA)

E-mail: epilepsyga@mindspring.com

Web: www.epilepsyga.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia

Christopher Lee, Executive Director

130 W. Wieuca Road, Suite 202

Atlanta, GA 30342

(404) 303-7774

E-mail: services@ldag.org

Web: www.ldag.org

Mental Health

National Mental Health Association of Georgia

Judy Fitzgerald, Executive Director

100 Edgewood Avenue, NE, Suite 502

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 527-7175

E-mail: judy@nmhag.org

Web: www.nmhag.org

NAMI–Georgia

Patricia Strode, Interim Executive Director

3050 Presidential Parkway, Suite 202

Atlanta, GA 30340

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E-mail: NAMI-GA@nami.org

Web: www.nami.org

Mental Retardation

Arc of Georgia

Julia Bowen, Board of Directors/Chair Statewide Education
Committee

1900 Century Place, Suite 360

Atlanta, GA 30345

(404) 634-5512

E-mail: beammeupbaby@earthlink.net

Speech and Hearing

Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Jody B. Rosen, APR Executive Director

2020 Howell Mill Road, Suite C-295

Athens, GA 30318

(800) 226-4742

E-mail: exdir@gsa.org

Web: www.gsha.org

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices of Georgia

Julia Bowen, State Coordinator

2460 LeHaven Drive

Tucker, GA 30084

(770) 256-2988

E-mail: beammeupbaby@earthlink.net

Web: www.familyvoices.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Georgia, Inc.

William E. Turnipseed, President

1448 B McLendon Drive

Decatur, GA 30033

(770) 939-1044

E-mail: sbag@bellsouth.net

Georgia—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parents Educating Parents and Professionals, Inc.

(PEPP, Inc.)

Linda Shepard, Executive Director

3680 Kings Highway

Douglasville, GA 30135

(770) 577-7771; (800) 322-7065

E-mail: peppinc@peppinc.org

Web: www.peppinc.org

Georgia Parent Support Network

Sue Smith, Executive Director

1381 Metropolitan Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30310

(404) 758-4500; (800) 832-8645

E-mail: gpsn@mindspring.com

Web: www.gpsn.org

Parent-To-Parent

Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.

Esther Sherberger, Executive Director

3805 Presidential Parkway, Suite 207

Atlanta, GA 30340

(770) 451-5484; (800) 229-2038

E-mail: info@parenttoparentofga.org

Web: www.parenttoparentofga.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Cherie Eastburn, President

114 Baker Street, NE

Atlanta, GA 30308-3366

(404) 659-0214

E-mail: gapta@bellsouth.net

Web: www.georgiapta.org

Georgia—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals North Georgia

Donna Davidson, President/CEO

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Atlanta, GA 30342

(404) 943-1070

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Web: www.easter-seals-northgeorgia.org

Georgia Child Care Council

Meghan McNail, Statewide Inclusion Coordinator

2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 220

Atlanta, GA 30329-1687

(888) 295-8912

E-mail: mmcnail@bellsouth.net

Web: www.GAchildcare.org

Georgia Children's Network (GCN)

Carol Sadler, President

1105 Rock Pointe Look

Woodstock, GA 30188

(770) 442-8357

E-mail: sadlerpc@prodigy.net

Web: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GA-ChildrensNetwork>

The Foundation for Medically Fragile Children

Dorsa C. McGuire, Executive Director

6666 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 328

Atlanta, GA 30339

(770) 951-6111

E-mail: ffmfc@juno.com

Web: www.care4gakids.org

VSA Arts of Georgia

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Healey Building

57 Forsyth Street, NW, Suite R1

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 221-1270, ext. 207

E-mail: jay.tribby@vsaartsga.org

Web: www.vsaartsga.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Georgia, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Georgia, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

GUAM

Guam—Government Representatives

U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Madeline Bordallo

427 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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Governor

Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo

Executive Chamber

PO Box 2950

Hagatña, GU 96932

(671) 472-8931

Official State Web Site

Web: <http://ns.gov.gu/government.html>

Disability Agencies and Organizations

Department of Education: Special Education

Katrina Celes Pieper, Associate Superintendent

Division of Special Education

Guam Department of Education

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Guam Early Intervention Systems

Division of Special Education

Guam Department of Education

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Hagatña, GU 96932

(671) 300-5776; (671) 475-0550 (TTY)

E-mail: cbtydingco@gdoe.net

Web: <https://sites.google.com/a/gdoe.net/geis/home>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Pre-School and Elementary School Programs

Division of Special Education

Guam Department of Education

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 11–21 Years

Secondary School Programs

Division of Special Education

Guam Department of Education

Judy Quenga, Coordinator

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Hagatña, Guam 96932

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(671) 475-0550 (TTY)

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: Child Find/Parent
Services—3–21 Years

Division of Special Education

Guam Department of Education

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Hagatña, Guam 96932

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(671) 475-0550 (TTY)

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Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Department of Integrated Services for Individuals With
Disabilities

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Tiyan, GU 96913

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Mental Health Agency

Peter Roberto, Acting Director

Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

790 Governor Carlos G. Camacho Road

Tamuning, GU 96911

(671) 647-5330; (671) 647-5303

E-mail: proberto@mail.gov.gu

Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Contact the Mental Health Agency listed above.

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guam Developmental Disabilities Council

Joseph T. Flores, Acting Executive Director

130 University Drive, Suite 17

Mangilao, GU 96913

(671) 735-9127; (671) 735-9130 (TTY)

E-mail: guamddc@netpci.com

Protection and Advocacy Agency

GLSC Disability Law Center

Daniel S. Somerfleck, Director

113 Bradley Place

Hagatña, GU 96910

(671) 477-9811; (671) 477-3416 (TTY)

E-mail: glsc@netpci.com

Client Assistance Program

Parent Agencies Networking

Edmund Cruz, CAP Coordinator

P.O. Box 23474

GMF, GU 96921

(671) 649-1948 (V/TTY)

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Department of Public Health and Social Services

Government of Guam

Peter John D. Camacho, M.P.H., Acting Director

123 Chalan Kareta

Mangilao, GU 96913

(671) 735-7173

E-mail: director@dphss.govguam.net

Web: <http://dphss.guam.gov/>

Department of Public Health and Social Services

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E-mail: jsyatar@dphss.govguam.net

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Office of Coordinator of Vocational Education for Students
With Disabilities

JoAnne Ige, Program Director

Jan Milligan, Academic Counselor

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Student Support System—Education, Disability Services

Guam Community College

GMF, Guam 96921

(671) 735-5584; (671) 734-8324

E-mail: vdeoro@guamcc.edu

Assistive Technology Project

Guam System for Assistive Technology

Mike Terlaje, Project Coordinator

University Center for Excellence—Developmental
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University of Guam, UOG Station

Mangilao, GU 96923

(671) 735-2490/3; (671) 735-2491 (TTY)

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

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Mediation System

Jonas Dorego, Coordinator

Department of Education

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(671) 475-0692; (671) 475-0690

(671) 475-0550 (TTY)

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Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) for Guam, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

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Hawaii—State Agencies and Organizations

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United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call: (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

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Honolulu, HI 96813

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Web: <http://governor.hawaii.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.hawaii.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

Dr. Paul Ban, Director

Special Education Services Branch

Hawaii Department of Education

637 18th Avenue, Room C-102

Honolulu, HI 96816

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Web: www.doe.k12.hi.us

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Hawaii was granted a waiver from the NCLB program.

Kathryn Matayoshi, Superintendent

Hawaii Department of Education

1390 Miller Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 586-3230

Email Web Form: <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/ContactUs/Pages/Home.aspx>

Web: <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/Pages/home.aspx>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Stacy Kong, Quality Assurance & Training Unit Supervisor

Clayton Takemoto, Social Work Services Unit Supervisor

Department of Health

Early Intervention Section

1350 South King Street, Suite 200

Honolulu, HI 96814

(808) 594-0025; (808) 594-0034

E-mail: stacy.kong@doh.hawaii.gov;
clayton.takemoto@doh.hawaii.gov

Web: <http://health.hawaii.gov/eis/>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Patricia Dong, 619 Coordinator

Educational Specialist

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Honolulu, HI 96816

(808)203-5560

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Web: [http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/
TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/
SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx)

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Neil Shim, Administrator

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department of Human Services

601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 515

Kapolei, HI 96707

(808) 692-7719

E-mail: nshim@dhs.state.hi.us

Coordinator for Transition Services

Maxine Nagamine, Coordinator for Secondary Transition Services

Office of Special Education

Hawaii Department of Education

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Web: <http://sssb.k12.hi.us/>

Office of State Director for Career and Technical Education

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Lower Campus Road, Lunalilo Portable 1

Honolulu, HI 96822

(808) 956-7461

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State Mental Health Agency

Michelle R. Hill, Deputy Director

Behavioral Health Administration

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Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 586-4416

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Adult Mental Health Division

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Honolulu, HI 96813

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State Mental Health Representative for Children

Christina Donkervoet, Chief

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division

Department of Health

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Honolulu, HI 96816

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State Mental Retardation Program

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Developmental Disabilities Division

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(808) 586-5840

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Waynette Cabral, Executive Administrator

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 113

Honolulu, HI 96814

(808) 586-8100

E-mail: wkcabral@mail.health.state.hi.us

Web: www.hiddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Gary Smith, President

Hawaii Disability Rights Center

900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1040

Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 949-2922 (V/TTY); (800) 882-1057 (V/TTY) (in HI)

E-mail: info@HawaiiDisabilityRights.org

Web: www.HawaiiDisabilityRights.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact Hawaii Disability Rights Center listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children With Special Health Needs Branch

Department of Health

Patricia Heu, Chief

741 Sunset Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96816

(808) 733-9070

(808) 973-9633 Hawaii Keiki Information Service

(800) 235-5477 (HKISS) Neighbor Islands

E-mail: pat.heu@fhds.health.state.hi.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Med-QUEST Division

P.O. Box 3490

Honolulu, HI 96811-3490

(808) 587-3521

Web: www.med-quest.us/

State Agency for People With Disabilities

Disability and Communication Access Board

Francine Wai, Executive Director

919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 101

Honolulu, HI 96814-4920

(808) 586-8121 (V/TTY)

E-mail: accesshi@aloha.net

Web: www.state.hi.us/health/dcab/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind

David Eveland, Administrator

P.O. Box 339

Honolulu, HI 96809

(808) 586-5311

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Disability and Communication Access Board

Kristine Pagano, Communication Access Specialist

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Honolulu, HI 96814-4920

(808) 586-8121 (V/TTY)

E-mail: accesshi@aloha.net

Web: www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab/

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(808) 643-8255 (V)

(808) 643-8833 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Thomas Yamashiro, Assistant Superintendent

Office of Information Technology Services

P.O. Box 2360

Honolulu, HI 96804

(808) 586-3218 (V/TTY)

Web: <http://doe.k12.hi.us>

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Pacific Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center

Erica C. Jones, Director

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Oakland, CA 94607-4046

(510) 285-5600 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adatech@pdbtac.com

Web: www.pacdbtac.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center on Disability Studies

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Robert A. Stodden, Director

1776 University Avenue, UA 4-6

Honolulu, HI 96822

(808) 956-5011

Web: www.cds.hawaii.edu/

Technology-Related Assistance

Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong, Executive Director

414 Kuwili Street, Suite 104

Honolulu, HI 96817-5050

(808) 532-7110 (V/TTY); (800) 645-3007

E-mail: atrc@atrc.org

Web: www.atrc.org

Aloha Special Technology Access Center, Inc. (Aloha STAC)

Eric Arveson, Executive Director

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Honolulu, HI 96813

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State Mediation System

Hawaii Department of Education

Special Education Section

637 18th Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96816

(808) 733-4836

Web: <http://doe.k12.hi.us>

Special Format Library

Hawaii State Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Fusako Miyashiro, Librarian

402 Kapahulu Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96815

(808) 733-8444; (800) 559-4096

(808) 733-8444 (TTY)

E-mail: olbcirc@librarieshawaii.org

Web: <http://hawaii.sdp.sirsi.net/client/default/>

Hawaii—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Hawaii, contact

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity
Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Hawaii

P.O. Box 2995

Honolulu, HI 96802

(808) 944-4774

Web: www.autismhawaii.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—West (information available here for a large region)

Gil Johnson, Director

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.org

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Hawaii

Kisha Skeen, Program Coordinator

2201 Waimano Home Road, Hale E

Pearl City, HI 96782

(808) 454-0699

E-mail: biahi@verizon.net

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii

Donna Fouts, Executive Director

414 Kuwili Street, Suite 105

Honolulu, HI 96817

(808) 532-6744

E-mail: ucpa@DiverseAbilities.org

Web: www.ucpahi.org

Deafness/Hard of Hearing

Hawaii Services on Deafness

Ann K. Reimers, Executive Director

1833 Kalakaua Avenue, Suite 905

Honolulu, HI 96815

(808) 946-7300 (V/TTY)

E-mail: reimers@hsod.org

Web: www.hsod.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii, Inc.

Kathryn K. Chung, Executive Director

245 N. Kukui Street, Suite 207

Honolulu, HI 96817

(808) 528-3058; (866) 528-3058

E-mail: EFH@HawaiiEpilepsy.com

Web: <http://www.epilepsyhawaii.org/>

Gallaudet University Regional Center

Sara Simmons, Executive Director

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4303 Diamond Head Road

Honolulu, HI 96816

(808) 734-9210 (V/TTY)

E-mail: sarasimm@hawaii.edu

Web: <http://gurc.gallaudet.edu/pacific-gurc.html>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii

Jennifer Schember-Lang, Executive Director

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Honolulu, HI 96817

(808) 536-9684 (V/TTY); (800) 533-9684 (in HI)

E-mail: LDAH@LDAHawaii.org

Web: www.ldahawaii.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Hawaii

Kennith Wilson, Executive Director

200 N. Vineyard Boulevard, Suite 300

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E-mail: mha@i-one.com

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Mental Retardation

The Arc in Hawaii

3989 Diamond Head Road

Honolulu, HI 96816

(808) 737-7995

E-mail: info@thearcinhawaii.org

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Speech and Hearing

Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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P.O. Box 235850

Honolulu, HI 96853-3514

(808) 528-4742

Hawaii—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Assisting With Appropriate Rights in Education (AWARE)

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200 N. Vineyard Boulevard, Suite 310

Honolulu, HI 96817

(808) 536-9684 (V/TTY); (808) 536-2280 (V/TTY)

(800) 533-9684 (in HI)

E-mail: LDAH@LDAHawaii.org

Web: www.ldahawaii.org/aware.htm

Partners in Policymaking

Hawaii Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Parent-To-Parent

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

(808) 586-8126 (V/TTY)

E-mail: accesshi@aloha.net

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Hawaii Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students

Don Hayman, President

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Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 593-2041; (877) 593-2041

E-mail: hi_office@pta.org

Web: www.hawaiiptsa.org

Hawaii—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Hawaii

John Howell, Chief Executive Officer

710 Green Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 536-1015 (V/TTY)

Web: www.eastersealshawaii.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Hawaii, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in your state, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Official State Web Site

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State Department of Education: Special Education

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Children’s Developmental Services

Family and Community Services

Department of Health and Welfare

Christy Cronheim, Program Manager

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Boise, ID 83720-0036

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Web: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/default.aspx?TabId=78>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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Boise, ID 83720-0096

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Adult Mental Health Programs

Division of Family and Community Services

Department of Health and Welfare

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Boise, ID 83720-0036

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Web: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/MentalHealth/AdultMentalHealth/tabid/195/Default.aspx>

State Mental Health Representative for Children

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Children's Mental Health

Division of Family and Community Services

Department of Health and Welfare

P.O. Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0036

(208) 334-6559

E-mail: halligan@idhw.state.id.us

Web: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/MentalHealth/ChildrensMentalHealth/tabid/314/Default.aspx>

State Mental Retardation Program

Mary Jones, Acting Chief

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Division of Family and Community Services

Department of Health and Welfare

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Boise, ID 83702

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E-mail: msword@icdd.state.id.us

Web: www.state.id.us/icdd/

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Comprehensive Advocacy, Inc. (Co-Ad, Inc.)

James Baugh, Executive Director

4477 Emerald Street, Suite B-100

Boise, ID 83706

(208) 336-5353 (V/TTY); (866) 262-3462

E-mail: coadinc@mcleodusa.net

Web: users.moscow.com/co-ad

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Program

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Bureau of Clinical and Preventive Services

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Idaho CareLine

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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Boise, ID 83720-0026

(800) 926-2588

E-mail: careline@idaho.state.id.us

Web: www.idahocareline.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

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Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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(208) 334-3220; (800) 542-8688

E-mail: aroan@icbvi.state.id.us

Web: www.icbvi.state.id.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Pennie Cooper, Executive Director

Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

1720 Westgate Drive, Suite A

Boise, ID 83704

(208) 334-0879 (V); (208) 334-0803 (TTY)

(800) 433-1323 (Voice—in ID only)

(800) 433-1361 (TTY—in ID only)

E-mail: cooperp@idhw.state.id.us

Web: www.state.id.us/cdhh/

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 377-1363 (V)

(800) 377-3529 (TTY/ASCII); 711 (TTY)

(888) 791-3004 (Speech to Speech)

(866) 252-0684 (Spanish)

Project for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Idaho Project for Children and Youth with Deaf-Blindness

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Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Northwest ADA & IT Center

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center on Disabilities and Human Development

University Center on Excellence/University of Idaho

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Idaho Assistive Technology Project

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State Mediation System

Bureau of Special Education

Larry Streeter, Dispute Resolution Coordinator

Idaho Department of Education

650 W. State Street

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Boise, ID 83720-0027

(208) 332-6914

E-mail: lstreete@sde.state.id.us

Web: www.sde.state.id.us/specialed

Special Format Library

Idaho State Talking Book Library

Sue Walker, Librarian

325 W. State Street

Boise, ID 83702

(208) 334-2117; (800) 233-4931

(800) 377-1363 (TTY)

E-mail: tblbooks@isl.state.id.us

Web: www.lili.org/tbl

Idaho—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Idaho, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

E-mail: mail@add.org

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of America/Treasure Valley Chapter

Paul & Richelle Tierney

7842 Rainbow Place

Nampa, ID 83687

E-mail: jrat@netzero.net

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—West (information available for a large region)

Gil Johnson, Director

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.org

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Idaho

Michelle Featherston, President

Wendy Cary, Executive Director

P.O. Box 414

Boise, ID 83701-0414

(208) 342-0999; (888) 374-3447 (In ID)

E-mail: info@biaid.org

Web: www.biaid.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Idaho

Kim Kane, Executive Director

5420 W. Franklin Road, Suite A

Boise, ID 83705

(208) 377-8070; (888) 289-3259

E-mail: info@ucpidaho.org

Web: www.ucpidaho.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho

David C. Blackwell, Executive Director

310 W. Idaho

Boise, ID 83702

(208) 344-4340; (800) 237-6676 (In ID)

E-mail: efid@epilepsyidaho.org

Web: www.epilepsyidaho.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Idaho

Ginny Hughes

9797 N. Circle Drive

Hayden, ID 83835-9503

(208) 762-2316

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Mental Health

NAMI-Idaho

Lee Woodland, Executive Director

P.O. Box 68

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(208) 673-6672; (800) 572-9940

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Office of Consumer Affairs

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Speech and Hearing

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13352 W. Bluebonnet Drive

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(208) 939-5899

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Web: ckolsen@cableone.net

Idaho—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Idaho Parents Unlimited, Inc. (IPUL)

Evelyn Mason, Executive Director

600 N. Curtis Road, Suite 145

Boise, ID 83706

(208) 342-5884 (V/TTY); (800) 242-4785 (in ID only)

E-mail: parents@ipulidaho.org

Web: <http://ipulidaho.org>

Parent-To-Parent

Contact Parent Training and Information Center listed above.

Partners in Policymaking

Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

Christine Pisani, DD Program Specialist

802 W. Bannock, Suite 308

Boise, ID 83702-5840

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E-mail: cpisani@icdd.state.id.us

Web: www.state.id.us/icdd

Web: <http://idahopartners.state.id.us>

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Idaho Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Shirley Block, President

500 W. Washington

Boise, ID 83702-5965

(208) 344-0851; (208) 342-8585

E-mail: idahopta@mindspring.com

Web: www.idahopta.net

Idaho—Other Disability Organizations

VSA Arts of Idaho/Idaho Parents Unlimited

Jose Rodriguez, Program Director

600 N. Curtis Road, Suite 145

Boise, ID 83706

(208) 342-5884

E-mail: jose@ipulidaho.org

Summit Assistance Dogs (information available for the region)

Sue Meinzinger, Director

5458 W. Shore Road

Anacortes, WA 98221

(360) 293-5609

E-mail: info@summitdogs.org

Web: www.summitdogs.org/

Washington State Fathers Network (information available for the region)

James May, Executive Director

16120 NE 8th Street

Bellevue, WA 98008

(425) 747-4004, ext. 4286; (800) 833-6388

E-mail: jmay@fathersnetwork.org

Web: www.fathersnetwork.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Idaho, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Idaho, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

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(312) 814-2804

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Web: <http://www.isbe.net/nclb/default.htm>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Bureau of Early Intervention

Department of Human Services

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Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 782-0516

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Division of Early Childhood Education

Pam Reising-Rechner

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(217) 524-4835

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Technical Support to Schools on Inclusion

Project CHOICES

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100 N. First Street, Room N253

Springfield, IL 62777-0001

(217) 782-5589

E-mail: dkunz@isbe.net

Web: www.projectchoices.org

Technical Support to Schools on Positive Behavior
Interventions and Supports

Illinois State Board of Education

EBD/PBIS Network

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West 40 ISC #2

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LaGrange Park, IL 60526

(708) 482-4860

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Department of Human Services

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100 S. Grand Avenue, East

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(217) 524-7551 (V/TTY); (800) 843-6154 (V/TTY)

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Web: www.dhs.state.il.us

Coordinator for Transition Services

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Highland, IL 62249

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State Mental Health Agency

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(800) 447-6404 (TTY)

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State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Department of Human Services

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E-mail: dhs9255@dhs.state.il.us

Web: www.state.il.us/agency/dhs

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

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830 S. Spring Street

Springfield, IL 62704

(217) 782-9696 (V/TTY)

Web: www.state.il.us/agency/icdd/

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Equip for Equality, Inc.

Zena Naiditch, CEO/President

20 N. Michigan, Suite 300

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 341-0022; (800) 537-2632 (V)

(800) 610-2779 (TTY)

E-mail: contactus@equipforequality.org

Web: www.equipforequality.org

Client Assistance Program

Cathy Meadows, Manager

Illinois Client Assistance Program

100 N. First Street, 1st Floor West

Springfield, IL 62702-5197

(217) 782-5374 (V/TTY); (800) 641-3929 (in IL)

E-mail: dhscap@dhs.state.il.us

Web: www.dhs.state.il.us/ors/cap

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Division of Specialized Care for Children

University of Illinois at Chicago

Charles N. Onufer, MD, Director

P.O. Box 19481

2815 W. Washington, Suite 300

Springfield, IL 62794-9481

(217) 793-2340; (800) 322-3722

E-mail: cnonufer@uic.edu

Web: www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc/

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

All Kids

Illinois Department of Public Aid

201 S. Grand Avenue East

Springfield, IL 62753-0002

(866) 468-7543; (877) 204-1012 (TTY)

Web: <http://www.allkids.com/>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Services for Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Division of Rehabilitation Services

Department of Human Services

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Chicago, IL 60601

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(800) 526-0857 (V)

(800) 526-0844 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 526-6690 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually
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Bureau of the Blind

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Technology-Related Assistance

Illinois Assistive Technology Project

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E-mail: scolegro@isbe.net

Web: www.isbe.net/spec-ed

For a listing of resource centers that provide legal or advocacy services at no or low cost, visit: www.isbe.net/spec-ed/parent%20advocates.htm

For due process information, contact

Illinois State Board of Education

Beth Hanselman, Supervisor

Division of Special Education Services

100 N. First Street

Springfield, IL 62777-0001

(217) 782-5589

Web: www.isbe.net/spec-ed

Special Format Library

Illinois State Library

Talking Book and Braille Service

Sharon Ruda, Associate Director

401 E. Washington

Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 782-9435; (800) 665-5576 ext. 5 (in IL)

(888) 261-5280 (TTY)

E-mail: sruda@ilsos.net

Web: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/TBBS/home.html>

Illinois—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Illinois, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in your state, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance
Project

Kathy Gould, Project Director

1301 W. Cossitt Avenue

La Grange, IL 60525

(708) 354-5730

E-mail: kathygould@illinoisautismproject.org

Web: www.illinoisautismproject.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

Jay Stiteley, Director

American Foundation for the Blind-Midwest

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Illinois

Philicia L. Deckard, Executive Director

P.O. Box 64420

Chicago, IL 60664-0420

(312) 630-4011; (800) 699-6443 (in IL only)

E-mail: info@biail.org

Web: www.BIAUSA.org/illinois/bia.htm

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois

Don Moss, Executive Director

310 E. Adams

Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 528-9681

E-mail: ucpil@sbcglobal.net

Web: www.ucpillinois.com

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago

Philip M. Gattone, President/CEO

17 N. State, Suite 1300

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 939-8622; (800) 273-6027

(312) 628-6027 (TTY)

E-mail: info@epilepsychicago.org

Web: www.epilepsychicago.org

Epilepsy Resource Center (serving central Illinois)

1315 W. Lawrence Avenue

Springfield, IL 62704

(217) 726-1839 (V/TTY); (800) 800-6401

E-mail: epilepsy@spfldsparc.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois

Sandy Zamudio, President

10101 S. Roberts Road, Suite 205

Palos Hills, IL 60465

(708) 430-7532

E-mail: LDAofIL@ameritech.net

Web: www.ldaamerica.org

Illinois Branch of the International Dyslexia Association

Carolyn Swallow, PhD, Executive Director

751 Roosevelt Road, Suite 116

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

(630) 469-6900

E-mail: ilbranch_ida@ameritech.net

Web: www.interdys.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Illinois

188 W. Randolph Street, Suite 2225

Chicago, IL 60601

(312) 368-9070

Web: www.mhai.org

NAMI Illinois

Lora Thomas, Executive Director

218 W. Lawrence

Springfield, IL 62704

(217) 522-1403; (800) 346-4572 (In IL only)

E-mail: namiil@sbcglobal.net;

thomas.lora@sbcglobal.net; Web: <http://il.nami.org>

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of Illinois

Tony Paulauski, Executive Director

18207-A Dixie Highway

Homewood, IL 60430

(708) 206-1930

E-mail: tony@thearcofil.org

Web: www.thearcofil.org

Speech and Hearing

Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Cynthia Keillor, Executive Director

230 E. Ohio Street, Suite 400

Chicago, IL 60611-3265

(312) 644-0828, ext. 2210

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Web: www.ishail.org

Illinois State Department of Education

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Spina Bifida

Illinois Spina Bifida Association

Adam S. Rappaport, Executive Director

3080 Ogden Avenue, Suite 103

Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 637-1050; (773) 581-2426

(800) 969-4722

E-mail: ILSBA1@aol.com

Web: www.illinoisspinabifidaassociation.com

Spinal Cord Injury

Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois

Mercedes Rauen, Executive Director

1032 S. La Grange Road

LaGrange, IL 60525

(708) 352-6223; (877) 373-0301

E-mail: SCIInjury@aol.com

Web: www.sci-illinois.org

Illinois—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Family Resource Center on Disabilities

Charlotte Des Jardins, Director

20 E. Jackson Boulevard, Room 300

Chicago, IL 60604

(312) 939-3513; (312) 939-3519 (TTY)

(800) 952-4199 (In IL)

E-mail: frcdptil@ameritech.net

Web: www.frcd.org

Designs for Change

Donald Moore, Executive Director

29 E. Madison, Suite 950

Chicago, IL 60602-4404

(312) 236-7252; (312) 236-7944 (TTY)

(800) 851-8728

E-mail: info@designsforchange.org

Web: www.designsforchange.org

Family Matters

Debbie Einhorn, Program Director

2502 S. Veterans Drive

Effingham, IL 62401

(217) 347-0880; (217) 347-5428 (V/TTY)

(866) 436-7842

E-mail: info@fmptic.org

Web: www.fmptic.org

Partners in Policymaking

Phoenix Perth Institute

Ginny Cooke

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Evanston, IL 60401-5429

(847) 425-1967

E-mail: ginnycooke@aol.com

Parent-To-Parent

Family Resource Center on Disabilities

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Chicago, IL 60604

(312) 939-3513; (312) 939-3519 (TTY)

(800) 952-4199 (In IL)

E-mail: frcdptil@ameritech.net

Web: www.frcd.org

Family Support Network of Illinois

Charlotte Cronin, Executive Director

5739 W. Martindale Lane

Peoria, IL 61615-9669

(309) 693-8981

E-mail: fsn@familysupportnetwork.org

Web: www.familysupportnetwork.org/

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers

Gayla Boomer, President

901 S. Spring Street

Springfield, IL 62704-2790

(217) 528-9617; (800) 877-9617

E-mail: il_office@pta.org

Illinois—Other Disability Organizations

Pathways Awareness Foundation

Kathy O'Brien, Resource Director

150 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2100

Chicago, IL 60601

(800) 955-2445; (800) 326-8154 (TTY)

E-mail: friends@pathwaysawareness.org

Web: www.pathwaysawareness.org

Council for Disability Rights

Jo Holzer, Executive Director

205 W. Randolph, Suite 1645

Chicago, IL 60606-1892

(312) 444-9484; (312) 444-1967 (TTY)

E-mail: cdrights@interaccess.com

Web: www.disabilityrights.org

State Advisory Council on the Education of Children With
Disabilities (ISAC)

Christopher Koch, State Director of Special Education

Department of Special Education

Illinois State Board of Education

100 N. First Street, N-243

Springfield, IL 62777-0001

(217) 782-4870

E-mail: chris.koch@isbe.net

Web: www.isbe.net/spec-ed/isac.htm

VSA Arts of Chicago

Amy J. Serpe, Executive Director

Apparel Center

350 N. Orleans, Suite 680

Chicago, IL 60654

(312) 527-2620; (800) 526-0844 (TTY)

E-mail: as@vsachicago.org

Web: www.vsachicago.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Illinois, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Illinois, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Indiana—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Daniel Coats (R)

493 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-5623

E-mail: <http://www.coats.senate.gov/contact/>

Web: <http://www.coats.senate.gov/>

Honorable Joe Donnelly (D)

720 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4814

(202) 228-1377 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.donnelly.senate.gov/contact/email-joe>

Web: <http://www.donnelly.senate.gov/>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call: (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Mike Pence

206 State House

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 232-4567

Web: <http://www.in.gov/gov/2752.htm>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.in.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

Becky Bowman, Director

Indiana Department of Education

South Tower, Suite 600

115 W. Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

E-mail: bbowman@doe.in.gov

Web: <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed>

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Indiana was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

Cindy Hurst, Title I Coordinator

Indiana Department of Education

South Tower, Suite 600

115 W. Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 234-2145

Email: churst@doe.in.gov

Web: <http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Cathy Robinson, Part C Coordinator

First Steps

Division of Disability Rehabilitation

Bureau of Child Development

402 W. Washington Street, Room W-386

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 234-1527; (800) 441-7837 (in IN)

E-mail: cathy.robinson@fssa.in.gov

Web: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/4655.htm>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Indiana Department of Education

Christina Furbee, 619 Coordinator

Department of Education

115 W. Washington Street

South Tower, Suite 600

Indianapolis, IN

(317) 232-9142

E-mail: cfurbee@doe.in.gov

Web: <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Michael Hedden, Deputy Director

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services

402 W. Washington Street, Room W453

P.O. Box 7083

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083

(317) 232-1319; (800) 545-7763, ext. 1319

E-mail: phedden@fssa.state.in.us

Web: www.IN.gov/fssa/

Coordinator for Transition Services

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Teresa Grossi, Director

University Affiliated Program of Indiana

Indiana University

2853 E. 10th Street

Bloomington, IN 47408

(812) 855-6508

E-mail: tgrossi@indiana.edu

Web: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=66>

Indiana Department of Education

Nancy Zemaitis, Assistant Director

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State House, Room 229

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2798

(317) 232-0892

E-mail: zemaitis@doe.state.in.us

Web: www.doe.state.in.us/exceptional/speced

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Indiana Workforce Development

Terry Fields, State Director

Vocational and Technical Education

10 N. Senate Avenue, Room 212

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2277

(317) 232-1829

E-mail: tfields@dwd.state.in.us

Web: www.IN.gov/dwd/teched/

State Mental Health Agency

Suzanne Clifford, Director

Division of Mental Health and Addiction

Family and Social Services Administration

402 W. Washington Street, Room W353

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

(317) 232-7845

E-mail: sclifford@fssa.state.in.us

Web: www.IN.gov/fssa

State Mental Health Representative for Children

Cheryl Shearer, ACSW, LCSW

Children's Services Bureau

Division of Mental Health and Addiction

Family and Social Services Administration

402 W. Washington Street, Room W353

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

(317) 232-7934

E-mail: cshearer@fssa.state.in.us

Web: www.IN.gov/fssa

State Developmental Disabilities Agency

Carmella Barrett, Deputy Director

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

P.O. Box 7083

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083

(317) 232-7842

Council on Developmental Disabilities

The Indiana Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities

Suellen Jackson-Boner, Director

150 W. Market Street, Suite 628

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 232-7770; (317) 232-7771 (TTY)

E-mail: sjackson@gpcpd.org

Web: www.IN.gov/gpcpd/

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services

Thomas Gallagher, Executive Director

4701 N. Keystone Avenue, Suite 222

Indianapolis, IN 46205

(317) 722-5555

(800) 622-4845; (800) 838-1131 (TTY)

E-mail: info@ipas.in.gov

Web: www.in.gov/ipas

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Care Services

Indiana State Department of Health

Eric Vermeulen, Director

2 N. Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 233-1351; (800) 475-1355

Web: www.in.gov/isdh/programs/cshcs

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Hoosier Healthwise

Children's Health Insurance Program

Department of Health, Family and Social Services

402 W. Washington Street, Room 382, MS07

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

(800) 889-9949

Web: www.in.gov/fssa/programs/chip

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Blind and Visually Impaired Services

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services

Linda Quarles, Interim Deputy Director

402 W. Washington Street, Room W-453

P. O. Box 7083

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083

(317) 232-1433; (877) 241-8144

(317) 232-1466 (TTY)

E-mail: lquarles@fssa.state.in.us

Web: www.state.in.us/fssa/servicedisabl/blind/index.html

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Indiana Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services

James Van Manen, Deputy Director

402 W. Washington Street, Room W-453

P.O. Box 7083

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083

(317) 232-1143 (V/TTY); (800) 962-8408 (V/TTY in IN only)

E-mail: jvanmanen@fssa.state.in.us

Web: www.IN.gov/fssa/dhhs

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 743-3333 (V)

(800) 743-3333 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 743-8231 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

The Indiana Deafblind Services Project

Karen Goehl, Director

Blumberg Center, College of Education, Room 502

Indiana State University

Terre Haute, IN 47809

(800) 622-3035; (812) 237-3022 (TTY)

E-mail: kgoehl@indstate.edu

E-mail: lpoff@indstate.edu

Web: www.indstate.edu/soe/blumberg/Deafblind.html

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Great Lakes ADA and Accessible IT Center

University of Illinois/Chicago

Department on Disability and Human Development

Robin Jones, Project Director

1640 W. Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 413-1407 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: gldbtac@uic.edu

Web: www.adagreatlakes.org

University Centers for Excellence on Developmental
Disabilities

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

David M. Mank, Director

2853 E. 10th Street

Bloomington, IN 47408-2696

(812) 855-6508; (812) 855-9396 (TTY)

E-mail: iidc@indiana.edu

Web: www.iidc.indiana.edu

Riley Child Development Center (RCDC)

John D. Rau, MD, Director

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
(LEND) Program

Indiana University School of Medicine

James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children

702 Barnhill Drive, Room 5837

Indianapolis, IN 46202-5225

(317) 274-8167

E-mail: jdrau@child-dev.com

Web: www.child-dev.com

Technology-Related Assistance

Attain

Gary R. Hand, Executive Director

32 E. Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 486-8808; (800) 528-8246 (in IN)

E-mail: attain@attaininc.org

Web: www.attaininc.org

State Mediation System

Indiana Department of Education

Sally Cook, Mediation Coordinator

Division of Exceptional Learners

State House, Room 229

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 232-0580

E-mail: sacook@doe.state.in.us

Web: www.doe.state.in.us/exceptional/speced

Special Format Library

Indiana State Library Talking Books

Lissa Shanahan, Librarian

140 N. Senate Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 232-3684; (800) 622-4970

(317) 232-7763 (TTY)

E-mail: lbph@statelib.lib.in.us

Web: www.statelib.lib.in.us/

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(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Indiana Resource Center for Autism (IRCA)

Cathy Pratt, PhD, Director

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Indiana's University Center for Excellence on Disabilities

Indiana University

2853 E. 10th Street

Bloomington, IN 47408-2696

(812) 855-6508; (812) 855-9396 (TTY)

E-mail: prattc@indiana.edu

Web: www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Indiana

Lindsay Meyer, Executive Director

9531 Valparaiso Court, Suite A

Indianapolis, IN 46268

(317) 356-7722; (866) 854-4246

E-mail: lindsay.meyer@biai.org

Web: www.biausa.org/indiana/bia.htm

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Indiana, Inc.

Donna Roberts, Executive Director

1915 W. 18th Street, Suite C

Indianapolis, IN 46202

(317) 632-3561; (800) 723-7620

E-mail: donnar@ucpindy.org

Web: www.ucp.org

Down Syndrome

Indiana Down Syndrome Foundation

Kimberly Pannell, Executive Director

3100 Meridian Parke Drive, Suite N292

Greenwood, IN 46142

(317) 216-6319; (888) 989-9255

E-mail: idsfdirector@insightbb.com

Web: www.indianadsf.org

Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana

Joe Bockerstette, President

1530 Progress Road

Fort Wayne, IN 46808

(260) 471-9964; (877) 713-7264

E-mail: dsani4u@aol.com

Web: www.dsani.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati

Marge Frommeyer, Executive Director

(serving South Eastern Counties)

3 Centennial Plaza, 895 Central Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45202

(513) 721-2905; (877) 804-2241

E-mail: ecgc@fuse.net

Web: www.ecgc.net

Indiana Epilepsy Services

Kathy S. Forkner, MLS, State Coordinator

Community Health Network Neurosciences

1402 E. County Line Road South

Indianapolis, IN 46227

(317) 355-5824; (800) 642-2608

E-mail: kforkner@ecomunity.com

Web: www.indianaepilepsy.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Indiana

Sharon Harris, Indiana State President

Jan Perzanowski, Conference Director

P.O. Box 20584

Indianapolis, IN 46220

(800) 284-2519 (LD and ADD/HD Information Request Line)

E-mail: ldain@lda-in.org

Web: www.lda-in.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Indiana, Inc.

Stephen McCaffrey, President

1431 N. Delaware Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

(317) 638-3501; (800) 555-6424 (in IN only)

E-mail: mha@mentalhealthassociation.com

Web: www.mentalhealthassociation.com

NAMI Indiana

Pamela A. McConey, Executive Director

P.O. Box 22697

Indianapolis, IN 46222-0697

(317) 925-9399; (800) 677-6442

E-mail: nami-in@nami.org

Web: www.namiindiana.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Indiana

John Dickerson, Executive Director

107 N. Pennsylvania, Suite 300

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 977-2375

E-mail: jdickerson@arcind.org

Web: www.arcind.org

Web: <http://www.arcind.org/>

Speech and Hearing

Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Ann Ninness

1 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite 1111

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 916-4146

E-mail: mail@islha.org

Web: www.islha.org

Spinal Cord Injury

Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois

Mercedes Rauen, Executive Director

1032 S. LaGrange Road

LaGrange, IL 60525

(708) 352-6223; (877) 373-0301

E-mail: SCIInjury@aol.com

Web: www.sci-illinois.org

Indiana—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

IN*SOURCE

Richard Burden, Executive Director

809 N. Michigan Street

South Bend, IN 46601-1036

(574) 234-7101 (V/TTY); (800) 332-4433 (in IN)

E-mail: insource@insource.org

Web: www.insource.org

Partners in Policymaking

UCPA of Greater Indianapolis

1915 W. 18th Street, Suite C

Indianapolis, IN 46202

(317) 632-3561; (800) 821-6708 (in IN)

Parent-To-Parent

Indiana Parent Information Network, Inc.

Rebecca Agness, Executive Director

4755 Kingsway Drive, Suite 105-A

Indianapolis, IN 46205-1545

(317) 257-8683

E-mail: familynetw@ipin.org

Web: www.ipin.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Marilyn Jones, President

2525 N. Shadeland Avenue, D-4

Indianapolis, IN 46219

(317) 357-5881

E-mail: in_office@pta.org

E-mail: pta@spitfire.net

Web: www.indianapta.org

Indiana—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Wayne/Union Counties

Pat Bowers, Executive Director

5632 U.S. Highway 40 East

P.O. Box 86

Centerville, IN 47330-0086

(765) 855-2482

E-mail: easterseals@juno.com

Web: <http://eastersealswu.tripod.com>

Family Voices Indiana

4755 Kingsway Drive, Suite 105A

Indianapolis, IN 46205-1545

(317) 257-8683

E-mail: FamVoicesIn@aol.com

VSA Arts of Indiana

Harrison Centre for the Arts

Jim Nulty, President

1505 N. Delaware Avenue, Suite 100

Indianapolis, IN 46202

(317) 974-4123; (317) 974-4117 (TTY)

E-mail: jnulty@vsai.org

Web: www.v sai.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Indiana, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Indiana, contact

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1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

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(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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United States Senators

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Early Intervention System, Infants and Toddlers With
Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

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Programs for Children with Disabilities: Birth–5 Years

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Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
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Bureau of Community Colleges & Career and Technical
Education

Department of Education

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Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

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Employment Rights for People With Disabilities

Division of Persons with Disabilities

Department of Human Rights

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

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Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services, Inc.

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West Des Moines, IA 50265

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Client Assistance Program

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(866) 236-1423 (TTY)

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Web: www.medicine.uiowa.edu/chsc

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

hawk-i Program

P.O. Box 71336

Des Moines, IA 50325-9958

(800) 257-8563

Web: www.hawk-i.org/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually
Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Iowa Department for the Blind

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Des Moines, IA 50309-2364

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Web: www.blind.state.ia.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of
Hearing

Kathryn Baumann-Reese, Administrator

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

Iowa Department of Human Rights

Lucas State Office Building

Des Moines, IA 50319-0090

(515) 281-3164 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dhrr.dsci@iowa.gov

Web: www.state.ia.us/government/dhrr

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 735-2943 (V)

(800) 735-2942 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 735-1007 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Great Plains Disability and Business Technical Assistance
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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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Iowa's University Center for Excellence on Disabilities

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Special Format Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Iowa Department for the Blind

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Iowa—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Iowa, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

E-mail: mail@add.org

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in your state, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Iowa

2101 Kimball Avenue, LL7

Waterloo, IA 50702

(319) 272-2312; (800) 475-4442

E-mail: biaia@cedarnet.org

Web: www.biaia.org

Cerebral Palsy

The Arc of Cedar Valley

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Waterloo, IA 50704-4090

(319) 232-0437

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation North/Central Illinois, Iowa & Nebraska

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Rockford, IL 61101-1119

(815) 964-2689; (800) 221-2689

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Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa

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Mental Health

Iowa Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

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Special Health Care Needs

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E-mail: f2finfo@askresource.org

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Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Iowa

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Iowa—Organizations Especially for Parents

Access for Special Kids

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Jule Reynolds, Director

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(515) 243-1713; (800) 450-8667

E-mail: jule@askresource.org

Web: www.askresource.org

Parent-To-Parent

ASK (Access For Special Kids) Resource Center

321 E. Sixth Street

Des Moines, IA 50309

(515) 243-1713; (800) 450-8667

E-mail: info@askresource.org

Web: www.askresource.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Iowa Congress of Parents and Teachers

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Des Moines, IA 50325

(515) 225-4197; (800) 475-4782

E-mail: ia_office@pta.org

Web: www.iowapta.org

Iowa—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Iowa

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Des Moines, IA 50333-4002

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Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

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Web: www.ilru.org

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National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Kansas State Department of Education

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Web: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=528>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Kansas Rehabilitation Services

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

Kansas Advocacy and Protective Services

3745 SW Wanamaker Road

Topeka, KS 66610

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Web: www.ksadv.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

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Topeka, Kansas 66603

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(877) 776-1541

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs

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Topeka, KS 66612-1274

(785) 296-1313; (800) 332-6262 (in KS)

E-mail: hsmith@kdheks.gov

Web: <http://www.kdheks.gov/shcn/index.htm>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Kansas HealthWave

P.O. Box 3599

Topeka, KS 66601

(800) 792-4884

Web: www.kansashealthwave.org/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Michael Donnelly, Director

Docking State Office Building, 8th Floor West

915 SW Harrison

Topeka, Kansas 66612

(785) 368-8046 (V/TTY)

(800) 432-0698 (V/TTY)

Web: <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/RS/Pages/KCDHH.aspx>

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 766-3777 (V)

(800) 766-3777 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(866) 305-1344 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

William Daugherty, Superintendent

The Kansas State School for the Blind

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Kansas City, Kansas 66102

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Web: www.kssb.net/

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Assistive Technology for Kansans Project

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Special Format Library

Kansas State Library Talking Book Service

Toni Harrell, Director/Librarian

ESU Memorial Union

1200 Commercial, Box 4055

Emporia, KS 66801-5087

(620) 343-7124; (800) 362-0699

E-mail: tonih@kslib.info

Web: <http://kslib.info/153/Talking-Books>

Kansas—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Kansas, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Kansas

2250 N. Rock Road, Suite 118-254

Wichita, KS 67226

(316) 943-1191

E-mail: askansas@att.net

Autism Asperger Resource Center

Sue Ann Kline, Executive Director

2012 DDC Building

3901 Rainbow Boulevard

Kansas City, KS 66160

(913) 588-5988

E-mail: theaarc@msn.com

Web: www.autismasperger.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

(214) 352-7222

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City

Leigh Liggett, Executive Director

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Kansas City, MO 64105-1336

(816) 842-8607; (800) 783-1356

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Web: www.braininjuryresource.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas

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Wichita, KS 67208

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Epilepsy

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Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Kansas

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Mental Health

Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas

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Speech and Hearing

Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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Great Bend, KS 67530

(620) 793-6550; (800) 248-5742

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Web: www.ksha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Kansas

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Tammy Wolke, Co-President

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Wichita, KS 67209

(316) 516-7225

E-mail: tntwolke@quixnet.net

Kansas—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Families Together, Inc.

Connie Zienkewicz, Executive Director

3033 W. Second, Suite 106

Wichita, KS 67203

(316) 945-7747; (877) 499-5369 (Kansas City)

(888) 815-6364 (Wichita); (800) 264-6343 (Topeka)

(888) 820-6364 (Garden City); (800) 499-9443 (Espanol)

E-mail: wichita@famielstoegetherinc.org

Web: www.famielstoegetherinc.org

Community Parent Resource Center (serving an urban area within Sedgwick County)

Nina Lomely-Baker, Director/President

Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas

555 N. Woodlawn, Suite 3105

Wichita, KS 67208

(316) 685-1821, ext. 256

E-mail: nina@mhasck.org

Web: www.mhasck.org

Partners in Policymaking

Kansas Developmental Disabilities Council

Keith Tatum, Coordinator

Docking State Office Building, Room 141

915 SW Harrison Street

Topeka, KS 66612-1570

(785) 296-2608

E-mail: partnersinpolicy@kcdd.org

Web: <http://partnersonlinecourses.com/>

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers

Peggy Davis, President

715 SW 10th Street

Topeka, KS 66612-1686

(785) 234-5782

E-mail: ks_office@pta.org

Web: www.ptasonline.org

Other Parent Organizations

Keys for Networking

Jane Adams, Executive Director

1301 SW Topeka Boulevard

Topeka, KS 66612-1816

(785) 233-8732; (800) 499-8732 (Parent line)

E-mail: jadams@keys.org

Web: www.keys.org

Kansans for IDEA Compliance

Helle S. Vander Yacht, Executive Director

607 E. Republic

Salina, KS 67401

(785) 823-7797

E-mail: helle@cox.net

Web: www.ideacompliance.org

Kansas—Other Disability Organizations

Goodwill Industries Easter Seals of Kansas, Inc.

Marie Mareda, President

3636 North Oliver

P.O. Box 8169

Wichita, KS 67208-0169

(316) 744-9291

Web: www.goodwilleastersealsks.org

Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns

Kansas Department of Commerce

1430 SW Topeka Boulevard

Topeka, KS 66612-1819

(800) 295-5232; (877) 340-5874 (TTY)

Web: <http://adabbs.hr.state.ks.us/>

Kansas Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children

Sue Ann Kline, PhD, President

8930 Foster Lane

Overland Park, KS 66212

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Accessible Arts, Inc.

Martin English, Executive Director

1100 State Avenue

Kansas City, KS 66102

(913) 281-1133

E-mail: accarts@accessiblearts.org

Web: www.accessiblearts.org

Special Olympics Kansas

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5280 Foxridge Drive

Mission, KS 66202

(913) 236-9290

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Web: www.ksso.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Kansas, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Kansas, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

KENTUCKY

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United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call: (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Kentucky has been granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

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Next-Generation Schools and Districts

Division of Consolidated Plans and Audits

Kentucky Department of Education

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Frankfort, KY 40601

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Web: <http://education.ky.gov/federal/progs/Pages/default.aspx>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

First Steps

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Early Childhood Development Branch

275 E. Main Street, HS2G-B

Frankfort, KY 40621

(502) 564-3756; (800) 232-1160

E-mail: paula.goff@ky.gov

Web: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/firststeps.htm>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Division of Early Childhood Development

Department of Education

Sally Shepherd, 619 Coordinator

Office of Next Generation Learners

School Readiness Branch

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Division of Career and Technical Education

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State Mental Health Agency

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Department for Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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Early Childhood Mental Health: Birth–5 Years

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Division of Mental Health

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Frankfort, KY 40621

(502) 564-4527

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contact.aspx?p=106](http://dbhdid.ky.gov/contact.aspx?p=106)

Web: <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/ecmh.aspx>

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State Mental Retardation Program

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100 Fair Oaks Lane, 4E-E

Frankfort, KY 40621-0001

(502) 564-7700

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

Protection and Advocacy Division

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Frankfort, KY 40601

(502) 564-2967; (800) 372-2988 (V/TTY in KY)

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Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

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E-mail: gerry.gordon-brown@ky.gov

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Eric Friedlander, Executive Director

982 Eastern Parkway

Louisville, KY 40217

(502) 595-4459, ext. 271; (800) 232-1160

E-mail: eric.friedlander@ky.gov

Web: www.chs.ky.gov/commissionkids

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

KCHIP

(877) 524-4718; (877) 524-4719 (TTY)

(800) 662-5397 (Spanish)

Web: www.chs.ky.gov/kchip/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Office for the Blind

Department of Workforce Investment

Stephen Johnson, Executive Director

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Frankfort, KY 40602-0757

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Kentucky School for the Blind

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Kentucky Instructional and Diagnostic Services

1867 Frankfort Avenue

Louisville, KY 40206

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E-mail: cjohnson@ksb.k12.ky.us

Web: www.ksb.k12.ky.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Executive Director

632 Versailles Road

Frankfort, KY 40601

(502) 573-2604 (V/TTY)

(800) 372-2907 (V/TTY, in KY only)

E-mail: kcdhh@mail.state.ky.us

Web: www.kcdhh.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 648-6057 (V)

(800) 648-6056 (TTY/ASCII); 711 (TTY)

(888) 244-6111 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

UK Kentucky Deaf-Blind Project

Diane Haynes, Project Director

12 Erikson Hall

Lexington, KY 40506-0050

(859) 257-7732

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State Education Agency Rural Representative

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Frankfort, KY 40601

(502) 564-4474

E-mail: knolan@kde.state.ky.us

Web: www.education.ky.gov

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance
Center

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

Georgia Tech

Shelley Kaplan, Project Director

490 10th Street

Atlanta, GA 30318

(404) 385-0636; (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: sedbtac@catea.org

Web: www.sedbtac.org

Technology-Related Assistance

Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network

Chase Forrester, Director

Charles McDowell Center

8412 Westport Road

Louisville, KY 40242

(502) 327-0022 (V/TTY); (800) 327-5287 (V/TTY, in KY)

E-mail: katsnet@iglou.com

Web: www.katsnet.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Human Development Institute

Interdisciplinary University Center for Excellence

Harold L. Kleinert, Executive Director

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126 Mineral Industries Building

Lexington, KY 40506-0051

(859) 257-3045

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State Mediation System

Pam Goins, Consultant

Division of Exceptional Children Services

Department of Education

Capital Plaza Tower

500 Mero Street, Room 818

Frankfort, KY 40601

(502) 564-4970

E-mail: pgoins@kde.state.ky.us

Web: www.education.ky.gov

Special Format Library

Kentucky Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Richard Feindel, Librarian

300 Coffee Tree Road

P.O. Box 818

Frankfort, KY 40602-0818

(502) 564-8300; (800) 372-2968

E-mail: richard.feindel@ky.gov

Web: www.kdla.ky.gov/collectionsktbl.htm

Kentucky—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Kentucky, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Kentucky, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Kentucky

Melinda Mast, Executive Director

4229 Bardstown Road, Suite 330

Louisville, KY 40218

(502) 493-0609; (800) 592-1117 (in KY)

E-mail: melinda.mast@biak.us

Web: www.braincenter.org

Web: www.biak.us

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome InfoSource, Inc.

Gail T. Lowe, Coordinator

P.O. Box 221316

Louisville, KY 40252-1316

(502) 412-3759; (888) 999-3759

E-mail: GTLowe@aol.com

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Council of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (this organization has information about services for people with epilepsy in Kentucky)

Marge Frommeyer, Executive Director

3 Centennial Plaza

895 Central Avenue, Suite 550

Cincinnati, OH 45202

(513) 721-2905; (877) 804-2241

E-mail: ecgc@fuse.net

Web: www.ecgc.net

Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana

Debbie McGrath, Executive Director

501 E. Broadway, Suite 110

Louisville, KY 40202

(502) 584-8817; (866) 275-1078

E-mail: dmcgrath@efky.org

Web: www.efky.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Kentucky, Inc.

Martha Ruth VanCleave, Executive Director

2210 Goldsmith Lane, Suite 118

Louisville, KY 40218

(502) 473-1256

E-mail: ldaofky@aol.com

Web: www.ldaofky.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Kentucky

Sheriall A. Cunningham, Executive Director

120 Sears Avenue, Suite 213

Louisville, KY 40207

(502) 893-0460; (888) 705-0463

E-mail: mhaky@kih.net

Web: www.mhaky.org

Mental Health Association of Northern Kentucky

David Olds, Executive Director

605 Madison Avenue

Covington, KY 41011

(859) 431-1077

E-mail: mhnky@aol.com

Web: <http://mhanky.org>

Kentucky Mental Health Coalition

Sheila Schuster, Executive Director

120 Sears Avenue, Suite 212

Louisville, KY 40207

(502) 894-0222

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Web: www.kymhc.org

NAMI Kentucky

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Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children

207 Holmes Street, First Floor

Frankfort, KY 40601

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Mental Retardation

The Arc of Kentucky

Patty Dempsey, Executive Director

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Frankfort, KY 40601

(502) 875-5225; (800) 281-1272

E-mail: arcofky@aol.com

Web: <http://arcofky.org/>

Speech and Hearing

Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Patti DeYoung, Executive Director

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Lexington, KY 40508

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E-mail: KSHAoffice@aol.com

Web: www.kysha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky

982 Eastern Parkway, Box 18

Louisville, KY 40217

(502) 637-7363; (502) 637-1010

E-mail: sbak@sbak.org

Web: www.sbak.org

Kentucky—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network (KY-SPIN)

Paulette Logsdon, Director

10301-B Deering Road

Louisville, KY 40272

(502) 937-6894; (800) 525-7746

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Web: www.kyspin.com

Parent-To-Parent

Parent Outreach: Parents Supporting Parents

Susan Lawrence, Parent Outreach Coordinator

1146 S. Third Street

Louisville, KY 40203

(502) 584-1239

E-mail: outreach@councilonmr.org

Web: www.councilonmr.org

Community Parent Resource Center (Serving Jefferson County)

FIND of Louisville

Robin Porter, Project Director

1146 S. Third Street

Louisville, KY 40203

(502) 584-1239

E-mail: info@councilonmr.org

Web: www.councilonmr.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Kentucky PTA

Sharon Barker, President

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Frankfort, KY 40602-0654

(502) 564-4378

E-mail: ky_office@pta.org

Web: www.kypta.org

Kentucky—Other Disability Organizations

Directions Disability Link

Dawn Moore, I & R Supervisor

United Way's First Link

United Way of the Bluegrass

2480 Fortune Drive, Suite 250

Lexington, KY 40509

(859) 313-5465, ext. 239

E-mail: dawn.moore@uwbg.org

Web: www.uwbg.org/

Easter Seals Kentucky

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2050 Versailles Road

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(859) 254-5701; (800) 888-5377

Web: www.cardinalhill.org

Kentucky Disabilities Coalition

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(502) 875-1871 (V/TTY); (800) 977-7505 (in KY)

E-mail: kydis@mis.net

Web: www.geocities.com/kydisabilitiescoalition

Kentucky Education Rights Center, Inc.

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106 N. Main Street

Versailles, KY 40383

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Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Kentucky, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Kentucky, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4623

(202) 228-2577 (Fax)

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United States Representatives

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State Department of Education: Special Education

Dr. Susan Aysene, Director

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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(225) 342-3513

Web: www.louisianaschools.net/lde/index.html

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Louisiana has been granted a waiver from the NCLB program.

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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(225) 342-5840

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Web: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/accountability/federal-accountability>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Louisiana Part C Early Intervention

Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals

Office of Public Health

Brenda Sharp, Part C Coordinator

628 North Fourth Street, Bin #21

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3117

(225) 342-0095

E-mail: brenda.sharp@la.gov

Web: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/139/n/139>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–7 Years

Division of Special Populations

Louisiana State Department of Education

Ivy Starns, 619 Coordinator

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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(225) 342-3647

E-mail: ivy.starns@la.gov

Web: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Department of Social Services

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

James E. Wallace, Director

225 Florida Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4381

(225) 925-4131; (800) 737-2958 (in LA)

E-mail: James.Wallace@dss.state.la.us

Web: www.dss.state.la.us

Coordinator for Transition Services

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(225) 342-3633

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Web: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/students-with-disabilities>

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Patricia Merrick, Section Supervisor

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P.O. Box 94064

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

(225) 219-9333

E-mail: Patricia.Merrick@la.gov

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(225) 342-9238

E-mail: cstephen@dhh.la.gov

Web: www.dhh.state.la.us

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

J. Richard Bassett, Director

Children's Services

Office of Mental Health

Department of Health and Hospitals

P.O. Box 4049 - BIN #12

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4049

(225) 342-9238

E-mail: rbassett@dhh.la.gov

Web: www.dhh.state.la.us

State Mental Retardation Program

Mark A. Thomas, Assistant Secretary

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

P.O. Box 3117, Bin 21

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3117

(225) 342-0095

Email: mark.thomas@la.gov

Web: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/136/n/138>

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

Sandee Winchell, Executive Director

P.O. Box 3455

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3455

(225) 342-6804; (800) 922-3425 (in LA)

E-mail: swinchel@dhh.state.la.us

Web: www.laddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

The Advocacy Center

Lois V. Simpson, Executive Director

225 Baronne Street, Suite 2112

New Orleans, LA 70112-2112

(504) 522-2337; (800) 960-7705 (in LA only)

E-mail: lsimpson@advocacyla.org

Web: www.advocacyla.org

Client Assistance Program

Diane Mirvis, Director

Client Assistance Program

The Advocacy Center

2620 Centenary Boulevard, Suite 248

Shreveport, LA 71104

(318) 227-1489; (800) 960-7705 (in LA only)

E-mail: dmirvis@advocacyla.org

Web: www.advocacyla.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Services

Office of Public Health

Department of Health and Hospitals

Linda Pippins, Administrator

P.O. Box 60630, Room 607

New Orleans, LA 70160

(504) 568-5055

E-mail: lpippins@dhh.la.gov

Web: <http://www.dhh.state.la.us/index.cfm/page/740>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program

LaCHIP Processing Office

P.O. Box 91278

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9278

(877) 252-2447

Web: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/222>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Blind Services

Department of Social Services

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Florence Menard, Executive Director

8225 Florida Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4834

(225) 925-4131; (225) 925-3594

E-mail: fmenard@dss.state.la.us

Louisiana Department of Education

Division of Special Populations

Joyce Russo, Director

P.O. Box 94064

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

(225) 342-3640

E-mail: Joyce.Russo@la.gov

Web: www.doe.state.la.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of
Hearing

Louisiana Commission for the Deaf

W. Fred Roy, Executive Director

8225 Florida Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4834

(225) 925-4178; (800) 256-1523 (V/TTY)

(800) 543-2099 (TTY)

E-mail: froy1@dss.state.la.us

Web: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/318>

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 947-5277 (V)

(800) 846-5277 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(888) 550-5277 (ASCII)

(888) 272-5530 (Speech to Speech)

(800) 737-1813 (Spanish)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Deaf Blind Project

Division of Special Populations

Louisiana Department of Education

Joyce Russo, Director

Shawn Fleming, Educational Program Coordinator

P.O. Box 94064

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

(225) 342-3640; (877) 453-2721 (in LA)

(225) 219-4588 (TTY)

E-mail: Joyce.Russo@la.gov

E-mail: Shawn.Fleming@la.gov

Web: www.doe.state.la.us

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Bennie McKay, Supervisor

Richland Parish School Board

Special Education

P.O. Box 599

Rayville, LA 71269

(318) 728-5964

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Disability Law Resource Project

Wendy Wilkinson, Director

2323 S. Shepard Boulevard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dlrp@ilru.org

Web: www.dlrp.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Human Development Center

School of Allied Health Professions

LSU Health Sciences Center

Robert E. Crow, Director

1100 Florida Avenue, Building 138

New Orleans, LA 70119

(504) 942-8200; (504) 942-8380 (TDD/TTY)

E-mail: rcrow@lsuhsc.edu

Web: www.hdc.lsumc.edu

Technology-Related Assistance

Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network

Julie Nesbit, President/CEO

P.O. Box 14115

Baton Rouge, LA 70898

(225) 925-9500; (800) 270-6185 (V/TTY)

E-mail: cpourciau@latan.org

Web: www.latan.org

State Mediation System

Department of Education

Division of Special Populations

Ellen Dunlap Spears, Coordinator

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Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

(225) 342-3661

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Web: www.doe.state.la.us

Special Format Library

State Library of Louisiana

Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Elizabeth Perkins, Librarian

701 N. Fourth Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(225) 342-4944; (225) 342-4943

(800) 543-4702

E-mail: sbph@state.lib.la.us

Web: <http://www.state.lib.la.us/special-services>

Louisiana—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Louisiana, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Louisiana Department of Education

Shawn Fleming

Division of Special Education

P.O. Box 94064

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

(225) 342-3640

E-mail: shawn.fleming@la.gov

Web: www.doe.state.la.us

Louisiana Center for Excellence in Autism

Bart M. Sevin, Director

Human Development Center

School of Allied Health Professions

LSU Health Sciences Center

1100 Florida Avenue, Building 180

New Orleans, LA 70119

(504) 942-8187; (800) 391-7668

(504) 942-8380 (TTY)

E-mail: bsevin@lsuhsc.edu

Web: www.laautism.org

Louisiana State Autism Chapter

Julie Bourgeois

4425 Annunciation Street

New Orleans, LA 70115

(504) 896-9050; (800) 955-3760

E-mail: jabou@cox.net

Web: www.lastateautism.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

(214) 352-7222

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Cerebral Palsy

UCP of Baton Rouge—Children’s Developmental Center

Janet Ketcham, Executive Director

1805 College Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

(225) 923-3420

E-mail: jketcham@mcmainscdc.org

Web: www.mcmainscdc.org

UCP of Greater New Orleans

Paul Bussell, President/CEO

1000 Leonidas Street and Leake Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70118

(504) 865-0003

E-mail: ucpgno@aol.org

Web: www.ucpgno.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Louisiana

Dorothy Martino, LCSW, Executive Director

3701 Canal Street, Suite H

New Orleans, LA 70119

(504) 486-6326; (800) 960-0587

E-mail: epileps@bellsouth.net

Web: <http://www.datasync.com/~josw/ecsela.htm>

Learning Disabilities

Division of Special Populations

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Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

(225) 342-3640

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Web: www.doe.state.la.us

Northwestern State University

Barbara Duchardt, Associate Professor of Special Education

Teacher Education Center, Room 103-A, Pod D

Natchitoches, LA 71497

(318) 357-5154

E-mail: duchardt@nsula.edu

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Louisiana

Yakima Black, Executive Director

263 Third Street, Suite 103

Baton Rouge, LA 70801

(225) 343-1921

E-mail: yblack@mhal.org

Web: www.mhal.org

NAMI Louisiana

Adrian Berry, Executive Director

11762 S. Harrell's Ferry Road, Suite D

Baton Rouge, LA 70816

(225) 292-6928; (888) 343-5864

E-mail: namila@bellsouth.net

Web: <http://la.nami.org>

Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Verlyn "Vee" Boyd, Executive Director

5627 Superior Drive, Suite A-2

Baton Rouge, LA 70816-6085

(225) 293-3508; (800) 224-4010

E-mail: vboyd@laffcmh.com

Web: www.laffcmh.com

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Louisiana

Julia Kenny, Executive Director

365 N. 4th Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70801

(225) 383-1033

E-mail: jkarcla@bellsouth.net

Web: www.thearca.org

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices Louisiana

Phyllis Landry, Executive Director

1539 Jackson Avenue, Suite 200

New Orleans, LA 70130

(504) 299-9175

E-mail: familyla@bellsouth.net

Web: www.familyvoices.org

Speech and Hearing

Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

(225) 922-4512

E-mail: lsha@pn CPA.com

Web: www.lsha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Greater New Orleans

P.O. Box 1346

Kenner, LA 70063

(504) 737-5181

E-mail: sbagno@email.com

Web: www.sbagno.org

Louisiana—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Project PROMPT

Cindy Arceneaux, Director

4323 Division Street, Suite 110

Metairie, LA 70002-3179

(504) 888-9111; (800) 766-7736 (in LA)

E-mail: fhfgno@ix.netcom.com

Web: www.projectprompt.com

Pyramid Community Parent Resource Center (serving the
greater New Orleans area)

D.J. and Ursula Markey, Co-Directors

2552 St. Philip Street

New Orleans, LA 70119

(504) 827-0610

E-mail: pyramidcprc@aol.com

Partners in Policymaking

Partners in Policymaking

Sharyn Scheyd, Coordinator

P.O. Box 641642

Kenner, LA 70064

(504) 443-3831

E-mail: sharyn@sharynscheyd.com

Web: www.laddc.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Louisiana Parent-Teacher Association

Margie Rayburn, President

1543 Del Plaza, Suite 13

Baton Rouge, LA 70815

(225) 927-7382

E-mail: la_office@pta.org

Web: www.lapta.org

Louisiana—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Louisiana

Daniel Underwood, President/CEO

305 Baronne Street, Suite 400

New Orleans, LA 70112-1617

(504) 523-7325 (Voice/TTY)

(800) 695-7325 (Voice/TTY in LA only)

E-mail: DanUnderw1@aol.com

E-mail: essla@aol.com

Web: www.louisiana.easterseals.com

Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana (part of the statewide network)

Susan Benoit, Executive Director

2927 Hodges Street

Lake Charles, LA 70601

(337) 436-2570; (800) 894-6558

E-mail: fhfswla@xspedius.net

Web: www.fhfla.org

Louisiana Citizens for Action Now (LACAN)

Kay Marcel, Statewide Coordinator

713 N. Lewis Street

New Iberia, LA 70563

(337) 367-7407

E-mail: kamarcel@bellsouth.net

Web: www.lacanadvocates.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Direct Support Professional Workforce Development
Initiatives

Human Development Center

School of Allied Health Professions

LSU Health Sciences Center

Sharon Delvisco, Instructor

1100 Florida Avenue, Building 119

New Orleans, LA 70119

(504) 942-8104; (504) 942-8380 (TTY)

E-mail: sdelvi@lsuhsc.edu

Web: www.hdc.lsumc.edu

Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association

Jessica Broussard, President

Linda Alwood, Club Administrator

P.O. Box 14806

Baton Rouge, LA 70898

(225) 291-4014

E-mail: lotassoc@aol.com

Web: www.lota.org

Louisiana Health and Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Soundra (Temple) Johnson, Chief Executive Officer/CEO

1033 N. Lobdell Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

(225) 231-2490

E-mail: soundrajt@aol.com

Web: www.lahealthandrehab.org

Louisiana Youth Leadership Forum

Brenda Singelmann, Project Director

4323 Division Street, Suite 110

Metairie, LA 70002

(504) 888-9111; (800) 766-7736

E-mail: bsingelmann@fhfgno.org

VSA Arts of Louisiana

Mazie Malveaux, Executive Director

2758-D Brightside Lane

Baton Rouge, LA 70820

(225) 761-4243 (V/TTY)

E-mail: vsalouisiana@cox.net

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in Louisiana, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Louisiana, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

MAINE

Maine—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Susan M. Collins (R)

413 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-2523

(202) 224-2693 (Fax)

E-mail: senator@collins.senate.gov

Web: <http://collins.senate.gov>

Honorable Angus S. King, Jr. (I)

359 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-5344

(202) 224-1946 (Fax)

E-mail: <http://www.king.senate.gov/contact>

Web: <http://www.king.senate.gov/>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call: (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Paul LePage

Office of the Governor

#1 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0001

(207) 287-3531

E-mail: http://www.maine.gov/governor/lepage/citizen_services/ideas-suggestions.shtml

Web: <http://www.maine.gov/governor/lepage/index.shtml>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.maine.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

David Noble Stockford, Director

Department of Education

Office of Special Services

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

(207) 624-6650; (207) 624-6800 (TTY)

E-mail: david.stockford@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/education/speced/specserv.htm

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Maine was granted a waiver from the NCLB program.

Janette Kirk, ESEA Director

Maine Department of Education

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

(207) 624-6707

Email: janette.kirk@maine.gov

Web: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/title-IA/index.html>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Contact Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years, below.

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Child Development Services

Cindy Brown, CDS State Director

State House Station #146

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 624-6660

E-mail: cindy.brown@maine.gov

Web: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/cds/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Department of Labor

Jill C. Duson, Executive Director

150 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0150

(207) 624-5954

E-mail: jill.c.duson@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/rehab/

Coordinator for Transition Services

Pam Rosen, CP Coordinator

Office of Special Services

Maine Department of Education

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 624-6648

E-mail: pam.rosen@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/education/speced/specserv.htm

Office of State Coordinator of Career and Technical
Education for Students With Disabilities

Career and Technical Education Team

Department of Education

Buzz Gamble, Consultant

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

(207) 624-6747

E-mail: buzz.gamble@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/education/

State Mental Health Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

John R. Nicholas, Commissioner

11 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 287-2736

E-mail: jack.r.nicholas@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/dhs

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Joan Smyrski, Acting Director

Children's & Youth Services

Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services

40 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 287-4251

E-mail: joan.smyrski@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/bds

State Mental Retardation Program

Mental Retardation Services

Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services

Jane Gallivan, Program Manager

40 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 287-4242; (207) 287-2000 (TTY)

E-mail: jane.gallivan@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/bds

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

Rebecca Weinstein, Executive Director

139 State House Station

225 Western Avenue

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 287-4213; (800) 244-3990 (in ME only)

E-mail: info@maineddc.org

Web: www.maineddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Disability Rights Center of Maine

Kimberly A. Moody, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2007

Augusta, ME 04338-2007

(207) 626-2774 (V/TTY); (800) 452-1948 (V/TTY in ME)

E-mail: advocate@drcme.org

Web: www.drcme.org

Client Assistance Program

CARES, Inc.

Stephen Beam, Program Director

47 Water Street, Suite 104

Hallowell, ME 04347

(207) 622-7055; (800) 773-7055 (V/TTY)

E-mail: capsite@aol.com

Web: www.caresinc.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Needs Program

Toni G. Wall, Director

Department of Health and Human Services

Key Bank Plaza, 7th Floor

11 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0011

(207) 287-5139, ext. 5350; (800) 698-3624

(207) 287-8015 (TTY)

E-mail: toni.g.wall@maine.gov

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

MaineCare

442 Civic Center Drive

Augusta, ME 04333

(207) 624-7539; (800) 321-5557 (option 1)

Web: www.maine.gov/dhs/bfi/cubcare/CubCare.htm

State Education Agency Rural Representative

David Noble Stockford, Director

Office of Special Services

Department of Education

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

(207) 624-6650; (207) 624-6800 (TTY)

E-mail: david.stockford@maine.gov

Web: www.state.me.us/education/speced/specserv.htm

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually
Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Paul Cote, Program Manager

150 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0150

(207) 624-5959

E-mail: paul.e.cote@state.me.us

Web: www.maine.gov/rehab/

Catholic Charities Maine

Jean Small, Program Director

Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children

1066 Kenduskeag Avenue

Bangor, ME 04401

(207) 941-2855

E-mail: jsmall@ccmaine.org

Web: <http://www.ccmaine.org/a-z-services/education-services-for-blind-and-visually-impaired-children>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

Larry S. Taub, EdD, Superintendent

Mackworth Island

Falmouth, ME 04105

(207) 781-6215 (Newborn to age 5)

(207) 781-6244 (Grades K–12)

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 457-1220 (V)

(800) 437-1220 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech–English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech–Spanish)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

New England ADA and Accessible IT Center

Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.

Valerie Fletcher, Executive Director

Oce Harrison, Project Director

374 Congress Street, Suite 301

Boston, MA 02210

(617) 695-0085 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adainfo@newenglandada.org

Web: www.newenglandada.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies,
UCEDD

University of Maine

Lucille A. Zeph, Director

5717 Corbett Hall

Orono, ME 04469-5717

(207) 581-1084; (207) 581-3328 (TTY)

E-mail: lu.zeph@umit.maine.edu

Web: www.umaine.edu/cci

Technology-Related Assistance

ALLTech

Libby Cohen, Executive Director

The Spurwink Institute

60 Pineland Drive

New Gloucester, ME 04074

(866) 688-4573

E-mail: lcohen@alltech-tsi.org

Web: www.alltech-tsi.org

Maine Consumer Information and Technology Training
Exchange (Maine CITE)

Maine CITE Coordinating Center

University of Maine System, University College

Kathleen Powers, Project Director

46 University Drive

Augusta, ME 04330

(207) 621-3195 (V); (207) 621-3482 (TTY)

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State Mediation System

Pauline Lamontagne, Coordinator

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23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

(207) 624-6650

E-mail: pauline.lamontagne@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/education/speced/specserv.htm

Special Format Library

Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Maine State Library

Melora Ranney Norman, Librarian

64 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0064

(207) 287-5650; (800) 762-7106

E-mail: melora.norman@maine.gov

Web: www.maine.gov/msl/outreach

Maine—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

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(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Maine

72B Maine Street

Winthrop, ME 04364

(207) 626-2708; (800) 273-5200 (in ME)

E-mail: info@asmonline.org

Web: www.asmonline.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Maine

Leslie Duval, Director of Operations

325 Main Street

Waterville, ME 04901

(207) 861-9900; (800) 275-1233 (in ME)

E-mail: biaofme@prexar.com

Web: www.biame.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine

Bobbie Yeager, Executive Director

700 Mt. Hope Avenue, Suite 320

Bangor, ME 04401

(207) 941-2885; (207) 941-2952 (V/TTY)

E-mail: office@ucpofmaine.org

Web: www.ucpa.org

Deafness/Hard of Hearing

Maine Center on Deafness, MCD

68 Bishop Street, Suite 3

Portland, ME 04103

(207) 797-7656 (V/TTY); (800) 639-3884 (V/TTY)

Web: www.mainecenterondeafness.org/index.htm

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Maine

Brenda Bennett, Executive Director

P.O. Box 67

Oakland, ME 04963

(207) 465-7700

E-mail: bbennett@ldame.org

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New Hampshire Branch of the International Dyslexia Association

(also serving Vermont and Maine)

Mike Angwin and Caryl Patten, Co-Presidents

P.O. Box 3724

Concord, NH 03302

(603) 229-7355

E-mail: referralsMaine@nhida.org

Web: www.nhida.org

Mental Health

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Speech and Hearing

Maine Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Waldo County General Hospital

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Belfast, ME 04915

(207) 338-9349

E-mail: speech@wcgh.org

Web: www.mslha.org/

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Maine

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Maine—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Maine Parent Federation

Janice LaChance, Director

P.O. Box 2067

Augusta, ME 04338-2067

(207) 623-2144; (800) 870-7746 (in ME)

E-mail: parentconnect@mpf.org

Web: www.mpf.org

Web: www.linkmaine.org

Community Parent Resource Center

Kimberley L. Megrath, Director

Southern Maine Parent Awareness

886 Main Street, Suite 303

Sanford, ME 04073

(207) 324-2337; (800) 564-9696 (in ME)

E-mail: support@somepa.org

Web: www.somepa.org

Parent-To-Parent

Contact Parent Training and Information Center, listed above.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Maine PTA

Jeffrey M. Pierce, President

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Windham, ME 04062

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Other Parent Organization

Mainely Parents

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Portland, ME 04101

(207) 842-2984; (800) 249-5506

E-mail: amandal@day-one.org

Web: www.mainelyparents.org

Maine—Other Disability Organizations

Pine Tree Society

Anne Marsh, Executive Director

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Web: www.pinetreesociety.org

VSA Arts of Maine

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Portland, ME 04101

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Web: www.vsartsmaine.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in Maine, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for center for independent living (CILs) in Maine, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

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Official State Web Site

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Maryland was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

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titleI.html](http://marylandpublicschools.org/msde/programs/titleI.html)

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program/Preschool Branch

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divisions/earlyinterv/infant_toddlers/](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/earlyinterv/infant_toddlers/)

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–21 Years

Maryland State Department of Education

Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services

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Web: http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/earlyinterv/infant_toddlers/about/preschool_services.htm

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Maryland State Department of Education

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State Mental Health Agency

Mental Hygiene Administration

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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State Developmental Disabilities Program

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

Maryland Disability Law Center

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Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Department of Education

Division of Rehabilitation Services

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Specialty Care Division

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Office for Genetics and CSHCN

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(410) 767-6730; (800) 638-8864

E-mail: pannys@dhhm.state.md.us

Web: <http://phpa.dhhm.maryland.gov/genetics/SitePages/Home.aspx>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Maryland Children's Health Program

For referral to your local program call: (800) 456-8900; (800) 735-2258 (TTY)

Web: www.dhhm.state.md.us/mma/mchp/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21236

(410) 444-5000

Web: www.mdschblind.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Maryland School for the Deaf

James E. Tucker, Superintendent

101 Clarke Place

P.O. Box 250

Frederick, MD 21705-0250

(301) 360.2005 (V/TTY)

Web: www.msd.edu/

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 201-7165 (V/TTY)

(800) 735-2258 (TTY/HCO); 711 (TTY)

(888) 826-9673 (VCO)

(800) 785-5630 (Speech to Speech)

(877) 735-5151 (ASCII)

(877) 258-9854 (2-Line VCO)

(800) 877-1264 (Spanish)

(900) 344-3323 (pay per call, English)

(900) 344-4889 (pay per call, Spanish)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

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Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

ADA and IT Information Center for the Mid Atlantic Region

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

The Kennedy Krieger Institute

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Technology-Related Assistance

Maryland Technology Assistance Program

Workforce and Technology Center

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Baltimore, MD 21218

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E-mail: mdtap@mdtap.org

Web: www.mdtap.org

State Mediation System

Office of Administrative Hearings

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Hunt Valley, MD 21031

(410) 229-4210; (800) 388-8805

E-mail: lbennett@oah.state.md.us

Special Format Books for Children and Youth

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped

Jill Lewis, Director

415 Park Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21201-3603

(410) 230-2424; (800) 964-9209

(410) 230-8679 (TTY); (800) 934-2541 (TTY outside Metro area)

E-mail: recept@lbph.lib.md.us

Web: www.lbph.lib.md.us

Maryland—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Maryland, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Maryland, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Low Vision Information Center

Amy G. Gabala, Executive Director

7701 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 604

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 951-4444

E-mail: lowvisioninfo@lycos.com

Web: www.lowvisioninfo.org/

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Maryland

Diane Triplett, Executive Director

2200 Kernan Drive

Baltimore, MD 21207

(410) 448-2924; (800) 221-6443 (in MD)

E-mail: info@biamd.org

Web: www.biamd.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Maryland

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Web: www.ucpsm.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland

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Baltimore, MD 21208

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E-mail: psandusky@ucp-cm.org

Web: www.ucp-cm.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Prince George's and Montgomery
Counties, Inc.

Charles McNelly, PhD, Executive Director

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4409 Forbes Boulevard

Lanham, MD 20706

(301) 459-0566

E-mail: ucppgmc@aol.com

Web: www.ucppgmc.com

Web: www.high-school-high-tech.com

Web: www.netathon.org

Epilepsy

Abilities Network

Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region

Lee Ann Kingham, Executive Director

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300 E. Joppa Road

Towson, MD 21286

(410) 828-7700; (800) 492-2523 (in MD only)

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Web: www.abilitiesnetwork.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Maryland

10339 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Suite 204

Dunkirk, MD 20754

(410) 535-9679; (800) 799-4533

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Web: www.ldamaryland.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Maryland

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Mental Retardation

The Arc of Maryland, Inc.

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Speech and Hearing

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Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Maryland

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Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome Association of Greater Washington

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Silver Spring, MD 20901-2485

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Maryland—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parents' Place of Maryland, Inc.

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Community Parent Resource Center (Serving Baltimore
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Parent-To-Parent

Family Support Services, Division of Special Education

Early Intervention Services

Maryland State Department of Education

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Maryland PTA

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Other Parent Organization

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Maryland—Other Disability Organizations

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The Coordinating Center (for individuals with complex medical needs and disabilities)

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(410) 987-1048; (301) 621-7830

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The Resource Network (information on developmental disability resources)

A project of Kennedy Krieger Institute

707 N. Broadway

Baltimore, MD 21205

(800) 390-3372; (443) 923-2795 (TTY)

E-mail: info@resourcenetworkatkk.org

Web: www.resourcenetworkatkk.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the State-wide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Maryland, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Maryland, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

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Mitchell D. Chester, Commissioner

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Web: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/apa/titlei/default.html>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Early Childhood Unit

Division for Special Health Needs

Department of Public Health

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Boston, MA 02108

(617) 624-5901

(800) 905-8437 (Early Intervention Programs)

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Web: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/family-health/early-intervention/>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Early Learning Services

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Fort Point Place

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(617) 204-3600; (800) 245-6543 (in MA only)

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Malden, MA 02148

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State Department of Education

Career and Technical Education Programs for Special
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State Mental Health Agency

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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State Mental Retardation Program

Department of Mental Retardation

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

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Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Division for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Department of Public Health

250 Washington Street, 4th Floor

Boston, MA 02108-4619

(617) 624-5070; (800) 882-1435

Web: www.mass.gov/dph

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

MassHealth Enrollment Center

Central Processing Unit

P.O. Box 129124

Boston, MA 02112-9124

(888) 665-9993; (888) 665-9997 (TTY)

Web: www.mass.gov/dma

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Children's Services

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

Sandra Daly, Director

48 Boylston Street

Boston, MA 02116

(617) 626-7480; (800) 392-6450

(617) 626-7650 (TTY)

Web: www.mass.gov/mcb

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Heidi Reed, Commissioner

150 Mt. Vernon Street, Suite 550

Boston, MA 02125

(617) 740-1600; (617) 740-1700 (TTY)

E-mail: MCDHH.office@state.ma.us

Web: www.mass.gov/mcdhh

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 439-0183 (V)

(800) 439-2370 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 439-0183 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

New England ADA and Accessible IT Center

Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.

Valerie Fletcher, Executive Director

Oce Harrison, Project Director

374 Congress Street, Suite 301

Boston, MA 02210

(617) 695-0085 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adainfo@newenglandada.org

Web: www.newenglandada.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Institute for Community Inclusion

UMASS Boston

William E. Kiernan, Director

100 Morrissey Boulevard

Boston, MA 02125

(617) 287-4300; (617) 287-4350 (TTY)

E-mail: ici@umb.edu

Web: www.communityinclusion.org

UMASS Medical School - E.K. Shriver Center

William McIlvane, Director

Charles Hamad, Associate Center Director

200 Trapelo Road

Waltham, MA 02452-6319

(781) 642-0001; (800) 764-0200 (TTY)

Web: www.umassmed.edu/shriver

Technology-Related Assistance

Massachusetts Assistive Technology Partnership

MATP Center; Children's Hospital

Marylyn Howe, Project Director

1295 Boylston Street, Suite 310

Boston, MA 02215

(617) 355-7820; (800) 848-8867 (V/TTY, in MA only)

(617) 355-7301 (TTY)

E-mail: MATP@matp.org

Web: www.matp.org

State Mediation System

Bureau of Special Education Appeals

Department of Education

Edward Hermann, Coordinator

350 Main Street

Malden, MA 02148

(781) 338-6443

E-mail: e.hermann@doe.mass.edu

Web: www.doe.mass.edu/bsea

Special Format Library

Braille and Talking Book Library

Perkins School for the Blind

Kim Charlson, Director

175 N. Beacon Street

Watertown, MA 02472

(617) 972-7240; (800) 852-3133

E-mail: library@perkins.org

Web: www.perkinslibrary.org

Massachusetts—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in your state or locality, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of America - Massachusetts Chapter

789 Clapboard Tree Street

Westwood, MA 02090

(781) 329-4244

E-mail: asamass@gis.net

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Massachusetts Association of Parents of Visually Impaired
Children (MAPVI)

Judy Westgate, President/Treasurer

22 Old Marlboro Road

Maynard, MA 01754

(978) 897-3005

E-mail: judywestgate@comcast.net

Brain Injury

Massachusetts Brain Injury Association

Arlene Korab, Executive Director

484 Main Street, Suite 325

Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 795-0244; (800) 242-0030 (in MA)

E-mail: mbia@mbia.net

Web: www.mbia.net

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of MetroBoston, Inc.

Todd Kates, Executive Director

71 Arsenal Street

Watertown, MA 02472

(617) 926-5480

E-mail: ucpboston@ucpboston.org

Web: www.ucpboston.org

Down Syndrome

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress

Suzanne Shea, President

P.O. Box 866

Melrose, MA 02176

(508) 278-7769; (800) 664-6372

Web: www.MDSC.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Programs and Services Office

Amy Cole, Information & Referral Coordinator

540 Gallivan Boulevard, 2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02124

(617) 506-6041; (888) 576-9996

E-mail: acole@efmri.org

Web: www.epilepsymassri.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Worldwide

Teresa Citro, Executive Director

P.O. Box 142

Weston, MA 02493

(781) 890-5399

Web: www.ldworldwide.org

Mental Health

NAMI Massachusetts

Toby Fisher, Executive Director

400 W. Cummings Park, Suite 6650

Woburn, MA 01801

(781) 938-4048; (800) 370-9085

E-mail: namimass@aol.com

Web: www.namimass.org

Parent/Professional Advocacy League (PAL)

Donna Welles, Director

59 Temple Place, Suite 664

Boston, MA 02111

(617) 542-7860; (866) 815-8122

E-mail: info@ppal.net

Web: www.ppal.net

Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities

The Arc Massachusetts

Leo Sarkissian, Executive Director

217 South Street

Waltham, MA 02453

(781) 891-6270

E-mail: arcmass@arcmass.org

Web: www.arcmass.org

Greater Boston Arc

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221 N. Beacon Street, 2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02135

(617) 783-3900

E-mail: gbarc@gbarc.org

Web: www.gbarc.org

The Arc of Northern Bristol County

Michael Andrade, Executive Director

5 Bank Street

Attleboro, MA 02703

(508) 226-1445; (888) 343-3301

E-mail: mandrade@arcnbc.org

Web: www.arcnbc.org

Speech and Hearing

Massachusetts Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Mary Ellen Curran, Director

77 Rumford Avenue, Suite 3B

Waltham, MA 02453

(781) 647-7031; (800) 898-8177

E-mail: msha@camihq.com

Web: www.msha-lic.org

Spina Bifida

Massachusetts Spina Bifida Association

Brian Packard, President

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North Andover, MA 01845

(508) 390-5986

E-mail: packard44@comcast.net

Web: www.msbaweb.org

Massachusetts—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Federation for Children with Special Needs

Richard Robison, Executive Director

1135 Tremont Street, Suite 420

Boston, MA 02120-2140

(617) 236-7210 (V/TTY); (800) 331-0688 (in MA only)

E-mail: fcsninfo@fcsn.org

Web: www.fcsn.org/

Parent-To-Parent

Family TIES of Massachusetts

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Mary Castro Aten, Director

Donovan Health Building, 3rd Floor

5 Randolph Street

Canton, MA 02021

(781) 774-6736; (800) 905-TIES

E-mail: mcaten@fcsn.org

Web: www.massfamilyties.org

Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change

P.O. Box 61

Raynham, MA 02768

(800) 406-3632

E-mail: mfofc@tmlp.com

Web: www.mfofc.org

Community Parent Resource Center (serving the city of Boston)

Urban PRIDE

c/o The Boston Foundation

Charlotte R. Spinkston, Project Director

75 Arlington Street, 10th Floor

Boston, MA 02116

(617) 338-4508

E-mail: c.spinkston.urbanpride@att.net

Community Parent Resource Center (serving Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket)

Island Parents Educational Support & Training Center (IPEST)

Carol Kennedy, Executive Director

P.O. Box 4081

Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

(508) 693-8612

E-mail: carolkennedy@ipest.org

E-mail: ipest@hotmail.com

Web: www.ipest.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Massachusetts PTA

Carol Woodbury, President

P.O. Box 710

Fiskdale, MA 01518-0710

(508) 347-7055; (888) 404-4782

E-mail: masspta@aol.com

Web: www.masspta.org

Parent Advisory Council

Massachusetts Association of Special Education Parent
Advisory Council (MASSPAC)

Suzanne Peyton, Executive Director

P.O. Box 167

Sharon, MA 02067

(671) 962-4558

E-mail: info@masspac.org

Web: www.masspac.org

Massachusetts—Other Disability Organizations

Associated Advocacy Center-Visions for the Future, Inc.

Toni Saunders, President

24 Widow Coombs Walk

Sandwich, MA 02563

(508) 420-4356

E-mail: Tonisvision@aol.com

Web: www.aacvisions.org

Easter Seals Massachusetts

(call for info about assistive technology, recreation, and therapy)

Kirk Joslin, President

484 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 757-2756; (800) 244-2756

E-mail: kirkj@eastersealsma.org

Web: www.eastersealsma.org

New England INDEX

(Information & referral for people with disabilities)

Robert Bass, Director

200 Trapelo Road

Waltham, MA 02452-6319

(781) 642-0248; (800) 642-0249

(800) 764-0200 TTY (in MA)

E-mail: info@disabilityinfo.org

Web: www.disabilityinfo.org

Statewide Head Injury Program

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

Debra S. Kamen, Director

27 Wormwood Street, Fort Point Place, Suite 600

Boston, MA 02210

(617) 204-3852 (V); (617) 204-3817 (TTY)

(800) 223-2559 (MA only)

E-mail: shipu@state.ma.us

Web: <http://www.mass.gov/veterans/health-and-well-being/tbi/state-tbi-agencies/ship.html>

Home Modifications Loan Program for People With Disabilities

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

27 Wormwood Street

Boston, MA 02210-1616

(617) 204-3600; (800) 245-6543

Web: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mrc/>

VSA Arts of Massachusetts

Charles J. Washburn, Executive Director

China Trade Center

2 Boylston Street, 2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02116-9856

(617) 350-7713 (V); (617) 350-6836 (TTY)

E-mail: cjwashburn@vsamass.org

Web: www.vsamass.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Massachusetts, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Massachusetts, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

MICHIGAN

Michigan—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Carl Levin (D)

269 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-6221

(202) 224-1388 (Fax)

E-mail: senator@levin.senate.gov

Web: <http://levin.senate.gov>

Honorable Debbie Stabenow (D)

133 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4822

(202) 228-0325 (Fax)

E-mail: senator@stabenow.senate.gov

Web: <http://stabenow.senate.gov>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call: (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Rick Snyder

Governor's Office

P.O. Box 30013

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-3400

Web: <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.michigan.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director

Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Michigan Department of Education

P.O. Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909-7508

(517) 373-0923

E-mail: ThompsonJJ@mi.gov

Web: www.michigan.gov/mde

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Michigan has been granted an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

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Michigan Department of Education

608 W. Allegan Street

P.O. Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909-7508

(517) 241-3232

Web: www.michigan.gov/mde

Web: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753-69709--,00.html>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Michigan Department of Education

Vanessa Winborne, Part C Coordinator

P.O. Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 335-4865; (800) 327-5966

E-mail: WinborneV@mi.gov

Web: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-43092-127141--,00.html>

Special Education Funding for Children With Disabilities: Birth–26 Years

Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Michigan Department of Education

Lisa Wasacz, Consultant

608 West Allegan, PO Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909-7508

(517) 241-4520

E-mail: WasaczL@michigan.gov

Web: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_6809-127146--,00.html

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

Jaye Balthazar, Director

P.O. Box 30010

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-3390; (800) 605-6722

E-mail: balthazarj@michigan.gov

Web: www.michigan.gov/mrs

Coordinator for Transition Services

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Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Michigan Department of Education

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Lansing, MI 48909-7508

(517) 373-0923

E-mail: steenwykb@mi.gov

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Office of Career and Technical Preparation

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

Patty Cantú, Director

201 N. Washington Square

Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 373-3373

E-mail: cantup@michigan.gov

Web: www.michigan.gov/mdcd

State Mental Health Agency

Department of Community Health

Janet Olszewski, Director

Lewis-Cass Building

320 S. Walnut Boulevard

Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 373-3500

Web: www.michigan.gov/mdch

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Division of Mental Health Services to Children and Families

Department of Community Health

Sherida K. Falvay, Director

Lewis Cass Building

320 S. Walnut Street

Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 241-5762

E-mail: Falvay@michigan.gov

Web: www.michigan.gov/mdch

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

Vendela Collins, Executive Director

Lewis-Cass Building

Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 334-6123

E-mail: collinsve@michigan.gov

Web: www.michigan.gov

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc.

Elmer Cerano, Executive Director

4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500

Lansing, MI 48911-4263

(517) 487-1755 (V/TTY); (800) 288-5923 (V/TTY)

E-mail: ecerano@mpas.org

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Client Assistance Program

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Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc.

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E-mail: mkress@mpas.org

Web: www.mpas.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Care Services Division

Public Health Administration

Bureau of Family, Maternal Child Health

Department of Community Health

Kathleen A. Stiffler, Director

400 S. Pine

P.O. Box 30479

Lansing, MI 48909-7979

(517) 335-5008; (800) 359-3722

E-mail: stifflerk@michigan.gov

Web: www.michigan.gov/mdch

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

MiChild

Capitol View Building

201 Townsend Street

Lansing, Michigan 48913

(888) 988-6300; (888) 263-5897 (TTY)

Web: http://michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943_4845_4931---,00.html

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Commission for the Blind

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

Patrick Cannon, State Director

201 N. Washington Square

P.O. Box 30652

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-2062

E-mail: cannonp@michigan.gov

Web: www.mcb1.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Michigan Coalition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing and Speech Services

John Berchtold, Director

2929 Covington Court, Suite 200

Lansing, MI 48912-4939

(517) 487-0066; (800) YOUR EAR (in MI)

E-mail: yourear@madhs.org

Web: www.madhs.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 649-3777 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(866) 656-9826 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Great Lakes ADA and Accessible IT Center (contact this organization for information on ADA and IT technical assistance for Michigan)

University of Illinois/Chicago

Institute on Disability and Human Development

Robin Jones, Director

1640 W. Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608-6902

(312) 413-1407 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: gldbtac@uic.edu

Web: www.adagreatlakes.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

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Wayne State University

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(313) 577-2654

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Technology-Related Assistance

MATR: Michigan's Assistive Technology Resource

Jeff Diedrich, Director

1023 South US 27

St. Johns, MI 48879-2423

(989) 224-0333 (V/TTY); (800) 274-7426 (nationwide)

E-mail: matr@edzone.net

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Michigan's Assistive Technology Project

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

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780 W. Lake Lansing Road, Suite 200

East Lansing, MI 48823

(517) 333-2477; (800) 760-4600 (MI only)

E-mail: mdrc@match.org

Web: www.copower.org/AT/index.htm

State Mediation System

Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Michigan Department of Education

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P.O. Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-0923

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Special Format Library

Library of Michigan

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Susan Chinault, Librarian

P.O. Box 30007

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-5614; (800) 992-9012

(517) 373-1592 (TTY)

E-mail: sbph@michigan.gov

Web: www.michigan.gov/sbph

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Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

The Autism Society of Michigan

Dr. Sally Burton-Hoyle, Executive Director

6035 Executive Drive, Suite 109

Lansing, MI 48911

(517) 882-2800; (800) 223-6722

E-mail: autism@autism-mi.org

Web: www.autism-mi.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Gail McEntee, Interim Executive Director

16625 Grand River Avenue

Detroit, MI 48227

(313) 272-3900

E-mail: webmaster@upshawinst.org

Web: www.upshawinst.org

Blind Vision

(program supporting students with visual impairments, IEP advocacy)

Brunhilde Merk-Adam, Founder/Executive Director

2501 Pheasant Run

Ortonville, MI 48462

(248) 627-2260

E-mail: bkmabma@worldnet.att.net

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Michigan

Michael Dabbs, President

8619 W. Grand River, Suite I

Brighton, MI 48116-2334

(810) 229-5880; (800) 772-4323 (in MI)

E-mail: info@biami.org

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Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy Michigan

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3401 E. Saginaw, Suite 216

Lansing, MI 48912

(517) 203-1200; (800) 828-2714 (V/TTY in MI)

E-mail: ucp@ucpmichigan.org

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United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit

James F. Kelly, President/CEO

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Southfield, MI 48075

(248) 557-5070; (800) 827-4843

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Web: www.ucp.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan

Arlene Gorelick, President

25200 Telegraph Road, Suite 110

Southfield, Michigan 48033-7497

(248) 351-7979; (800) 377-6226

E-mail: letters@mail.epilepsymichigan.org

Web: <http://www.epilepsy.com/michigan>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan

Ed Schlitz, President

200 Museum Drive, Suite 101

Lansing, MI 48933-1914

(517) 485-8160; (888) 597-7809

E-mail: ldami@aol.com

Web: www.ldaofmichigan.org

Mental Health

Association for Children's Mental Health

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Okemos, MI 48864

(517) 381-5125; (888) 226-4543 (Parent line)

E-mail: ajwinans@aol.com

Web: www.acmh-mi.org

Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders

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Mental Health Association in Michigan

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Mental Retardation

The Arc Michigan

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Speech and Hearing

Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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East Lansing, MI 48823

(517) 332-5691

E-mail: msha@ix.netcom.com

Web: www.michiganspeechhearing.org

Michigan—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE)

Pat Keller, Executive Director

6412 Centurion Drive, Suite 130

Lansing, MI 48917

(517) 886-9167; (800) 221-9105 (in MI)

E-mail: info@causeonline.org

Web: www.causeonline.org

Partners in Policymaking

Michigan Partners in Policymaking

ACA, N.E.W. Center

Jennifer Hill Buehrer, Coordinator

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(734) 662-1256; (800) 890-6084 (in MI)

E-mail: michiganpartners@hotmail.com

Web: www.partnersinpolicymaking.com

Parent-To-Parent

Parent Participation Program

Family Support Network of Michigan

Children's Special Health Care Services

Michigan Department of Community Health

Mary Marin, Executive Director

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Detroit, MI 48202-6056

(313) 456-4381; (800) 359-3722 (Family Phoneline)

Web: www.michigan.gov

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Michigan Congress of Parents, Teachers and Students

Pattie Bayless, President

1011 N. Washington Avenue

Lansing, MI 48906-4897

(517) 485-4345

E-mail: donnar@michiganpta.org

Web: www.michiganpta.org

IDEA Mandated Activities Project

Project PERFORM (Providing Education and Resources to
Families and Others Residing in Michigan)

Washtenaw Intermediate School District

Kay Moler, Director

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(734) 994-8100, ext. 6451; (800) 552-4821 (in MI)

E-mail: kmoler@wash.k12.mi.us

Web: www.wash.k12.mi.us/perform/

Michigan—Other Disability Organizations

Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

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Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 334-8000 (V/TTY)

E-mail: hunterc2@michigan.gov

Web: www.mcdc-dodhh.org

Easter Seals Michigan

John Cocciolone, CEO/President

22150 W. 9 Mile Road

Southfield, MI 48034

(248) 386-9600; (800) 757-3257 (in MI)

Web: www.essmichigan.org

Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

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Lansing, MI 48913

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Web: www.mcadc-dodhh.org

University Center for the Development of Language and
Literacy

University of Michigan

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Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2054

(734) 764-8440

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Web: www.languageexperts.org

VSA Arts of Michigan

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Detroit, MI 48201

(313) 832-3303 (V/TTY)

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Web: www.vsami.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in Michigan, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Michigan, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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(202) 224-3244

(202) 228-2186 (Fax)

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(651) 296-0075 (TTY); (800) 657-3598 (TTY)

E-mail: <http://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/form/>

Web: <http://mn.gov/governor/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.state.mn.us/cgi-bin/portal/mn/jsp/home.do?agency=NorthStar

State Department of Education: Special Education

Minnesota Department of Education

Special Education Policy

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Minnesota has been granted an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Part C-Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

Minnesota Department of Education

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Web: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/EarlyLearn/InfTodInterv/index.html>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Early Learning Services

Minnesota Department of Education

Jennifer Moses, 619 Coordinator

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Roseville, MN 55112

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Web: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/EarlyLearn/InfTodInterv/index.html>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Rehabilitation Services Branch

Department of Employment and Economic Development

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St. Paul, MN 55101

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Coordinator for Transition Services

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State Mental Health Agency

Department of Human Services

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Web: www.dhs.state.mn.us

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Children's Mental Health Division

Department of Human Services

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State Developmental Disabilities Program

Disabilities Service Division

Department of Human Services

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

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658 Cedar Street

St. Paul, MN 55155

(651) 296-4018; (877) 348-0505

(651) 297-9962 (TTY)

E-mail: admin.dd@state.mn.us

Web: www.mncdd.org

Web: www.mnddc.org

Web: www.partnersinpolicymaking.com

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Minnesota Disability Law Center

Pamela Hoopes, Legal Director

430 First Avenue, North, Suite 300

Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780

(612) 746-3711; (800) 292-4150

(612) 334-5970 (New Clients)

E-mail: phoopes@midmnlegal.org

Web: www.mndlc.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency, listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs

Minnesota Department of Health

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St. Paul, MN 55164-0882

(651) 215-8956; (800) 728-5420

E-mail: john.hurley@health.state.mn.us

Web: www.health.state.mn.us/mcshn

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

MinnesotaCare

P.O. Box 64838

St. Paul, MN 55164-0838

(651) 297-3862; (800) 657-3672

(800) 627-3529 (TTY)

Web: www.minnesotacare411.com

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

State Services for the Blind

Department of Employment and Economic Development

Chuk Hamilton, Director

2200 University Avenue, West, Suite 240

St. Paul, MN 55114-1840

(651) 642-0500; (800) 652-9000

Web: www.mnssb.org

Minnesota Resource Center: Blind/Visual Impairments

Minnesota Department of Education

Jean D. Martin, State Specialist

P.O. Box 308

Faribault, MN 55021-0308

(507) 332-5510; (800) 657-3859 (in MN)

E-mail: Jean.Martin@state.mn.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of
Hearing or Deaf-Blind

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division (also serves
people who are deaf/blind)

Department of Human Services

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St. Paul, MN 55155-3814

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E-mail: Bruce.Hodek@state.mn.us

Web: www.dhs.state.mn.us

Web: www.dhhsd.org

Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing
People

Human Services Building

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Minnesota Resource Center: Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Minnesota Department of Education

Mary Cashman-Bakken, State Specialist

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Faribault, MN 55021-0308

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Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 627-3529 (V/TTY/ASCII); 711 (V/TTY/ASCII)

(877) 627-3848 (Speech to Speech)

(877) 627-5448 (Spanish)

(900) 246-3323 (900 access)

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1500 Highway 36 West

Roseville, MN 55113

(651) 582-8268

E-mail: eric.kloos@state.mn.us

Web: <http://education.state.mn.us>

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Great Lakes ADA and Accessible IT Center

Department of Disability and Human Development

Robin Jones, Director

1640 W. Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 413-1407 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: gldbtac@uic.edu

Web: www.adagreatlakes.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Institute on Community Integration (UCE)

David R. Johnson, Director

University of Minnesota, 102 Pattee Hall

150 Pillsbury Drive SE

Minneapolis, MN 55455

(612) 624-6300

E-mail: info@icimail.umn.edu

Web: <http://ici.umn.edu/>

Technology-Related Assistance

Minnesota STAR Program

Chuck Rassbach, Executive Director

50 Sherburne Avenue, Room 309

St. Paul, MN 55155

(651) 296-2771 (V); (800) 657-3862 (V)

(651) 296-9478 (TTY); (800) 657-3895 (TTY)

E-mail: star.program@state.mn.us

Web: www.admin.state.mn.us/assistivetechology

State Mediation System

Minnesota Special Education Mediation Service (MNSEMS)

Patricia McGinnis, Coordinator

1500 Highway 36 West

Roseville, MN 55113

(651) 582-8222; (866) 466-7367

E-mail: Patricia.Mcginnis@state.mn.us

Web: www.mnsems.state.mn.us

Special Format Library

Minnesota Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Catherine Durivage, Librarian

388 SE 6th Avenue

Faribault, MN 55021-6340

(507) 333-4828; (800) 722-0550

E-mail: mn.lbph@state.mn.us

E-mail: catherine.durivage@state.mn.us

Web: www.education.state.mn.us/html/intro_mlbph.htm

Minnesota—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Minnesota, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Minnesota

Mary Powell, Executive Director

2380 Wycliff Street, Suite 102

St. Paul, MN 55114

(651) 647-1083

E-mail: mpowell@goldengate.net

Web: www.ausm.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota

Joyce Scanlan, President

100 E. 22nd Street

Minneapolis, MN 55404-2514

(612) 872-0100

E-mail: info@blindinc.org

Web: www.blindinc.org

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

American Council of the Blind of Minnesota

Ken Rodgers, President

P.O. Box 7341

Minneapolis, MN 55407

(612) 730-8100

E-mail: kgr@isd.net

Web: www.acb.org/minnesota

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Minnesota

Tom Gode, Executive Director

34 13th Avenue, NE, Suite B001

Minneapolis, MN 55413

(612) 378-2742; (800) 669-6442 (in MN)

E-mail: info@braininjurymn.org

Web: www.braininjurymn.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota

Jo Ann Erbes, Executive Director

Griggs-Midway Building

1821 University Avenue West, Suite 219 South

St. Paul, MN 55104-2892

(651) 646-7588; (800) 328-4827, ext. 1437

E-mail: ucpmn@cpinternet.com

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota

Kathleen Forney, Executive Director

668 Transfer Road

St. Paul, MN 55114

(651) 603-0720; (800) 511-3696

E-mail: dsamn@dsamn.org

Web: www.dsamn.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota

Bennie Loro, Executive Director

1600 University Avenue West, Suite 205

St. Paul, MN 55104

(651) 287-2300; (800) 779-0777

E-mail: info@efmn.org

Web: www.efmn.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Program—Children’s Home Society &
Family Service

166 Fourth Street East, Suite 200

St. Paul, MN 55101-1464

(651) 222-0311; (800) 982-2303 (in MN)

E-mail: ajespersen@chsfs.org

Web: www.chsfs.org

Learning Disabilities Association of Minnesota

Kitty Christiansen, Executive Director

4301 Highway 7, Suite 160

Minneapolis, MN 55416

(952) 922-8374

E-mail: info@ldaminnesota.org

Web: www.ldaminnesota.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Minnesota

Sandra Meicher, Executive Director

2021 E. Hennepin Avenue, Suite 412

Minneapolis, MN 55413

(612) 331-6840

E-mail: info@mentalhealthmn.org

Web: www.mentalhealthmn.org

NAMI-Minnesota

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800 Transfer Road, Suite 7A

St. Paul, MN 55114

(651) 645-2948; (888) 473-0237

E-mail: nami-mn@nami.org

Web: www.nami.org/namimn

Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health

Deborah Saxhaug, Executive Director

165 Western Avenue, Suite 2

St. Paul, MN 55102

(651) 644-7333; (800) 528-4511 (in MN)

E-mail: info@macmh.org

Web: www.macmh.org

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of Minnesota

Steve Larson, Executive Director

770 Transfer Road, Suite 26

St. Paul, MN 55114

(651) 523-0823; (800) 582-5256 (in MN)

E-mail: Arcmn115@yahoo.com

Web: www.arcminnesota.com

Web: www.TheArcLink.org

Speech and Hearing

Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Frances Laven, Association Executive

P.O. Box 26115

St. Louis Park, MN 55426

(952) 920-0787; (800) 344-8808

E-mail: msha@incnet.com

Web: www.msha.net

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Minnesota

Julie Abbot, President

Jim Thayer, Development Director

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Brooklyn Center, MN 55429-0323

(651) 222-6395

E-mail: jscottthayer@msn.com

Web: www.sbaa.org

Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome Association–Minnesota Chapter

Julie Zabloski, Executive Director

10249 Yellow Circle Drive, Suite 103

Minnetonka, MN 55343

(952) 918-0350

E-mail: director@tsa-mn.org

Web: www.tsa-mn.org

Minnesota—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

PACER Center, Inc.

Paula F. Goldberg, Executive Director

Virginia Richardson, PTI Manager

8161 Normandale Boulevard

Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044

(952) 838-9000; (952) 838-0190 (TTY)

(800) 537-2237 (in MN)

E-mail: pacer@pacer.org

Web: www.pacer.org

Parent-To-Parent

Arc Northland

Reenie Engstrom, Family Specialist and Respite Director

201 Ordean Building

424 W. Superior Street

Duluth, MN 55802

(218) 726-4725; (800) 317-6475

E-mail: arcnorthland.an@charterinternet.net

Community Parent Resource Center (serving St. Paul area)

Discapacitados Abriéndose Caminos

Ana M. Perez de Perez, Executive Director

608 Smith Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55107

(651) 293-1748

E-mail: discapacitados@comcast.net

Partners in Policymaking

Government Training Service

Carol Schoeneck, Program Specialist

2233 University Avenue West, Suite 150

St. Paul, MN 55114

(651) 222-7409, ext. 205

E-mail: cschoeneck@mngts.org

Web: www.mngts.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Minnesota Congress of Parents, Teachers and Students

Phil Enke, President

1667 Snelling Avenue, North

St. Paul, MN 55108

(651) 999-7320; (800) 672-0993

E-mail: mnptaofc@mnpta.org

Web: www.mnpta.org

Minnesota—Other Disability Organizations

Courage Center

Eric Stevens, CEO

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3915 Golden Valley Road

Minneapolis, MN 55422

(763) 520-0210; (888) 846-8253

E-mail: courageinfo@courage.org

Web: www.courage.org

Goodwill/Easter Seals

Michael Wirth-Davis, President/CEO

553 Fairview Avenue North

St. Paul, MN 55104

(651) 379-5800 (V/TTY); (800) 669-6719

E-mail: dtretsven@goodwilleasterseals.org

Web: www.goodwilleasterseals.org

Minnesota State Council on Disability

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St. Paul, MN 55101

(651) 296-6785 (V/TTY); (800) 945-8913 (V/TTY)

E-mail: council.disability@state.mn.us

Web: www.disability.state.mn.us

VSA Arts of Minnesota

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528 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 305

Minneapolis, MN 55403

(612) 332-3888; (800) 801-3883

E-mail: vsarts@bcmn.com

Web: <http://mn.vsarts.org>

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Minnesota, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Minnesota, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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contact](http://www.wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact)

Web: <http://www.wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/>

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Governor

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Web: <http://www.governorbryant.com/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.ms.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

Dr. Melody Bounds, Director

Office of Special Education

Department of Education

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Jackson, MS 39205-0771

(601) 359-1988

Web: www.mde.k12.ms.us/special_education/

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Mississippi has been granted an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

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Mississippi Department of Education

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Web: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/federal-programs/federal-programs---title-i-basic>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Stacy Callender, Director

Early Intervention Program (First Steps)

Mississippi State Department of Health (MDSH)

570 East Woodrow Wilson Boulevard

P.O. Box 1700

(601) 576-7540

E-mail: stacy.callender@msdh.ms.gov

Web: <http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/index.cfm/41,0,74,html>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Special Education

Department of Education

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Jackson, MS 39201

(601) 359-3498

E-mail: tbradley@mde.k12.ms.us

Web: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/special-education>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Mississippi Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Gary Neely, Director

P.O. Box 1698

Jackson, MS 39215-1698

(601) 853-5230

Web: www.mdrs.state.ms.us

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

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(601) 853-5100; (800) 443-1000

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Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
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Special Vocational Services for the Handicapped

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Department of Education

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State Mental Health Agency

Department of Mental Health

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State Mental Retardation Program

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Department of Mental Health

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Web: www.dmh.state.ms.us

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Mississippi Protection and Advocacy System

Rebecca Floyd, Executive Director

5305 Executive Place

Jackson, MS 39206

(601) 981-8207; (800) 772-4057

E-mail: info@mpas.com

Web: www.mspas.com

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Mississippi Society for Disabilities

Presley Posey, Director

3226 N. State Street

P.O. Box 4958

Jackson, MS 39296-4958

(601) 362-2585

E-mail: presleymd@bellsouth.net

Web: www.mississippicap.com

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Medical Program

Board of Health

Larry Clark, Director

P.O. Box 1700

Jackson, MS 39215-1700

(601) 987-3965; (800) 844-0898 (National/WATS)

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Mississippi Health Benefits

Division of Medicaid

Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 801

239 N. Lamar Street

Jackson, MS 39201-1399

(877) 870-3110

Web: www.dom.state.ms.us/CHIP/chip.html

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive

Jackson, MS 39211

(601) 984-8200

Web: www2.mde.k12.ms.us/msb

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Rell Webber, State Coordinator

P.O. Box 1698

Jackson, MS 39215-1698

(601) 853-5310 (V/TTY); (800) 443-1000

E-mail: rwebber@mdrs.state.ms.us

Web: www.mdrs.state.ms.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 582-2233 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech-English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech-Spanish)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Dr. Melody Bounds

Department of Education

P.O. Box 771

Jackson, MS 39205

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance
Center

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

Georgia Tech

Shelley Kaplan, Project Director

490 10th Street

Atlanta, GA 30318

(404) 385-0636; (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: sedbtac@catea.org

Web: www.sedbtac.org

Toy Library and Technology Learning Center

University of Southern Mississippi

Gulf Park Campus

Sara Jackson, Director

730 E. Beach Boulevard

Long Beach, MS 39560

(228) 867-2636; (228) 214-3286

E-mail: tlc@usm.edu

Web: www.gp.usm.edu/tlc/index.html

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

The Institute for Disability Studies

University of Southern Mississippi

Jane Z. Siders, Director

118 College Drive, #5163

Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

(601) 266-5163; (888) 671-0051 (V/TTY)

E-mail: jane.siders@usm.edu

Web: www.ids.usm.edu

Technology-Related Assistance

Mississippi Project Start

Stephen Power, Director

P.O. Box 1698

Jackson, MS 39215

(601) 987-4872 (V/TTY); (800) 852-8328 (V/TTY in MS)

E-mail: spower@mdrs.state.ms.us

Web: www.msprojectstart.org

State Mediation System

Department of Education

Office of Special Education

Tanya Bradley, Bureau Director

P.O. Box 771

Jackson, MS 39205

(601) 359-3498

E-mail: tbradley@mde.k12.ms.us

Web: www.mde.k12.ms.us

Special Format Library

Mississippi Library Commission

Blind and Physically Handicapped Library Services

Rahye Puckett, Director/Librarian

1221 Ellis Avenue

Jackson, MS 39209

(601) 961-4111; (800) 446-0892

E-mail: lbph@mlc.lib.ms.us

E-mail: rahye@mlc.lib.ms.us

Web: www.mlc.lib.ms.us/bphls/

Mississippi—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Mississippi, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Mississippi, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

TEAAM (Together Enhancing Autism Awareness in Mississippi)

Dr. Mark Yeager, President

P.O. Box 213

Newton, MS 39345

(601) 683-4200

E-mail: myeager@cmrc.state.ms.us

Blind/Visual Impairments

Frances Mary D'Andrea, Director

American Foundation for the Blind–National Literacy Center

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Mississippi

P.O. Box 55912

Jackson, MS 39296-5912

(601) 981-1021; (800) 641-6442

E-mail biaofms@aol.com

Web: www.members.aol.com/biaofms/index.htm

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.

Sheila Pearson, Director

P.O. Box 16924

Jackson, MS 39236-6924

(601) 853-1961; (888) 852-1961 (toll free)

E-mail: cpfofms@aol.com

Web: www.cpfofms.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Mississippi

Beth Scarbrough, Executive Director

2001 Airport Road, Suite 307

Jackson, MS 39232

(601) 936-5222; (800) 898-0291 (in MS)

E-mail: efm@netdoor.com

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Mississippi

Brandi H. Clarke, Executive Director

4803 Harrison Circle

Gulfport, MS 39507

(228) 864-6274

E-mail: mhagptms@aol.com

Mental Health Association of the Capital Area, Inc.

Larry Swearengen, Interim Director

411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 401

Jackson, MS 39206

(601) 956-2800

E-mail: mhajxn@aol.com

NAMI Mississippi

Teri Brister, Executive Director

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Jackson, MS 39206

(601) 899-9058

E-mail: namimiss1@aol.com

Mississippi Families As Allies for Children's Mental Health

Tessie Schweitzer, Executive Director

5166 Keele Street, Building A

Jackson, MS 39206

(601) 981-1618; (800) 833-9671

E-mail: tschweitzer@msfaacmh.org

Web: www.msfaacmh.org

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of Mississippi

Matt Nalker, Executive Director

7 Lakeland Circle, Suite 600

Jackson, MS 39216

(601) 982-1180; (800) 717-1180

E-mail: matt@arcms.org

Web: www.arcms.org

Speech and Hearing

Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Deirdre McGowan, CAE, Executive Director

P.O. Box 22664

Jackson, MS 39225-2664

(800) 664-6742

E-mail: mshahelp@mshausa.org

Web: www.mshausa.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Mississippi

Kelly Wedgeworth, Executive Director

Amy Wilkinson, President

P.O. Box 180594

Richland, MS 39218

(601) 214-1281

E-mail: kgwedge@yahoo.com

E-mail: awsba@yahoo.com

Mississippi—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) (Mississippians are currently being provided with information and training via the Florida PTI listed here)

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.

Parent Education Network

Jan LaBelle, Executive Director

Nancy Gonsalves, Project Co-Director

Milagros Pou, Project Co-Director

2735 Whitney Road

Clearwater, FL 33760-1610

(727) 523-1130; (800) 825-5736

E-mail: pen@fndfl.org

Web: <http://fndfl.org>

Community Parent Resource Center

EMPOWER Community Resource Center (serving Six
EMPOWER Counties)

Agnes Johnson, Executive Director

P.O. Box 1733

136 S. Poplar Street

Greenville, MS 38702-1733

(662) 332-4852; (800) 337-4852

E-mail: empower@cox-internet.com

Web: www.msempower.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Rick Tillotson, President

Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

P.O. Box 1937

Jackson, MS 39215

(601) 352-7383; (800) 795-6123

Other Parent Organizations

Mississippi SAFE KIDS Campaign

Lori Bezada, Project Coordinator

615 Barksdale Street

Jackson, MS 39202

(601) 969-0669; (877) 706-8741 (V/TTY)

E-mail: MSSAFEKIDS@mscoalition.com

Web: www.mssafekids.com

Parents for Public Schools of Jackson

3252 N. State Street

Jackson, MS 39216

(601) 713-1633

E-mail: dana.larkin@parents4publicschools.com

Web: www.parents4publicschools.com/jackson

Parents United Together

Mandy Rogers, President

P.O. Box 2121

Madison, MS 39130

E-mail: MOM424@aol.com

Web: www.parentsunitedtogether.com

Mississippi—Other Disability Organizations

Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

Mary G. Troupe, Executive Director

615 Barksdale Street

Jackson, MS 39202

(601) 969-0601 (V/TTY); (800) 748-9420 (V/TTY)

Web: www.mscoalition.com

Healthy Futures

Sam Gleese, Project Director

615 Barksdale Street

Jackson, MS 39202

(601) 969-0601; (800) 748-9420 (V/TTY)

E-mail: hffutures@aol.com

Web: www.healthyfuturesms.com

VSA Arts of Mississippi

Leslie Roark Scott, Executive Director

3310 N. State Street, Studio 1

Jackson, MS 39216

(601) 713-3311

E-mail: jacvsa@netdoor.com

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Mississippi, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Mississippi, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Web: <https://governor.mo.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.state.mo.us/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Division of Special Education

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Melodie Friedebach, Assistant Commissioner

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-4444

E-mail: melodie.friedebach@dese.mo.gov

Web: www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Missouri has been granted an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

Pat Kaiser, Director

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Office of Federal Programs

P.O. Box 480, 205 Jefferson Street

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-8643

Email: pat.kaiser@dese.mo.gov

Web: <http://dese.mo.gov/quality-schools/federal-programs>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Special Education Services

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Pam Thomas, Part C Coordinator

P.O. Box 480

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

(573) 751-3559

E-mail: pam.thomas@dese.mo.gov

Web: <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Effective Practices Section

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Pam Williams, 619 Coordinator

Special Education Compliance

205 Jefferson Street

PO Box 480

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

(573) 751-4909

E-mail: pam.williams@dese.mo.gov

Web: <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/early-childhood-special-education>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department of Education

Jeanne Loyd, Assistant Commissioner

3024 Dupont Circle

Jefferson City, MO 65109-0525

(573) 751-3251

Web: www.vr.dese.mo.gov

Coordinator for Transition Services

Special Education Effective Practices Section

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Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Vocational Special Needs

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 522-1775

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Web: [www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/
special_needs_index.htm](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/special_needs_index.htm)

State Mental Health Agency

Department of Mental Health

Dorn Schuffman, Director

1706 East Elm

P.O. Box 687

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-3070; (800) 364-9687

Web: www.dmh.mo.gov

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Department of Mental Health

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P.O. Box 687

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-4970

E-mail: linda.roebuck@dmh.mo.gov

Web: www.dmh.mo.gov

State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental
Disabilities

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-8676; (800) 207-9329

E-mail: anne.deaton@dmh.mo.gov

Web: www.dmh.mo.gov

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

Susan Pritchard-Green, Director

1706 E. Elm

P.O. Box 687

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-8611; (800) 500-7878 (in MO)

E-mail: susan.pritchard-green@dmh.mo.gov

Web: www.mpcdd.com

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Missouri Protection and Advocacy Services

Shawn de Loyola, Executive Director

925 S. Country Club Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65109

(573) 893-3333; (800) 392-8667

E-mail: mopasjc@earthlink.com

Web: www.moadvocacy.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Special Health Care Needs

Department of Health and Senior Services

Diane Poole, Interim Chief

930 Wildwood Drive

P.O. Box 570

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-6246; (800) 451-0669

Web: www.dhss.mo.gov

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

MC+ for Children

Missouri Department of Social Services

(888) 275-5908

Web: www.dss.state.mo.us/mcplus/index.htm

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

Family Support Division

Michael Fester, Deputy Director

615 Howerton Court

P.O. Box 2320

Jefferson City, MO 65102-2320

(573) 751-4249; (800) 592-6004

E-mail: kimberly.gerlt@dss.mo.gov

Web: www.dss.mo.gov/dfs/rehab/index.htm

Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63110

(314) 776-4320; (800) 622-5672

E-mail: webmaster@msb.k12.mo.us

Web: www.msb.k12.mo.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of
Hearing

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Dr. Roy E. Miller, Executive Director

1103 Rear Southwest Boulevard

Jefferson City, MO 65109

(573) 526-5205 (V/TTY)

E-mail: mcdhh@mo.gov

Web: www.mcdhh.state.mo.us

Missouri School for the Deaf

505 E. 5th Street

Fulton, MO 65251-1799

(573) 592-4000

E-mail: webmaster@msd.k12.mo.us

Web: www.msd.k12.mo.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 735-2466 (V)

(800) 735-2966 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 735-7877 (Speech to Speech)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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E-mail: pubinfo@dese.mo.gov

Web: www.dese.mo.gov

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

ADA and IT Center

Great Plains Disability and Business Technical Assistance
Center

University of Missouri/Columbia

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Columbia, MO 65203

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E-mail: ada@missouri.edu

Web: www.adaproject.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

UMKC Institute for Human Development

Carl F. Calkins, Director

Health Sciences Building

2220 Holmes Street, 3rd Floor

Kansas City, MO 64108

(816) 235-1770; (800) 444-0821 (V)

(800) 452-1185 (TTY)

Web: www.ihd.umkc.edu

Technology-Related Assistance

Missouri Assistive Technology

Diane Golden, Project Director

4731 South Cochise, Suite 114

Independence, MO 64055-6975

(816) 373-5193; (800) 647-8557

E-mail: matpmo@swbell.net

Web: www.at.mo.gov

State Mediation System

Special Education Compliance

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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E-mail: pam.williams@dese.mo.gov

Web: www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/

Special Format Library

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Dr. Richard Smith, Librarian

P.O. Box 387

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387

(573) 751-8720; (800) 392-2614 (in MO)

(800) 347-1379 (TTY/in MO)

E-mail: wolfner@sos.mo.gov

Web: www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/

Missouri—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Missouri, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Children's Services

Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental
Disabilities

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P.O. Box 687

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-8237

E-mail: julia.kaufman@dmh.mo.gov

Web: www.dmh.mo.gov/mrdd

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Missouri

Scott Gee, Chief Executive Officer

10270 Page Avenue, Suite 100

St. Louis, MO 63132

(314) 426-4024; (800) 377-6442

E-mail: info@biamo.org

Web: www.biamo.org

Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council

Donna Mueller, Director

P.O. Box 809

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-9003

E-mail: donna.mueller@oa.mo.gov

Web: www.tbi.mo.gov

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater St. Louis

Richard Forkosh, Executive Director

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St. Louis, MO 63132-3999

(314) 994-1600

E-mail: forkoshr@ucpstl.org

Web: www.ucpa.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of the St. Louis Region

Darla Templeton, Executive Vice President

7100 Oakland Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63117

(314) 645-6969; (800) 264-6970

E-mail: darla@stl-epil.org

Web: <http://www.efmk.org/>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Missouri

Ginger Johnson, President

1942 E. Meadowmere, Suite104

P.O. Box 3303

Springfield, MO 65804

(417) 864-5110; (800) 473-4965

E-mail: ldamo@cland.net

Web: www.ldamo.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of St. Louis

James House, Executive Director

1905 S. Grand Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63104-1542

(314) 773-1399

E-mail: mhagstl@aol.com

Web: www.mhagstl.org

National Alliances for the Mentally Ill of Missouri

Cindi Keele, Executive Director

1001 Southwest Boulevard, Suite E

Jefferson City, MO 65109

(573) 634-7727; (800) 374-2138

E-mail: namimockj@aol.com

E-mail: namimochildren@aol.com

Missouri Statewide Parent Advisory Network (MO-SPAN)

Donna Dittrich, Executive Director

440 Rue St. Francois

Florissant, MO 63031

(314) 972-0600

Web: www.mo-span.org

Speech and Hearing

Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Central Office

901 Missouri Boulevard, PMB 355

Jefferson City, MO 65109-1759

(888) 729-6742

E-mail: msha@showmemsha.org

Web: www.showmemsha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Greater St. Louis

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8050 Watson Road, Suite 115

St. Louis, MO 63119

(314) 843-2244; (800) 784-0983

E-mail: sbastl@charter.net

Web: www.sbastl.com

Missouri—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Missouri Parents Act (MPACT)

Mary Kay Savage, Executive Director

One W. Armour Boulevard, Suite 302

Kansas City, MO 64111

(816) 531-7070; (800) 743-7634 (V/TTY)

E-mail: msavage@ptimpact.com

Web: www.ptimpact.com

Parent-To-Parent

Contact Parent Training and Information Projects listed above.

Partners in Policymaking

Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

Susan Pritchard-Green, Program Director

P.O. Box 687

Jefferson City, MO 65102

(573) 751-8611; (800) 500-7878 (in MO)

E-mail: susan.pritchard-green@dmh.mo.gov

Web: www.mpcdd.com

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers

Tina Zubeck, President

2100 I-70 Drive, SW

Columbia, MO 65203

(573) 445-4161; (800) 328-7330

E-mail: office@mopta.org

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Web: www.mopta.org

Missouri—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Missouri

Craig Byrd, CEO

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St. Louis, MO 63110

(314) 664-5025

E-mail: cbyrd@mo.easterseals.com

Web: www.mo.easterseals.com

VSA Arts of Missouri

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Columbia, MO 65205-1763

(573) 875-2872; (866) VSA-ARTS (872-2787)

E-mail: director@showmevsa.com

Web: www.showmevsa.com

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Missouri, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Missouri, contact

National Council on Independent Living

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State Department of Education: Special Education

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

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State Mental Health Agency

Addictive and Mental Disorders Division

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State Mental Health Program for Children

Children's Mental Health Bureau

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Services

Health Care Resources Bureau

Department of Public Health and Human Services

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Montana CHIP

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Helena, MT 59620-2951

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Web: www.chip.state.mt.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Blind and Low Vision Services

State Vocational Rehabilitation Program for the Blind or Visually Impaired

Beverly Berg, Program Administrator

111 Sanders Suite 307

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Helena, MT 59604-4210

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Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind

Montana Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (MDHHS)

Betty Van Tighem, Director

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P.O. Box 6433

Great Falls, MT 59407

(406) 771-9053; (406) 771-9194 (TTY)

E-mail: mdhhsmd@sofast.net

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

3911 Central Avenue

Great Falls, MT 59405-1697

(406) 771-6000 (V/TTY); (800) 882-6732

E-mail: bdenoma@sdb.state.mt.us

Web: www.sdb.state.mt.us/

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 253-4093 (V)

(800) 253-4091 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 253-4613 (Speech to Speech)

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Web: www.adainformation.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

The University of Montana Rural Institute

Center for Excellence in Disability Education, Research, and
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Technology-Related Assistance

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The University of Montana, Rural Institute, MonTECH
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State Mediation System

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Special Format Library

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(406) 444-2064; (800) 332-3400

(406) 444-3005 (TTY)

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Web: <http://msl.state.mt.us/tbl/>

Montana—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Montana, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Montana, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

(214) 352-7222

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Montana Association for the Blind

P.O. Box 465

Helena, MT 59624-0465

(406) 442-9411

Brain Injury

Ian Elliot, President of the Board of Directors

Brain Injury Association of Montana

University of Montana

52 Corbin Hall, Room 25

Missoula, MT 59812

(406) 243-5973; (800) 241-6442

E-mail: biam@selway.umt.edu

Web: www.biausa.org/Montana

Fragile X Syndrome

Fragile X Resource of Montana

Mary and Dick DeBernardis

12345 Gooch Hill Road

Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730-9707

(406) 763-4268

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Web: www.fragilex.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Montana

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Billings, MT 59102

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Mental Health

Montana Mental Health Association

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Family Support Network (FSN)

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Mental Retardation

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Billings, MT 59102

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Speech and Hearing

Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Box 215

Miles City, MT 59301

(406) 234-8727

E-mail: info@mshaonline.org

Web: www.mshaonline.org

Montana—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parents, Let's Unite For Kids (PLUK)

Dennis Moore, Executive Director

516 N. 32nd Street

Billings, MT 59101-6003

(406) 255-0540; (800) 222-7585 (MT only)

E-mail: plukinfo@pluk.org

Web: www.pluk.org

Parent-To-Parent

Contact Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) listed above.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Montana Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

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P.O. Box 6448

Great Falls, MT 59406

(406) 268-7475

E-mail: montanapta@earthlink.net

Web: www.montanapta.org

IDEA PTA (Individuals with Diverse and Exceptional Abilities)

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Montana—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals—Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountains

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Web: www.goodwill.org/greatfalls

Montana Center on Disabilities

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Support & Techniques for Empowering People (STEP) Inc.

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Billings, MT 59102

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VSA Arts of Montana

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Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Montana, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Montana, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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State Department of Education: Special Education

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Special Populations Office

Nebraska Department of Education

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Nebraska ChildFind, Rights, Resources, & Referrals for
Children With Disabilities: Birth–21 Years

Nebraska ChildFind

Steve Miller, Statewide Coordinator

143 S. 48th Street, Suite C

Lincoln, NE 68516-2204

(402) 471-0734; (888) 806-6287 (in NE)

E-mail: smiller@atp.state.ne.us

Web: www.nde.state.ne.us/ATP/childfind.asp

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

(402) 471-3656; (800) 742-7594 (in NE)

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Web: www.cap.state.ne.us

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Aging and Disability Services

Special Services for Children and Adults

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support

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Lincoln, NE 68509-85801

Phone: (855) 632-7633; (402) 473-7000 (Lincoln); (402) 595-1178 (Omaha)

Web: http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_CHIP.aspx

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Lincoln, NE 68510

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Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Programs for Sensory Impairments

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Web: www.nol.org/home/NCDHH

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 833-0920 (V)

(800) 833-7352 (TTY/ASCII); 711 (TTY)

(888) 696-0629 (Fast ASCII)

(888) 272-5527 (Speech to Speech)

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Technology-Related Assistance

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Web: www.nde.state.ne.us/ATP/

Nebraska Educational Assistive Technology (NEAT)

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Cozad, NE 69130-1159

(308) 784-4525

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(402) 595-1920; (877) 201-4141 (Omaha)

E-mail: techconnectors@esu10.org

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State Mediation System

Special Populations Office

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Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

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Web: www.nde.state.ne.us/SPED/mediation/index.html

Special Format Library

Nebraska Library Commission

Talking Book and Braille Service

The Atrium

1200 N Street, Suite 120

Lincoln, NE 68508-2023

(402) 471-4038; (800) 742-7691

E-mail: talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us

Web: www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/tbbs1.html

Nebraska—Disability-Specific Organizations

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(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

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Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Nebraska

Cynthia Archwamety, President

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Kearny, NE 68847

(402) 484-8003

E-mail: arcofbuffalocounty@frontiernet.net

Web: www.autismnebraska.org

Families for Effective Autism Treatment of Nebraska, Inc.

Dr. Andrew Lepinski, President

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Lincoln, NE 68516

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Blind/Visual Impairments

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Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska

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Omaha, NE 68152

(402) 572-3686; (800) 729-2556

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Epilepsy

Epilepsy Association of Nebraska, Inc.

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Learning Disabilities

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Mental Health

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(402) 505-4608; (800) 245-6081

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Omaha, NE 68105

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Web: www.nami.org/

Web: <http://ne.nami.org/>

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of Nebraska

Deborah Weston, Interim Director

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Lincoln, NE 68502

(402) 475-4407

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Speech and Hearing

Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Angie Carman, Executive Assistant

455 S. 11th Street, Suite A

Lincoln, NE 68508-2105

(402) 476-9573

E-mail: angie@ncsa.org

Web: www.nslha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Nebraska

7101 Newport Avenue, Suite 206

Omaha, NE 68152-2153

(402) 572-3570

Nebraska—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

PTI Nebraska

Glenda Davis, Executive Director

3135 N. 93rd Street

Omaha, NE 68134

(402) 346-0525 (V/TTY); (800) 284-8520 (V/TTY in NE only)

E-mail: info@pti-nebraska.org

Web: www.pti-nebraska.org

Parent-To-Parent

Parent to Parent Network

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P.O. Box 1402

504 Prospect Avenue

Norfolk, NE 68702

(402) 379-2268; (877) 379-9926

E-mail: pvaughn@conpoint.com

Web: www.parent-parent.org

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1941 S. 42nd Street, Suite 122

Omaha, NE 68105

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Web: www.olliewebb.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Nebraska Congress of Parents and Teachers

Mark Ankersen, President

3534 S. 108th Street

Omaha, NE 68144

(402) 390-3339; (800) 714-3374 (in NE)

E-mail: ne_office@pta.org

Web: www.nebraskapta.org

Nebraska—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Nebraska

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Omaha, NE 68154

(402) 345-2200; (800) 650-9880

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Web: <http://ne.easterseals.com>

Answers 4 Families

Connie K. Hayek, Director

121 S. 13th Street, Suite 302

Lincoln, NE 68588-0227

(402) 472-9827; (800) 746-8420

E-mail: librarian@answers4families.org

Web: www.answers4families.org

People First of Nebraska

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Broken Bow, NE 68822

(308) 872-6490

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Web: www.peoplefirstofnebraska.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Nebraska, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Nebraska, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Nevada—State Agencies and Organizations

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Honorable Harry Reid (D)

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Washington, DC 20510

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United States Representatives

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Honorable Brian Sandoval

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Web: <http://gov.nv.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.nv.gov/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office of Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, and School Improvement Programs

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Nevada was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

Nevada Department of Education

700 E. Fifth Street

Carson City, NV 89701

(775) 687-9200

Web: http://www.doe.nv.gov/Programs_Services/Title_I/

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Department of Human Resources, Health Division

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Las Vegas, NV 89104

(702) 486-5497

E-mail: eking@dhhs.nv.gov

Web: <http://health.nv.gov/BEIS.htm>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Special Education, Elementary and Secondary
Education, and School Improvement Programs

Nevada Department of Education

Sherry Halley, 619 Coordinator

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Las Vegas, NV 89183

(702) 486-6460

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Special_Ed_ESCE_Special_Education/](http://www.doe.nv.gov/Special_Ed_ESCE_Special_Education/)

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Rehabilitation Division

Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation

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Carson City, NV 89710

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Web: <http://detr.state.nv.us/rehab/index.htm>

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Las Vegas, NV 89104

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Students With Disabilities

Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education

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State Mental Health Agency

Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services

Department of Human Resources

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Division of Child and Family Services

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State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services

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State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Office of Disability Services

Department of Human Resources

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center

Jack Mayes, Executive Director

6039 Eldora Avenue, Suite C, Box 3

Las Vegas, NV 89146

(702) 257-8150; (888) 349-3843 (toll-free)

(702) 257-8160 (TTY)

E-mail: ndalc@ndalclv.org

Web: www.ndalc.org

Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center

1311 N. McCarron Boulevard, Suite 106

Sparks, NV 89431

(775) 333-7878; (775) 788-7824 (TTY)

(800) 992-5715 (toll-free)

E-mail: reno@ndalc.org

Web: www.ndalc.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation Division, Rehabilitation Administration

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Web: http://detr.state.nv.us/rehab/reh_cap.htm

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Family Health Services

Nevada State Health Division

Department of Human Resources

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Carson City, NV 89706

(775) 684-4285

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Web: www.health2k.state.nv.us/bfhs

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Nevada Check Up

1100 East Williams Street, Suite 119

Carson City, NV 89701

(775) 684-3777; (800) 360-6044

Web: www.nevadacheckup.state.nv.us/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation Division

Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired

Birgit Baker, Director

505 East King Street, Room 501

Carson City, NV 89701

(775) 684-4244

Web: www.nvdetr.org/rehab/reh_bvi.htm

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 326-6888 (V)

(800) 326-6868 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(888) 326-5658 (Speech to Speech)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

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Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Pacific Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center

Public Health Institute

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Oakland, CA 94607-4046

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Disabilities

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Research and Education Planning Center

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E-mail: joannj@unr.edu

Web: <http://repc.unr.edu>

Technology-Related Assistance

Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative

Office of Disability Services

Department of Human Resources

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Carson City, NV 89706

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Nevada Special Education Technology Assistance Project

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Carson City, NV 89702

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State Mediation System

Nevada Department of Education

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Carson City, NV 89701

(775) 687-9170

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Web: www.doe.nv.gov

Special Format Library

Nevada Talking Book Services

Keri Putnam, Head of Special Services, Regional Librarian

100 North Stewart Street

Carson City, NV 89701-4285

(775) 684-3354; (800) 922-9334

(775) 687-8338 (TTY)

Web: www.nevadaculture.org

Nevada—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Nevada, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Nevada, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

Gil Johnson, Director

American Foundation for the Blind–West

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Nevada Community Enrichment Program

Bob Hogan, Program Director

6375 W. Charleston Boulevard, Suite L200/WCL

Las Vegas, NV 89146

(702) 259-1903

E-mail: bobthogan@att.net

Web: www.accessiblespace.org

Northern Nevada Head Injury Association

Roberta L. Johnson, President

P.O. Box 20287

Reno, NV 89515-0287

(775) 853-4019

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Northern Nevada

Russ Rougeau, Executive Director

4068 S. McCarran, Suite B

Reno, NV 89502

(775) 331-3323

E-mail: ucpnn@ucpnn.org

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada

Lisa Wright, Board Chairman

5300 Vegas Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89108-2347

(702) 648-1990

E-mail: ceo@dsosn.org

Web: www.dsosn.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of America (contact this organization for information on services for children with learning disabilities in Nevada)

4156 Library Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15234

(412) 341-1515; (888) 300-6710

Web: www.ldaamerica.org

Mental Health

NAMI Nevada

Joe Tyler, President

1170 Curti Drive

Reno, NV 89502

(775) 322-1346

Web: www.nami-nevada.org/

Mental Retardation

Opportunity Village

Edward R. Guthrie, Executive Director

6300 W. Oakey Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89146

(702) 259-3707

E-mail: Guthrie@opportunityvillage.org

Web: www.opportunityvillage.org

Speech and Hearing

Nevada Speech-Language and Hearing Association

10426 Rockport Lane

Reno, NV 89521

(775) 851-7166

E-mail: info@nvsha.org

Web: www.nvsha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Nevada

3106 Laentrada Street

Henderson, NV 89014

(702) 796-7242

Nevada—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Nevada PEP

Karen Taycher, Executive Director

2355 Red Rock, Suite 106

Las Vegas, NV 89146

(702) 388-8899; (800) 216-5188 (in NV)

(775) 448-9950 Satellite Office Reno

E-mail: pepinfo@nvpep.org

Web: www.nvpep.org

Parent-To-Parent

Family TIES of Nevada, Inc.

Nicole Schomberg, Healthcare Specialist

P.O. Box 50815

Sparks, NV 89435-0815

(775) 823-9500; (866) 326-8437

E-mail: info@familytiesnv.org

Web: www.familytiesnv.org/

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Nevada Parent-Teacher Association

D. J. Stutz, President

6134 W. Charleston Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89146

(702) 258-7885; (800) 782-7201

E-mail: nv_office@pta.org

Web: www.nevadapta.org

Nevada—Other Disability Organizations

Disability Resources, Inc.

Aimee Wittler, Executive Director

155 Glendale Avenue, Suite 11

Sparks, NV 89431

(775) 329-1126

E-mail: awittler@disabilityresourcesonline.org

Web: <http://disabilityresourcesonline.org>

Easter Seals Sierra Nevada

Donald Stromquist, President

6100 Neil Road, Suite 201

Reno, NV 89511

(775) 322-6555; (800) 228-7102

E-mail: info@eastersealsnv.org

Web: www.easter-seals.org

Easter Seals Southern Nevada

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(702) 870-7050

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Web: www.eastersealssn.org

VSA Arts of Nevada (formerly Very Special Arts Nevada)

Mary Ellen Horan, Executive Director

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Reno, NV 89501

(775) 826-6100

E-mail: meh@vsan.reno.nv.us

Web: nv.vsarts.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in Nevada, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Nevada, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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United States Representatives

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Governor

Honorable Maggie Hassan

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Governor's Commission on Disability

Governor's Commission on Disability

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(603) 271-2773; (800) 852-3405 (in NH)

E-mail: carol.nadeau@nh.gov

E-mail: maureen.stimpson@nh.gov

Web: www.state.nh.us/disability/

Official State Web Site

Web: www.state.nh.us/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Bureau of Special Education

New Hampshire Department of Education

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101 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

New Hampshire received an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

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(603) 271-6052

Email: Mary.Earick@doe.nh.gov

Web: [http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/
title_i_a_helping.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/title_i_a_helping.htm)

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

New Hampshire Family-Centered Early Support and Services

Division of Developmental Services

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Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-5122; (800) 852-3345 (in NH)

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Bureau of Special Education

New Hampshire Department of Education

Ruth Littlefield, Preschool Education Consultant

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Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-2178

E-mail: rlittlefield@ed.state.nh.us

Web: http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/index.htm

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation

New Hampshire Department of Education

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Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-3471

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Coordinator for Transition Services

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10 Ferry Street, Suite 14

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 226-2900

E-mail: cweir@cisunix.unh.edu

Web: www.ed.state.nh.us/SpecialEd/special11.htm

Vocational Education for Students With Disabilities

New Hampshire Department of Education

Bureau of Career Development

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Concord, NH 03301

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Web: www.ed.state.nh.us/education/

State Mental Health Agency

Bureau of Behavioral Health

Department of Health and Human Services

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Children's Mental Health Services

Bureau of Behavioral Health

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State Mental Retardation Program

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council

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(603) 271-3236

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Web: www.NHDDC.com

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Disabilities Rights Center, Inc.

Richard Cohen, Executive Director

18 Low Avenue

P.O. Box 3660

Concord, NH 03302-3660

(603) 228-0432; (800) 834-1721 (V/TTY)

E-mail: advocacy@drcnh.org

Web: www.drcnh.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program (CAP)

Governor's Commission on Disability

Bill J. Hagy, Ombudsman

57 Regional Drive

Concord, NH 03301-8518

(603) 271-4175/4176; (800) 852-3405 (in NH)

E-mail: bhagy@gov.state.nh.us

Web: www.state.nh.us/disability/caphomepage.html

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Special Medical Services

Office of Medicaid Business and Policy

Judith A. Bumbalo, Bureau Chief

29 Hazen Drive

Concord, NH 03301-6504

(603) 271-4488; (800) 852-3345, ext. 4488 (in NH)

E-mail: jbumbalo@dhhs.state.nh.us

Web: www.dhhs.state.nh.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

New Hampshire Healthy Kids

25 Hall Street, Suite 302

Concord, NH 03301

(877) 464-2447

Web: www.nhhealthykids.com/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Division of Family Assistance

129 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-4238

Web: www.dhhs.state.nh.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 735-2964 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 735-1245 (Speech to Speech)

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Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

New England ADA and Accessible IT Center

Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.

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Boston, MA 02210

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Institute on Disability/UCED

University of New Hampshire

Jan Nisbet, Director

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Durham, NH 03824-3522

(603) 862-4320 (V/TTY); (800) 238-2048 (in NH)

E-mail: institute.disability@unh.edu

Web: www.iod.unh.edu

Technology-Related Assistance

New Hampshire Technology Partnership Project

Institute on Disability/UCED

University of New Hampshire

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State Mediation System

New Hampshire Department of Education

Office of Legislation and Hearings

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101 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-2299

E-mail: sberwick@ed.state.nh.us

Web: www.ed.state.nh.us/education/laws/hearinginfo.htm

Special Format Library

New Hampshire State Library

Library Services to Persons with Disabilities

117 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301-3852

(603) 271-3429; 800-491-4200

Web: http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/talking_books/index.html

New Hampshire—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in New Hampshire, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of New Hampshire

Stacey Shannon, President

P.O. Box 68

Concord, NH 03302

(603) 679-2424

E-mail: nhautism@yahoo.com

Web: www.nhautism.com

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

Steven D. Wade, Executive Director

109 N. State Street, Suite 2

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 225-8400; (800) 773-8400 (in NH only)

E-mail: mail@bianh.org

Web: www.bianh.org

Deafness/Hard of Hearing

Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc. (NDHHS)

Susan Wolf-Downes, Executive Director

125 Airport Road

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 224-1850; (800) 492-0407

(866) 634-4764 (TTY)

E-mail: info@nhdeaf-hh.org

Web: www.nhdeaf-hh.org

Learning Disabilities

New Hampshire Branch of the International Dyslexia
Association

Mike Angwin and Caryl Patten, Co-Presidents

P.O. Box 3724

Concord, NH 03302-3724

(603) 229-7355

E-mail: information@nhida.org

Web: www.nhida.org

Mental Health

Granite State Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

c/o ACS

Kathleen Abate, Executive Director

340 Commercial Street, 2nd Floor

Manchester, NH 03101

(603) 785-7948

E-mail: gsffcmh@aol.com

NAMI New Hampshire

Michael Cohen, Executive Director 15 Green Street

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 225-5359; (800) 242-6264 (in NH)

E-mail: info@naminh.org

Web: www.naminh.org

Special Health Care Needs

New Hampshire Family Voices

Terry Ohlson-Martin and Martha-Jean Madison, Co-Directors

29 Hazen Drive

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-4525; (800) 852-3345, ext. 4525

E-mail: nhfv@yahoo.com

Web: www.nhfv.org

Speech and Hearing

New Hampshire Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Inc.

Jessica Bergeron, President

P.O. Box 1538

Concord, NH 03302-1538

(603) 228-5949

E-mail: nhslha@aol.com

New Hampshire—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parent Information Center (PIC)

Heather Thalheimer, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2405

Concord, NH 03302-2405

(603) 224-7005 (V/TTY); (800) 232-0986 (in NH)

E-mail: picinfo@parentinformationcenter.org

Web: www.parentinformationcenter.org

Web: www.picnh.org

Parent-To-Parent

Parent to Parent

Philip Eller, Coordinator

P.O. Box 622

Hanover, NH 03755-0622

(603) 448-6393; (800) 698-5465 (in NH and VT, only)

E-mail: p2pnh@valley.net

Web: www.p2pnh.org

Partners in Policymaking

Institute on Disability/UCE

Mary Schuh, PhD, Program Director

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10 Ferry Street, Unit #14, Suite 317

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 228-2084

E-mail: mcschuh@cisunix.unh.edu

Web: www.iod.unh.edu/

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

New Hampshire PTA

Donald Austin, President

47 Kendall Hill Road

Mont Vernon, NH 03057

(877) 701-4PTA

E-mail: nhptal@aol.com

New Hampshire—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals New Hampshire

Larry Gammon, President

555 Auburn Street

Manchester, NH 03103

(603) 623-8863 (V/TTY); (800) 870-8728

E-mail: lgammon@eastersealsnh.org

Web: www.eastersealsnh.org

Education-A-Must (advocacy services for children with physical, emotional, behavioral, or learning disabilities)

Dorothy French, Director/Founder

P.O. Box 216

East Derry, NH 03041-0216

(603) 437-6286

E-mail: info@education-a-must.com

Web: www.education-a-must.com

New Hampshire Challenge

Janet Krumm, Executive Director

P.O. Box 579

Dover, NH 03820-0579

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E-mail: nhchallenge@comcast.net

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VSA Arts of New Hampshire

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44 S. Main Street

Concord, NH 03301-4822

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Web: www.vsarts.org

Independent Living

New Hampshire Statewide Independent Living Council

c/o Governor's Commission on Disability

57 Regional Drive

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-0476; (800) 852-3405

E-mail: info@silcnh.org

Web: www.silcnh.org

Granite State Independent Living

21 Chenell Drive

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 228-9680; 800-826-3700 (V/TTY)

Web: www.gsil.org

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State Department of Education: Special Education

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

New Jersey received a waiver from the NCLB program.

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Washington, DC 20202

(202) 401-0113

Email: oeese@ed.gov

Web: <http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/parentsguide.html>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Division of Family Health Services

Early Intervention System

Terry Harrison, Part C Coordinator

50 E. State Street

P. O. Box 364

Trenton, NJ 08625-0364

(609) 777-7739

E-mail: terry.harrison@doh.state.nj.us

Web: <http://nj.gov/health/fhs/eis/index.shtml>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Special Education Programs

New Jersey Department of Education

Barbara Tkach, Section 619 Coordinator

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Trenton, NJ 08625-0500

(609) 984-4950

E-mail: btkach@doe.state.nj.us

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

New Jersey Department of Labor

Thomas G. Jennings, Director

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135 E. State Street

Trenton, NJ 08625-0398

(609) 292-5987; (609) 292-2919 (TTY)

E-mail: thomas.jennings@dol.state.nj.us

Web: www.wnjp.state.nj.us/

Coordinator for Transition Services

Bob Haugh, Transition Coordinator

Office of Special Education Programs

New Jersey Department of Education

P.O. Box 500 Riverview Executive Plaza

Building 100 Route 29

Trenton, NJ 08625

(609) 633-6431

E-mail: robert.haugh@doe.state.nj.us

Web: www.state.nj.us/education

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Office of Vocational-Technical, Career and Adult Programs

New Jersey Department of Education

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State Mental Health Agency

Division of Mental Health Services

New Jersey Department of Human Services

Alan G. Kaufman, Director

50 E. State Street, Capital Center

P. O. Box 727

Trenton, NJ 08625-0727

(609) 777-0702; (800) 382-6717

E-mail: dmhsmail@DHS.state.nj.us

Web: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Division of Child Behavioral Health Services

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Trenton, NJ 08625

(609) 777-0740

E-mail: lucy.keating@dhs.state.nj.us

Web: www.njkidsoc.org

State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Developmental Disabilities

New Jersey Department of Human Services

Capital Center

Carol Grant, Acting Director

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Trenton, NJ 08625-0726

(609) 292-7260

E-mail: carol.grant@dhs.state.nj.us

Web: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/index.html

Council on Developmental Disabilities

New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

Ethan B. Ellis, Executive Director

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P. O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0700

(609) 292-3745

E-mail: njddc@njddc.org

Web: www.njddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

Sarah W. Mitchell, Executive Director

210 S. Broad Street, 3rd Floor

Trenton, NJ 08608

(609) 292-9742; (609) 633-7106 (TTY)

(800) 922-7233 (in NJ)

E-mail: advocate@njpanda.org

Web: www.njpanda.org

Client Assistance Program

Lillie Lowe-Reid, Coordinator. Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Special Child, Health and Early Intervention Services

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Gloria M. Rodriguez, PhD, Director

50 E. State Street

P.O. Box 364

Trenton, NJ 08625

(609) 984-0755

E-mail: gloria.rodriguez@doh.state.nj.us

Web: www.state.nj.us/health

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

New Jersey Family Care

PO Box 4818

Trenton, NJ 08650-4818

(800) 701-0710

Web: www.njfamilycare.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

New Jersey Department of Human Services

Vito DeSantis, Executive Director

153 Halsey Street

Newark, NJ 07101

(973) 648-2324

Web: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/index.html

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

New Jersey Department of Human Services

Brian Shomo, Director

P. O. Box 074

Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

(609) 984-7281 (V/TTY)

(800) 792-8339 (V/TTY in NJ only)

E-mail: ira.hock@dhs.state.nj.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind

Chris Corvino, Executive Director

24K World Fair Drive

Somerset, NJ 08873

(732) 805-1912 (V/TTY)

Web: www.njadb.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 852-7897 (V)

(800) 852-7899 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech–English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech–Spanish)

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Special Education

High Point Regional High School

Diane L. Paine, Supervisor

299 Pigeon Hill Road

Sussex, NJ 07461

(973) 875-3102

E-mail: dpaine@hpregonal.org

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Northeast ADA & IT Center

Andrea Haenlin-Mott, Director

Cornell University

331 Ives Hall

Ithaca, NY 14853

(607) 255-6686 (V/TTY/Spanish); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY/
Spanish)

E-mail: northeastada@cornell.edu

Web: www.ilr.cornell.edu/ped/northeastada

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental
Disabilities

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Deborah Spitalnik, PhD, Executive Director

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Liberty Plaza

335 George Street, 3rd Floor

P.O. Box 2688

New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2688

(732) 235-9300

E-mail: deborah.spitalnik@umdnj.edu

Web: <http://rwjms.umdj.edu/boggscenter>

Technology-Related Assistance

Assistive Technology Advocacy Center

New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

Ellen Catanese, Project Director

210 S. Broad Street, Third Floor

Trenton, NJ 08608

(609) 292-9742; (609) 633-7106 (TTY)

(800) 922-7233 (in NJ)

E-mail: advocate@njpanda.org

Web: www.njpanda.org

State Mediation System

Office of Special Education Programs

New Jersey Department of Education

P.O. Box 500

Trenton, NJ 08625-0500

(609) 984-1286

Web: www.state.nj.us/education

Special Format Library

New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped

P. O. Box 501

Trenton, NJ 08625-0501

(609) 530-4000; (800) 792-8322

(800) 582-5945 (Spanish); 800- 882-5593 (TTY)

E-mail: njlhb@njstatelib.org

Web: http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/

New Jersey—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

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Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC)

Paul Potito, Executive Director

1450 Parkside Avenue, Suite 22

Ewing, NJ 08638

(609) 883-8100; (800) 4-AUTISM (in NJ)

E-mail: information@njcosac.org

Web: www.njcosac.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.org

Web: www.afb.org

Parents of Blind Children—New Jersey

Carol Castellano, President

23 Alexander Avenue

Madison, NJ 07940

(973) 625-5999; (973) 377-0976

(888) 625-6066

E-mail: center@webspan.net

Web: www.blindchildren.org

National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey

Joe Ruffalo, President

69 Prospect Place

Belleville, NJ 07109

(973) 759-3622

E-mail: nfbnj@comcast.net

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of New Jersey

Barbara Geiger-Parker, Executive Director

1090 King George Post Road, Suite 708

Edison, NJ 08837

(732) 738-1002; (800) 669-4323 (in NJ only)

E-mail: info@bianj.org

Web: www.bianj.org

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey

Douglas E. Oberreit, Executive Director

354 S. Broad Street

Trenton, NJ 08608

(609) 392-4004; (888) 322-1918

E-mail: info@cpofnj.org

Web: www.cpo-fnj.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey

Eric M. Joice, Executive Director

429 River View Plaza

Trenton, NJ 08611

(609) 392-4900; (800) 336-5843

E-mail: EMJEFNJ@aol.com

Web: www.efnj.com

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in New Jersey

Carolyn Beauchamp, Executive Director

88 Pompton Avenue, Suite 1

Verona, NJ 07044

(973) 571-4100

E-mail: info@mhanj.org

Web: www.mhanj.org

NAMI New Jersey

Sylvia Axelrod, Executive Director

1562 Route 130

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

(732) 940-0991

E-mail: naminj@optonline.net

Web: www.naminj.org/

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of New Jersey

Tom Baffuto, Executive Director

985 Livingston Avenue

North Brunswick, NJ 08902-1843

(732) 246-2525

E-mail: info@arcnj.org

Web: www.arcnj.org

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices of New Jersey, at SPAN

Lauren Agoratus, Project Coordinator

35 Halsey Street, 4th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

(973) 642-8100; (800) 654-SPAN, ext. 110

E-mail: familyvoices@spannj.org

Web: www.spannj.org

Speech and Hearing

New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Nancy J. Patterson, President

203 Towne Centre Drive

Hillsborough, NJ 08844

(908) 359-5308

E-mail: info@njsha.org

Web: www.njsha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Tri-State Region

Jane Horowitz, Executive Director

84 Park Avenue

Flemington, NJ 08822

(908) 782-7475

E-mail: sbatsr@sbatsr.org

Web: www.sbatsr.org

Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey, Inc.

Faith Warner Rice, President

198 W. High Street

Somerville, NJ 08876

(732) 972-4459

E-mail: NJTSA@aol.com

Web: www.tsanj.org

New Jersey—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)

Diane Autin, Executive Co-Director

Deborah Jennings, Co-Director

35 Halsey Street, 4th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

(973) 642-8100; (800) 654-7726 (in NJ)

E-mail: span@spannj.org

Web: www.spannj.org

Parent-To-Parent

New Jersey Statewide Parent-to-Parent

Malia Corde, Program Coordinator

35 Halsey Street

Newark, NJ 07102

(908) 537-4673; (800) 372-6510

E-mail: Parent2Parent@spannj.org

Web: www.spannj.org/familywrap/parent2parent.htm

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers

Lynn Morris, President

900 Berkeley Avenue

Trenton, NJ 08618-5322

(609) 393-5004

E-mail: njpta@dca.net

Web: www.njpta.org

Other Parent Organization

Special Parent Assistance & Resource Center (SPARC)

UCP of Hudson County, Inc.

Michelle Evans, Co-Founder and Director of Support and
Family Relations

721 Broadway

Bayonne, NJ 07002

(201) 656-3779

E-mail: SPARKLEOFUCP@yahoo.com

Web: www.geocities.com/sparcofucp

New Jersey—Other Disability Organizations

Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities

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127 Route 206, Suite 18

Hamilton, NJ 08610

(609) 581-8375

E-mail: lowell@abcdnj.org

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Easter Seals New Jersey

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E-mail: essnj@nj.easter-seals.org

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Family Support Center of New Jersey

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New Jersey Mentor

Rehabilitative and Support Services for Persons with
Acquired Brain Injury

505 S. Lenola Road

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Moorestown, NJ 08057

(856) 235-5505

E-mail: scott.patrick@thementornetwork.com

Web: www.thementornetwork.com

New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse

(free help to those seeking to find or start a local or national support group)

Edward Madara, Director

100 Hanover Avenue, Suite 202

Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927-2020

(973) 326-6789; (800) 367-6274 (in NJ)

E-mail: njshe@cybernex.net

Web: www.njgroups.org

Division of Disability Services

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P.O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0700

(609) 292-7800; (609) 292-1210 (TTY)

(888) 285-3036

E-mail: william.ditto@dhs.state.nj.us

Web: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds

VSA Arts New Jersey

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703 Jersey Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

(732) 745-3885; (732) 745-3913 (TTY)

E-mail: info@vsanj.org

Web: www.vsanj.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in New Jersey, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in New Jersey, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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(505) 476-0412; (877) 696-1470 (in NM)

(505) 476-0413 (TTY)

Web: www.nmgcd.org

Governor's Behavioral Health Planning Council

Theta Nyein, Block Grant Coordinator

P.O. Box 26110

Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110

(505) 827-2601

Web: www.nmcares.org

Official State Web Site

Web: www.state.nm.us/

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Public Education Department

Denise Koscielniak, Director

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Santa Fe, NM 87501

(505) 927-1457

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Web: www.ped.state.nm.us

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

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(505) 827-7592

Email: sam.ornelas@state.nm.us

Web: <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/Title1index.html>

E-mail: dwatson@ped.state.nm.us

Web: www.ped.state.nm.us

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Family Infant Toddler Program

New Mexico Department of Health

Andy Gomm, Part C Coordinator

810 San Mateo

Santa Fe, NM 87506

(505) 476-8975

E-mail: andrew.gomm@state.nm.us

Web: <http://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/cpb/fit/>

BabyNet

(information about medical and support services for pre-natal,
infants, and toddlers)

Sandra Skaar, Health Educator

2300 Menaul, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(505) 272-8549; (800) 552-8195 (in NM)

E-mail: infonet@unm.edu

E-mail: sskaar@salud.unm.edu

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Early Childhood Special Education

Ida Tewa, 619 Coordinator

Special Education Bureau

Public Education Department

120 South Federal Place, Room 206

Santa Fe, NM 87501

(505) 827-1466

E-mail: idadam.tewa@state.nm.us

Web: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seb/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Catherine Cross Maple, PhD, Assistant Secretary

435 St. Michaels Drive, Building D

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 954-8500; (505) 954-8511 (V/TTY)

(800) 224-7005

Web: www.dvrgetsjobs.com/

Coordinator for Transition Services

Sue Gronewald, Director of Transition Services

Public Education Department

300 Don Gaspar Avenue

Santa Fe, NM 87501

(505) 827-6553

E-mail: sgronewold@ped.state.nm.us

Web: www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/index.htm

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Public Education Department

Career-Technical and Workforce Education Bureau

Lena Trujillo-Chavez, Special Projects Coordinator

300 Don Gaspar Avenue

Santa Fe, NM 87501

(505) 827-6512

E-mail: ltrujillo@ped.state.nm.us

Web: www.ped.state.nm.us

State Mental Health Agency

Behavioral Health Services Division

New Mexico Department of Health

Richard Tavares, Acting Division Director

1190 St. Francis Drive, Room N3300

Santa Fe, NM 87502

(505) 827-2601

Web: www.nmcares.org

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Marg Elliston, Director

New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department

Family Services

P.O. Box 5160

Santa Fe, NM 87502-5160

(505) 827-9988

Web: www.state.nm.us/cyfd

State Mental Retardation Program

Long-Term Services Division

New Mexico Department of Health

Sam Howarth, Director

1190 St. Francis Drive, Room N. 3050

P.O. Box 26110

Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110

(505) 827-2574

E-mail: sam.howarth@health.state.nm.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Patrick Putnam, Director

810 W. San Mateo Road, Suite C

Santa Fe, NM 87505-4144

(505) 476-7321

E-mail: pputnam@state.nm.us

Web: www.nmddpc.com

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Protection and Advocacy System, Inc.

James Jackson, Executive Director

1720 Louisiana Boulevard, NE, Suite 204

Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 256-3100; (800) 432-4682 (in NM)

E-mail: info@nmpanda.org

Web: www.nmpanda.org

Native American Protection and Advocacy Project

3535 E. 30th Street, Suite 201

Farmington, NM 87402

(505) 566-5880; (800) 862-7271 (intake and client only)

E-mail: cjohn@napap.org

Client Assistance Program

Bernadine Chavez, CAP Coordinator. Contact Protection and Advocacy System, Inc. listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Family Health Bureau

Public Health Division

New Mexico Department of Health

Jane Peacock, Bureau Chief

2040 S. Pacheco, Room 103

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 476-8901

Children's Medical Services

Family Health Bureau

Public Health Division

New Mexico Department of Health

Lynn Christiansen, Program Manager

2040 S. Pacheco, Room 226B

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 476-8868; (877) 890-4692

E-mail: LChristiansen@Doh.state.nm.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

New Mexi Kids

New Mexico Human Services Department–Medical Assistance Division

P.O. Box 2348

Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348

(888) 997-2583

Web: www.state.nm.us/hsd/mad/OtherDocs/NewMexikids.htm

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

New Mexico Commission for the Blind

Greg Trapp, Director

2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 4, Suite 100

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 476-4479; (888) 513-7968

E-mail: greg.trapp@state.nm.us

Web: www.state.nm.us/cftb

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

New Mexico Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons

Thomas Dillon, Executive Director

1435 S. St. Francis Drive, Suite 101

Santa Fe, NM 87505-4083

(505) 827-7584 (V/TTY); (800) 489-8536 (V/TTY, in NM only)

E-mail: NMCDHHA@doh.state.nm.us

Web: www.nmcdhh.org

New Mexico School for the Deaf

Outreach Department

Joyce Horvath, Coordinator

1060 Cerrillos Road

Santa Fe, NM 87503

(505) 476-6400 (V/TTY); (800) 841-6699 (V/TTY)

E-mail: Joyce.Horvath@nmsd.k12.nm.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 659-1779 (V)

(800) 659-8331 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(888) 659-3952 (Speech to Speech)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Steven Oldroyd, Director

Office of Special Education

Public Education Department

300 Don Gaspar Avenue

Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786

(505) 827-6541

E-mail: soldroyd@ped.state.nm.us

Web: www.ped.state.nm.us

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Disability Law Resource Project

Wendy Wilkinson, Director

2323 S. Shepard Boulevard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dlrp@ilru.org

Web: www.dlrp.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center for Development and Disability (CDD)

Dr. Catherine McClain, Director

University of New Mexico

2300 Menaul Boulevard, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(505) 272-3000

E-mail: cmcclain@salud.unm.edu

Web: <http://cdd.unm.edu>

Technology-Related Assistance

New Mexico Technology Assistance Program

Andy Winnegar, Project Director

435 St. Michael's Drive, Building D

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 954-8539 (V/TTY); (800) 866-2253 (V)

(800) 659-4915 (TTY)

E-mail: awinnegar@state.nm.us

Web: www.nmtap.com

State Mediation System

Office of Special Education

Public Education Department

Duane Ellis, Parent Liaison

300 Don Gaspar Avenue

Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786

(505) 827-6541

E-mail: dellis@ped.state.nm.us

Web: www.ped.state.nm.us

Special Format Library

New Mexico Library for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped

1209 Camino Carlos Rey

Santa Fe, NM 87507-5166

(505) 476-9770; 800-456-5515

E-mail: talkingbooks@stlib.state.nm.us

Web: <http://www.nmstatelibrary.org/direct-and-rural-services/lbph>

New Mexico—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in New Mexico, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorders Association—Southern Region (ADDA)

12345 Jones Road, Suite 287

Houston, TX 77070

(281) 897-0982

Web: www.adda-sr.org

Autism

New Mexico Autism Society

P.O. Box 30955

Albuquerque, NM 87190

(505) 332-0306

E-mail: nmautism@nmautismsociety.org

Web: www.nmautismsociety.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

(214) 352-7222

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of New Mexico

Miryam Miller, Director

121 Cardenas, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87108

(505) 292-7414; (888) 292-7415 (in NM)

E-mail: info@braininjurynm.org

Web: www.braininjurynm.org

Learning Disabilities

Patty Useem

New Mexico Learning Disabilities Association

6301 Menaul NE, #556

Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 821-2545

E-mail: nmla2003@yahoo.com

Mental Health

NAMI-New Mexico

Dale Johnson, President

P.O. Box 3086

Albuquerque, NM 87190-3086

(505) 260-0154; (800) 953-6745

E-mail: naminm@aol.com

Web: <http://nm.nami.org>

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of New Mexico

Rebecca Shuman, Executive Director

3655 Carlisle, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 883-4630; (800) 358-6493 (in NM)

E-mail: arcnm@arcnm.com

Web: www.arcnm.com

Speech and Hearing

New Mexico Speech-Language-Hearing Association

P.O. Box 66085

Albuquerque, NM 87193-6085

(505) 899-6674; (800) 292-8465

E-mail: nmsa@qwest.com

Web: www.nmsa.net

New Mexico—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parents Reaching Out (PRO)

Sallie Van Curen, Executive Director

1920 B Columbia, SE

Albuquerque, NM 87106

(505) 247-0192; (800) 524-5176 (In NM)

E-mail: vancurren@parentsreachingout.org

Web: www.parentsreachingout.org

STEP*HI Parent/Infant Program

Early Childhood Programs

New Mexico School for the Deaf

Rosemary Gallegos, Director

1060 Cerrillos Road

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 476-6418 (V/TTY); (800) 841-6699

E-mail: Rosemary.Gallegos@nmsd.k12.nm.us

Abrazos Family Support Services

Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs
(EPICS) Project

Martha J. Gorospe-Charlie, Project Director

P.O. Box 788

Bernalillo, NM 87004

(505) 867-3396 (V/TTY)

E-mail: info@abrazosnm.org

Web: www.abrazosnm.org

Parent-To-Parent

Parents Reaching Out (PRO)

Sallie Van Curen, Executive Director

1920 B Columbia, SE

Albuquerque, NM 87106

(505) 247-0192; (800) 524-5176 (in NM)

E-mail: vancurren@parentsreachingout.org

Web: www.parentsreachingout.org

Community Parent Resource Center (serving the 22 tribes of New Mexico)

Abrazos Family Support Services

Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs (EPICS) Project

Martha J. Gorospe-Charlie, Project Director

P.O. Box 788

Bernalillo, NM 87004

(505) 867-3396 (V/TTY)

E-mail: info@abrazosnm.org

Web: www.abrazosnm.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

New Mexico Congress of Parents and Teachers

Leslie Boggs, President

3315 Louisiana NE

Montgomery Complex

Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 881-0712

E-mail: nmpta@aol.com

Web: www.nmpta.org

New Mexico—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals New Mexico

2819 Richmond Drive, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(505) 888-3811; (800) 279-5261

E-mail: esnmcontact@aol.com

Web: www.nm.easterseals.com

Information Center for New Mexicans with Disabilities/
BabyNet

Sandra Skaar, Health Educator

2300 Menaul, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(505) 272-8549; (800) 552-8195 (in NM)

E-mail: infonet@unm.edu

E-mail: sskaar@salud.unm.edu

Parents for Behaviorally Different Children

Delfy Roach, Executive Director

1101 Cardenas, NE, Suite 202

Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 265-0430; (800) 273-7232

E-mail: pbd2000@aol.com

VSA Arts of New Mexico

Marjorie Neset, Executive Director

4904 4th, NW

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(505) 345-2872

E-mail: info@vsartsnm.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in New Mexico, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in New Mexico, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D)

478 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4451

(202) 228-0282 (Fax)

(202) 224-6821 (TTY)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/>

Web: <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/>

Honorable Charles E. Schumer (D)

322 Hart Senate Office Building

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-6542

(202) 228-3027 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://schumer.senate.gov/webform.html>

Web: <http://schumer.senate.gov>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Andrew Cuomo

State Capitol

Albany, NY 12224

(518) 474-8390

E-mail form available on Governor's Web site.

Web: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.state.ny.us

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)

State Education Department

Dr. Rebecca Cort, Deputy Commissioner

1 Commerce Plaza, Room 1606

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 474-2714

Web: www.nysed.gov

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

New York received an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

Mr. Roberto Reyes, Director

Title I School and Community Services

New York State Education Department

89 Washington Avenue, Room 365 EBA

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 473-0295

Web: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/home.html>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Early Intervention Program

Brenda Knudson Chouffi, Co-Director

Donna Noyes, Co-Director

Bureau of Early Intervention

State Department of Health

Corning Tower Building, Room 287

Empire State Plaza

Albany, NY 12237

(518) 473-7016

E-mail: brenda.knudsonchouffi@health.ny.gov

donna.noyes@health.ny.gov

Web: http://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Special Education Policy and Professional Development

Patricia Geary, Coordinator

Office of Special Education

Education Department

89 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 473-2878

E-mail: pgeary@mail.nysed.gov

Web: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/preschool/home.html>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals
with Disabilities (VESID)

New York State Education Department

Dr. Rebecca Cort, Deputy Commissioner

1 Commerce Plaza, Room 1606

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 474-2714

Web: www.nysed.gov

Coordinator for Transition Services

Doris Jamison, Manager

Planning and Research

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals
with Disabilities

One Commerce Plaza, Room 1624

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 474-7566; (800) 222-5627

E-mail: djamison@mail.nysed.gov

Web: www.vesid.nysed.gov

State Mental Health Agency

Office of Mental Health

Sharon Carpinello, Commissioner

44 Holland Avenue

Albany, NY 12229

(518) 474-4403

E-mail: colejxw@omh.state.ny.us

Web: www.omh.state.ny.us

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

David Woodlock, Deputy Commissioner

Children and Families

Office of Mental Health

44 Holland Avenue

Albany, NY 12229

(518) 473-6328

E-mail: cocodjw@omh.state.ny.us

State Mental Retardation Program

New York State Office of Mental Retardation and
Developmental Disabilities

Thomas Maul, Commissioner

44 Holland Avenue

Albany, NY 12229

(518) 473-1997

Web: www.omr.state.ny.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Sheila Carey, Executive Director

155 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor

Albany, NY 12210

(518) 486-7505; (800) 395-3372

E-mail: scarey@ddpc.state.ny.us

Web: www.ddpc.state.ny.us

Protection and Advocacy Agency

New York State Commission on Quality of Care

Marcel Chaine, Director Advocacy Services Bureau

401 State Street

Schenectady, NY 12305-2397

(518) 388-2892; (800) 624-4143

E-mail: marcelc@cqc.state.ny.us

Web: www.cqc.state.ny.us

New York State Office of Advocate for Persons with
Disabilities

Richard Warrender, State Advocate

1 Empire State Plaza, Suite 1001

Albany, NY 12223-1150

(518) 474-5567 (V); (518) 473-4231 (TTY)

(800) 522-4369 (V/TTY/Spanish, in NY only)

Web: www.oapwd.org

Client Assistance Program

New York State Commission on Quality of Care

Michael Peluso, CAP Director

401 State Street

Schenectady, NY 12305-2397

(518) 388-2892; (800) 624-4143

E-mail: michaelp@cqc.state.ny.us

Web: www.cqc.state.ny.us

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Care Needs

New York State Department of Health

Susan Slade, Program Director

ESP-Corning Tower Building, Room 208

Albany, NY 12237-0618

(518) 474-2001

E-mail: sjs11@health.state.ny.us

Web: www.health.state.ny.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Child Health Plus

New York State Health Department

Box 2000

Albany, NY 12220

(800) 698-4543; (877) 898-5849 (TTY)

Web: www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/chplus/index.htm

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, or Deaf-Blind

Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

Office of Children and Family Services

Thomas Robertson, Associate Commissioner

Capital View Office Park

52 Washington Street, Room 201, South Building

Rensselaer, NY 12144-2796

(518) 473-1801

Web: www.dfa.state.ny.us/cbvh

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)

Dorothy Steele, Coordinator, Deaf Services

One Commerce Plaza, Room 1623

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 474-5652 (V); (518) 486-3773 (TTY)

(800) 222-5627 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dsteele@mail.nysed.gov

Web: www.vesid.nysed.gov/

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 421-1220 (V)

(800) 662-1220 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 662-4234 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Northeast ADA & IT Center

Andrea Haenlin-Mott, Director

Cornell University

331 Ives Hall

Ithaca, NY 14853

(607) 255-6686 (V/TTY/Spanish); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY/
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E-mail: northeastada@cornell.edu

Web: www.ilr.cornell.edu/ped/northeastada

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities Center

Dr. Steven Wolf, Director

St. Lukes–Roosevelt Hospital Center

1000 10th Avenue

New York, NY 10019

(212) 523-6230

Westchester Institute for Human Development/UCE

Ansley Bacon, Executive Director

Cedarwood Hall

Valhalla, NY 10595-1689

(914) 493-8204

E-mail: Ansley_Bacon@NYMC.edu

Web: www.nymc.edu/wihd

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities Education, Research and Service

Herbert J. Cohen, MD, Director

Rose F. Kennedy Center

Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Yeshiva University

1410 Pelham Parkway South

Bronx, NY 10461

(718) 430-8522

E-mail: hcohen@acom.yu.edu

Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities

Dr. Philip Davidson, Director

University of Rochester Medical Center

601 Elmwood Avenue

P.O. Box 671

Rochester, NY 14642

(585) 275-2986

E-mail: phil_davidson@urmc.rochester.edu

Web: www.urmc.rochester.edu/strong/scdd

Technology-Related Assistance

New York State TRAIID Project

New York State Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

Lisa Rosano-Kaczowski, Project Director

One Empire State Plaza, Suite 1001

Albany, NY 12223-1150

(518) 474-2825 (V); (518) 473-4231 (TTY);

(800) 522-4369 (V/TTY/Spanish, in NY only)

E-mail: traid@oapwd.org

Web: www.oapwd.org

State Mediation System

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)

Elaine Gervais, Associate in Special Education

1 Commerce Plaza, Room 1619

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 486-7462

E-mail: egervais@mail.nysed.gov

Web: www.vesid.nysed.gov/lsn

Special Format Books

New York State Talking Book & Braille Library (serving
upstate New York for Children and Youth From 3–19 Years)

Jane Somers, Director

Sharon B. Phillips, School and Youth Services Librarian

New York State Library

Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza

Albany, NY 12230

(518) 474-5935; (800) 342-3688

E-mail: tbblkids@mail.nysed.gov (school/youth services)

E-mail: tbbl@mail.nysed.gov (adult services)

Web: www.nysl.nysed.gov/talk.htm

Andrew Heiskell Library for the Blind & Physically
Handicapped (serving New York City and Long Island)

Robert McBrien, Head Librarian

New York Public Library

40 West 20th Street

New York, NY 10011

(212) 206-5400; (212) 206-5425 (24 hour Voicemail)

E-mail: ahlbph@nypl.org

Web: <http://talkingbooks.nypl.org>

New York—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in New York, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in New York, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.org

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of New York State

Judith Avner, Executive Director

10 Colvin Avenue

Albany, NY 12206

(518) 459-7911; (800) 228-8201 (in NY)

E-mail: info@bianys.org

Web: www.bianys.org

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State

Susan Constantino, Executive Director

330 W. 34th Street

New York, NY 10001

(212) 947-5770, ext. 201

E-mail: nysucpa@aol.com

Web: www.cerebralpalsynys.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island

Thomas Hopkins, President

1500 Hempstead Turnpike

East Meadow, NY 11554

(516) 739-7733

Email Web Form: <http://efli.org/contact-us>

Web: www.efli.org

Epilepsy Foundation Northeastern New York

Jeannine Garab, Executive Director

3 Washington Sq

Albany, NY, 12205-5523

(518) 456-7501; (800) 894-3223

Email: jgarab@epilepsyneny.org

Web: [http://old.epilepsyfoundation.org/local/efnny/
#.VJGn7NLF8R0](http://old.epilepsyfoundation.org/local/efnny/#.VJGn7NLF8R0)

Epilepsy Foundation Rochester-Syracuse-Binghamton

Jeff Sinsebox, President

2 Townline Circle

Rochester, NY 14623

(585) 442-6420 x236

Email: jsinsebox@epiny.org

Web: <http://epiny.org/index.php>

Epilepsy Foundation New York City

65 Broadway, Ste. 505

New York, NY 10006

(212) 677-8550

Email: info@efmny.org

Web: <http://www.efmny.org/>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of New York State

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1202 Troy-Schenectady Road, Building 1

Latham, NY 12110

(518) 608-8992

E-mail: statelda@ldanys.org

Web: www.ldanys.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of New York State

Glenn Liebman, CEO

194 Washington Avenue, Suite 415

Albany, NY 12210

(518) 434-0439; (800) 766-6177

E-mail: info@mhanys.org

Web: www.mhanys.org

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of New York State

Ione Christian, President

260 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12210-1312

(518) 462-2000; (800) 950-3228

E-mail: info@naminys.org

Web: www.naminys.org

Families Together in New York State, Inc.

Paige Macdonald, Executive Director

15 Elk Street

Albany, NY 12207

(518) 432-0333; (888) 326-8644 (in NY)

E-mail: info@ftnys.org

Web: www.ftnys.org

Mental Retardation

NYSARC, Inc.

Marc Brandt, Executive Director

393 Delaware Avenue

Delmar, NY 12054

(518) 439-8311; (800) 724-2094

E-mail: brandtm@nysarc.org

Web: www.nysarc.org

Speech and Hearing

New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Inc.

Tricia Shaw, Executive Assistant

1 Northway Lane

Latham, NY 12110

(518) 786-0947

E-mail: info@nysslha.org

Web: www.nysslha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association: Albany/Capital District

Vanessa and Kevin Chamberlain, Co-Presidents

109 Spring Road

Scotia, NY 12302

(518) 399-9151

E-mail: SBAALBANY102@aol.com

Web: www.SBAAlbany.org

New York—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

The Advocacy Center

Paul Shew, Executive Director

590 South Avenue

Rochester, NY 14620

(585) 546-1700; (800) 650-4967 (in NY)

E-mail: info@advocacycenter.com

Web: www.advocacycenter.com

Advocates for Children of New York (New York City)

Jill Chaifetz, Executive Director

151 W. 30th Street, 5th Floor

New York, NY 10001

(212) 947-9779

E-mail: jchaifetz@advocatesforchildren.org

Web: www.advocatesforchildren.org

Web: www.insideschools.org

Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc.

Karen Thoreson Schlesinger, Executive Director

116 E. 16th Street, 5th Floor

New York, NY 10003

(212) 677-4650

E-mail: info@resourcesnyc.org

Web: www.resourcesnyc.org

Sinergia/Metropolitan Parent Center

Donald Lash, Executive Director

15 W. 65th Street, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10023

(212) 496-1300

E-mail: intake@Sinergiany.org

Web: www.sinergiany.org

Community Parent Resource Center (serving Green Point and Williamsburg)

United We Stand of New York

Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Program Director

202 Union Avenue, Suite L

Brooklyn, NY 11211

(718) 302-4313/4314

E-mail: uwsofny@aol.com

Web: www.taalliance.org/ptis/uws/

Partners in Policymaking

The Advocacy Center

Joyce Steel, Program Director

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Rochester, NY 14620

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Web: www.advocacycenter.com

Parent-To-Parent

Parent to Parent of New York State

Janice Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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Schenectady, NY 12304

(518) 381-4350; (800) 305-8817

Web: www.parenttoparentnys.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Penny Leask, President

One Wembley Square

Albany, NY 12205-3830

(518) 452-8808; (877) 5NYSPTA

E-mail: office@nypta.com

Web: www.nypta.com/

Other Parent Organizations

Early Childhood Direction Centers (information about resources serving children aged from birth to 5 years and their families)

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)

Elaine Gervais, Associate in Special Education

One Commerce Plaza, Room 1619

Albany, NY 12234

(518) 486-7462

E-mail: egervais@mail.nysed.gov

Web: www.vesid.nysed.gov

The Family Resource Network, Inc. (serving Otsego, Chenango, Delaware, Broome, Tioga, and Tompkins counties)

46 Oneida Street

Oneonta, New York 13820

(607) 432-0001; (800) 305-8814

E-mail: familyrn@dmcom.net

Web: www.geocities.com/familyrn/

New York—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals New York

Christine McMahon, Chief Operating Officer

11 W. 42nd Street, 30th Floor

New York, NY 10036

(518) 456-4880; (800) 727-8785 (in NY)

E-mail: essofny@aol.com

Web: www.ny.easter-seals.org

MENTOR ABI Group–New Jersey

Rehabilitative and Support Services for Persons with
Acquired Brain Injury

505 S. Lenola Road

Blason Office Plaza II, Suite 217

Moorestown, NJ 08057

(856) 235-5505

Web: <http://nj.thementornetwork.com/state/index.asp>

New York State Occupational Therapy Association

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Albany, NY 12210

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E-mail: info@nysota.org

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VSA Arts of New York City

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18-05 215 Street, Suite 15N

Bayside, NY 11360

(718) 225-6305 (V/TTY)

E-mail: Bbvsanyc@msn.com

Family Empowerment Council, Inc.

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Middletown, NY 10940

(845) 343-8100

E-mail: joconnell@familyempowerment.org

Web: www.familyempowerment.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in New York, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in New York, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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email-pat](http://www.governor.state.nc.us/contact/email-pat)

Web: www.governor.state.nc.us

Official State Web Site

Web: www.ncgov.com/

State Department of Education: Special Education

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Web: www.ncpublicschools.org/ec

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

North Carolina received an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

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301 North Wilmington Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

(919) 807-3300

Email: Information@dpi.nc.gov

Web: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–3 Years

Early Intervention Program, Division of Public Health

Sherry Franklin, Quality Improvement Unit Manager

Women's and Children's Health Section

5605 Six Forks Road

1916 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699

(919) 218-2786

E-mail: sherry.franklin@dhhs.nc.gov

Website: <http://www.bearly.nc.gov/index.php/>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Vivian James, 619 Preschool Coordinator

State Department of Public Instruction and Exceptional
Children's Program

NC Office of Early Learning

2075 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699

(919) 218-8384

E-mail: vivian.james@dpi.nc.gov

Web: [http://www.earlylearning.nc.gov/PreKindergarten/
PreschoolEC/indexNEW08.asp](http://www.earlylearning.nc.gov/PreKindergarten/PreschoolEC/indexNEW08.asp)

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Department of Health and Human Services

George McCoy, Director

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(919) 855-3500; (919) 855-3579 (TTY)

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Web: <http://dvr.dhhs.state.nc.us>

Coordinator for Transition Services

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Services and Secondary Education

Exceptional Children Division

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

6356 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-6356

(919) 807-3989

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Web: www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Career–Technical Education

Department of Public Instruction

Helena Hendrix-Frye, Coordinator

6359 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-6359

(919) 807-3891

E-mail: hhendrix@dpi.state.nc.us

Web: www.dpi.state.nc.us/workforce_development

State Mental Health Agency

Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

Division of Mental Health

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Web: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

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Raleigh, NC 27699-3007

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Web: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas

State Developmental Disabilities Program

Best Practice Team

Developmental Disability Services Team

Division of Mental Health

Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

Department of Health and Human Services

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Web: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas

Council on Developmental Disabilities

North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities

Holly Riddle, Executive Director

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Raleigh, NC 27607

(919) 420-7901 (V/TTY); (800) 357-6916

E-mail: hriddle@nc-ddc.org

Web: www.nc-ddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities

Allison Bowen, Interim Executive Director

1314 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1314

(919) 733-9250; (800) 821-6922 (in NC)

E-mail: allison.bowen@ncmail.net

Web: www.gacpd.com

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Kathy Brack, Director

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Raleigh, NC 27699-2806

(919) 855-3600 (V/TTY)

E-mail: Kathy.Brack@ncmail.net

Web: <http://dvr.dhhs.state.nc.us/DVR/CAP/caphome.htm>

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children and Youth Branch

Women's and Children's Health Section

Division of Public Health

Department of Health and Human Services

Carol Tant, Chief

1928 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1928

(919) 715-3808

E-mail: carol.tant@ncmail.net

Web: www.dhhs.state.nc.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

North Carolina Health Choice

P.O. Box 30111

Durham, NC 27702-3111

(800) 422- 4658

Web: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/cpcont.htm

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Office of Education Services

Department of Health and Human Services

Cyndie Bennett, Director

2302 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-2302

(919) 855-4430

E-mail: cyndie.bennett@ncmail.net

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Division of Services for the Blind

Department of Health and Human Services

Debbie Jackson, Director

2601 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-2601

(919) 733-9822

E-mail: debbie.jackson@ncmail.net

Web: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dsb

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Department of Health and Human Services

Linda Harrington, Director

319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 108

Raleigh, NC 27603

(919) 773-2970; (919) 773-2969 (TTY)

E-mail: linda.harrington@ncmail.net

Web: <http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us>

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or with Speech Impairments

(800) 735-8262 (V)

(800) 735-2962 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 735-8261 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Margaret Richardson, Chairperson

Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of North Carolina

2435 Thomashire Court

Charlotte, NC 28262

(704) 549-5775

E-mail: info@NCKIDS-DB.org

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance
Center

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

Shelley Kaplan, Project Director

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490 10th Street

Atlanta, GA 30318

(404) 385-0636; (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: sedbtac@catea.org

Web: www.sedbtac.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Clinical Center for the Study of Development and Learning

Melvin Levine, Director

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Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7255

(919) 966-5171

E-mail: mel.levine@cdl.unc.edu

Web: www.cdl.unc.edu

Technology-Related Assistance

North Carolina Assistive Technology Program

Ricki Hiatt, Director

Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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Raleigh, NC 27609-7322

(919) 850-2787 (V/TTY)

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Web: www.ncatp.org

State Mediation System

Exceptional Children Division

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Brenda Winston, Section Chief

6356 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-6356

(919) 807-3976

E-mail: bwinston@dpi.state.nc.us

Web: www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/

Special Format Library

North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped

State Library of North Carolina

Department of Cultural Resources

Francine I. Martin, Librarian

1811 Capital Boulevard

Raleigh, NC 27635

(919) 733-4376; (888) 388-2460

(919) 733-1462 (TTY)

E-mail: ncldbph@ncmail.net

Web: <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/index.html>

North Carolina—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in North Carolina, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Jill Hinton Keel, Director

Autism Society of North Carolina

505 Oberlin Road, Suite 230

Raleigh, NC 27605-1345

(919) 743-0204; (800) 442-2762 (in NC)

E-mail: jhkeel@autismsociety-nc.org

Web: www.autismsociety-nc.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–National Literacy Center

Frances Mary D’Andrea, Director

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of North Carolina

P.O. Box 748

Raleigh, NC 27602

(919) 833-9634; (800) 377-1464 (in NC)

E-mail: info@bianc.net

Web: www.bianc.net

Cerebral Palsy

Easter Seals UCP North Carolina

Connie Cochran, President

2315 Myron Drive

Raleigh, NC 27607-3357

(919) 783-8898; (800) 662-7119

E-mail: ccochran@eastersealsucp.com

Web: <http://nc.eastersealsucp.com>

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.

Epilepsy Foundation North Carolina

Piedmont One 1920 W. First Street, Suite 5541A

Winston Salem, North Carolina 27104-4220

United States

(336) 716-2320

(800) 451-0694

Email: info@epilepsync.org

Web: <http://www.epilepsync.org/>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of North Carolina

Jonathan Jones and Pat Lillie, Co-Presidents

9650 Strickland Road, Suite 103-224

Raleigh, NC 27615-1937

(919) 493-5362

E-mail: ldanc@mindspring.com

Web: www.ldanc.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in North Carolina

John Tote, Executive Director

3820 Bland Road

Raleigh, NC 27609-6239

(919) 981-0740

E-mail: johntote3@aol.com

Web: www.mha-nc.org

NAMI–North Carolina

Chris Aycock, Executive Director

309 W. Millbrook Road, Suite 121

Raleigh, NC 27609

(919) 788-0801; (800) 451-9682 (in NC)

E-mail: mail@naminc.org

Web: www.naminc.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc of North Carolina

Dave Richard, Executive Director

4200 Six Forks Road, Suite 100

Raleigh, NC 27609

(919) 782-4632; (800) 662-8706

E-mail: dave@arcnc.org

Web: www.arcnc.org

Speech and Hearing

North Carolina Speech, Hearing and Language Association

G. Peyton Maynard, Executive Director

P.O. Box 28359

Raleigh, NC 27611-8359

(919) 833-3984

E-mail: ncshla@bellsouth.net

Web: www.ncshla.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of North Carolina

3915 Grace Court

Indian Trail, NC 28079

(800) 847-2262

E-mail: sbanc@mindspring.com

Web: www.sbanc.org

North Carolina—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

ECAC, Inc. (Exceptional Children's Assistance Center)

Connie Hawkins, Executive Director

Mary LaCorte, PTI Project Director

907 Barra Row, Suite 102/103

Davidson, NC 28036

(704) 892-1321(V/TTY); (800) 962-6817 (in NC only)

E-mail: ecac@ecacmail.org

Web: www.ECAC-parentcenter.org

Parent-To-Parent

Family Support Network of North Carolina

Irene Zipper, Director

Central Directory of Resources, CB #7340

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7340

(919) 966-2841; (800) 852-0042

E-mail: cdr@med.unc.edu

Web: www.familysupportnetworknc.org

Community Parent Resource Center

FSN/HOPE (serving Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, McDowell
and Alexander Counties)

Vickie Dieter, Executive Director

300 Enola Road

Morganton, NC 28655

(828) 438-6540

E-mail: vbd Dieter@charter.net

FIRST (serving Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Yancey
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Janet Price-Ferrell, Director

P.O. Box 802

Asheville, NC 28802

(828) 277-1315; (877) 633-3178

E-mail: firstwnc@aol.com

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers

Clarie Y. White, President

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Raleigh, NC 27612-4934

(919) 787-0534; (800) 255-0417

E-mail: office@ncpta.org

Web: www.ncpta.org

Other Parent Organizations

First in Families of North Carolina

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3924 Browning Place, Suite 5

Raleigh, NC 27609

(919) 571-8092, ext. 18; (866) 740-4135

E-mail: kbarbour@ecacmail.org

Web: www.firstinfamiliesofnc.org

North Carolina Families United

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Pat Solomon, Coordinator

907 Barra Row, Suite 102/103

Davidson, NC 28036

(910) 895-9392

E-mail: phsolomon@earthlink.net

Web: www.ncfamiliesunited.org

North Carolina—Other Disability Organizations

TelAbility (medical information and community resources for children with special needs in North Carolina)

Dr. Joshua Alexander, Program Director

1101 Weaver Dairy Road, Suite 202

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(919) 843-0427

E-mail: pdrehab@med.unc.edu

Web: www.TelAbility.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in North Carolina, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in North Carolina, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Web: <http://governor.nd.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: <http://discovernd.com/>

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office of Special Education

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Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

(701) 328-2277; (701) 328-4920 (TTY)

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Web: www.dpi.state.nd.us/speced/index.shtm

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Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent

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Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

(701) 328-2260

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Developmental Disabilities Unit

North Dakota Department of Human Services

Amanda Carlson, Part C Coordinator

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Bismarck, ND 58501

(701) 328-8936; (800) 755-8529 (in ND)

E-mail: arcarlson@nd.gov

Web: <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/earlyintervention/>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Special Education

Gerry Teevens, Director

Nancy Skorheim, 619 Coordinator

Department of Public Instruction

600 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505

(701) 328-2277

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Web: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/speced1/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Gene Hysjulien, Director

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600 S. 2nd Street, Suite 1B

Bismarck, ND 58504-5729

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Web: www.dpi.state.nd.us/transitn/

State Board of Career and Technical Education

State Board of Career and Technical Education

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Bismarck, ND 58505-0610

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State Mental Health Agency

Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

JoAnne Hoesel, Administrator

Department of Human Services

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Bismarck, ND 58504

(701) 328-8924; (800) 755-2719 (in ND)

E-mail: sohoej@state.nd.us

Web: www.state.nd.us/humanservices

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Children's Mental Health Services

Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Children and Family Services Division

State Capitol–Judicial Wing

600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Room 302

Bismarck, ND 58505

(701) 328-8924

Web: www.state.nd.us/humanservices/services/mentalhealth/children.html

State Mental Retardation Program

Disability Services Division

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North Dakota Department of Human Services

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Bismarck, ND 58504-5729

(701) 328-8930; (800) 755-8529 (in ND)

E-mail: dhsds@state.nd.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Tom Wallner, Director

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Bismarck, ND 58504-5729

(701) 328-8953

E-mail: sowalt@state.nd.us

Web: www.ndcd.org/ndcpd/uapdis

Protection and Advocacy Agency

North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project

Teresa Larson, Executive Director

400 E. Broadway, Suite 409

Bismarck, ND 58501-4071

(701) 328-2950; (800) 472-2670 (in ND)

(ND Relay 711)

E-mail: panda@state.nd.us

Web: www.ndpanda.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Dennis Lyon, Director

Department of Human Services

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Bismarck, ND 58504-5729

(701) 328-8964; (800) 207-6122 (in ND)

E-mail: cap@state.nd.us

Web: www.state.nd.us/cap

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Services

Department of Human Services

State Capitol

Tamara Gallup-Millner, Unit Director

600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 325

Bismarck, ND 58505-0269

(701) 328-2436; (800) 755-2714 (in ND)

E-mail: dhscshs@state.nd.us

Web: www.state.nd.us/humanservices

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Healthy Steps

Department 325

600 E. Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

(800) 755-2604

E-mail: somooa@state.nd.us

Web: www.state.nd.us/childrenshealth/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

North Dakota School for the Deaf

Rocklyn Cofer, Superintendent

1401 College Drive North

Devils Lake, ND 58301

(701) 662-9000

E-mail: rocklyn.cofer@sendit.nodak.edu

Web: www.discovernd.com/ndsd

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 366-6889 (V)

(800) 366-6888 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 366-3709 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

North Dakota Vision Services—School for the Blind

Carmen Grove-Suminski, Superintendent

500 Stanford Road

Grand Forks, ND 58203

(701) 795-2708; (800) 421-1181

Web: www.ndvisionservices.com

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

North Dakota Deaf-Blind Project

Linda Marsh, Project Coordinator

1401 College Drive North

Devils Lake, ND 58301

(701) 662-9001

E-mail: linda.marsh@sendit.nodak.edu

Web: www.state.nd.us/deafblind

State Education Agency Rural Representative

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

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State Capitol

600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 201

Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

(701) 328-4525

E-mail: plaubach@state.nd.us

Web: www.dpi.state.nd.us

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Rocky Mountain Disability and Business Technical
Assistance Center

Patrick Going, Director

3630 Sinton Road, Suite 103

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

(719) 444-0268 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: rmdbtac@mtc-inc.com

Web: www.adainformation.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities

Minot State University

Bryce Fifield, Director

500 University Avenue West

Minot, ND 58707

(701) 858-3580; (800) 233-1737

E-mail: ndcpd@minotstateu.edu

Web: www.ndcpd.org

Technology-Related Assistance

North Dakota Interagency Program for Assistive Technology

Judie Lee, Project Director

3509 Interstate Boulevard

Fargo, ND 58103

(701) 265-4807 (V/TTY); (800) 265-4728 (V/TTY)

E-mail: jlee@polarcomm.com

Web: www.ndipat.org

State Mediation System

Department of Public Instruction

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Teresa Monicken, Coordinator

State Capitol

600 E. Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

(701) 328-2277

E-mail: tmonicken@state.nd.us

Web: www.dpi.state.nd.us

Special Format Library

North Dakota State Library

Talking Book Services

Stella Cone, Librarian

604 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 250

Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

(701) 328-1408; (800) 843-9948 (in ND)

(800) 892-8622 (TTY, in ND)

E-mail: tbooks@state.nd.us

Web: <http://www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html>

North Dakota—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in North Dakota, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in North Dakota, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of North Dakota

Mary Simonson, Executive Director

Open Door Center

209 2nd Street SE

Valley City, ND 58072

(701) 845-1124

Epilepsy

To identify an epilepsy group in North Dakota, contact

Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota

Bennie Loro, Executive Director

1600 University Avenue, Suite 205

St. Paul, MN 55104

(651) 287-2300; (800) 779-0777

E-mail: info@efmn.org

Web: www.efmn.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of North Dakota

Mary Ann M. Anderson, Co-President

409 3rd Avenue, NW

Mandan, ND 58554

(701) 663-1949

Learning Disabilities Association of North Dakota

Henri Heidt, Co-President

7840 Arcata Drive

Bismarck, ND 58503-6333

(701) 222-1490

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in North Dakota

Allan Stenehjem, Director

1051 E. Interstate Avenue

P.O. Box 4106

Bismarck, ND 58502-4106

(701) 255-3692; (800) 472-2911

E-mail: astenehjem@mhand.org

Web: www.mhand.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc, Upper Valley

The Arc of North Dakota

Dianne Sheppard, CEO

2500 DeMers Avenue

P.O. Box 12420

Grand Forks, ND 58208-2420

(701) 772-6191; (877) 250-2022

E-mail: thearc@arcuv.com

Web: www.thearcuppervalley.com

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices of North Dakota, Inc.

Donene Feist, Director

312 2nd Avenue

P.O. Box 163

Edgeley, ND 58433

(701) 493-2634; (888) 522-9654

E-mail: feist@daktel.com

Web: www.geocities.com/ndfv

Speech and Hearing

North Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Vicki Riedinger, President

1405 15th Avenue East

West Fargo, ND 58078

(701) 433-0880

E-mail: vicki.riedinger@aegistherapies.com

North Dakota—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Pathfinder Family Center

Kathryn Erickson, Director

1600 2nd Avenue, SW, Suite 19

Minot, ND 58701-3459

(701) 837-7500; (701) 837-7501 (TTY)

(800) 245-5840 (in ND)

E-mail: ndpath01@ndak.net

Web: www.pathfinder.minot.com

Parent-To-Parent

Family to Family Support Network

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health
Sciences

Center for Rural Health

Kathy Twite, Program Coordinator

P.O. Box 9037

Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037

(701) 777-2359; (888) 434-7436

E-mail: NDF2F@medicine.nodak.edu

Web: <http://medicine.nodak.edu/crh>

Partners in Policymaking

North Dakota Partners in Policymaking

Joyce Smith, Program Coordinator

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Bismarck, ND 58501

(701) 222-3636; (800) 489-5013

E-mail: joyces@dakotacil.org

Web: www.dakotacil.org

North Dakota—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Goodwill of North Dakota, Inc.

Gordon Hauge, Chief Executive Officer

211 Collins Avenue

P.O. Box 1206

Mandan, ND 58554

(701) 663-6828; (800) 247-0698

E-mail: ghauge@esgwnd.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in North Dakota, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in North Dakota, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

OHIO

Ohio—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Sherrod Brown (D)

713 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-2315

(202) 228-1382 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.brown.senate.gov/contact/>

Web: <http://www.brown.senate.gov/>

Honorable Rob Portman (R)

448 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510-3503

(202) 224-3353

(202) 224-6519 (Fax)

Web: <http://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/home>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Bob Taft

77 S. High Street, 30th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215-6117

(614) 466-3555

E-mail Web Form: [http://governor.ohio.gov/
contactinfopage.asp](http://governor.ohio.gov/contactinfopage.asp)

Web: <http://governor.ohio.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: <http://ohio.gov/>

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office for Exceptional Children

Ohio Department of Education

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Ohio was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

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Ohio Department of Education

25 South Front Street

Columbus, Ohio

43215-4183

(614) 466-5834

Email: jeremy.marks@education.ohio.gov

Web: [http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Improvement/
Federal-Programs](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs)

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Bureau of Early Intervention Services

Wendy Grover, Part C Coordinator

State Department of Health

246 North High Street, 5th Floor

P.O. Box 118

Columbus, OH 43266

(614) 728-9152

E-mail: wendy.grove@odh.ohio.gov

Web: <http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/en/Early%20Intervention/Early%20Intervention.aspx>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Early Learning and School Readiness

Barbara Weinberg, 619 Coordinator

Ohio Department of Education

25 S. Front Street, Mail Stop 305

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 387-2239; (614) 466-0224

E-mail: barbara.weinberg@ode.state.oh.us

Web: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Preschool-Special-Education>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Rehabilitation Services Commission

John M. Connelly, Executive Director

400 E. Campus View Boulevard, SW3

Columbus, OH 43235-4604

(614) 438-1210 (V/TTY)

E-mail: john.connelly@rsc.state.oh.us

Web: www.state.oh.us/rsc

Coordinator for Transition Services

Lawrence Dennis, Educational Consultant/Project Life

Ohio Department of Education

Office for Exceptional Children

25 S. Front Street, 2nd Floor

Columbus, OH 43215-4183

(614) 466-2650

E-mail: lawrence.dennis@ode.state.oh.us

Web: [http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/
Federal-and-State-Requirements/Secondary-Transition-
Planning-for-Students-with-Di](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/Federal-and-State-Requirements/Secondary-Transition-Planning-for-Students-with-Di)

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Office for Exceptional Children

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Ohio Department of Education

Office of Career-Technical and Adult Education

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Columbus, OH 43235

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Web: www.ode.state.oh.us

State Mental Health Agency

Ohio Department of Mental Health

Michael F. Hogan, PhD, Director

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Columbus, OH 43215-3430

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E-mail: hoganm@mh.state.oh.us

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Ohio Department of Mental Health

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Columbus, OH 43215-3430

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Web: www.mh.state.oh.us

State Mental Retardation Program

Ohio Department of Mental Retardation/Developmental
Disabilities

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1810 Sullivant Avenue

Columbus, OH 43223-1239

(614) 466-5214

Web: www.state.oh.us/dmr

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council

David Zwyer, Executive Director

8 E. Long Street, Atlas Building, 12th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 466-5205

E-mail: david.zwyer@dmr.state.oh.us

Web: www.ddc.ohio.gov

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Ohio Legal Rights Services

Carolyn S. Knight, Executive Director

8 E. Long Street, 5th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215-2999

(614) 466-7264; (614) 728-2553 (TTY)

(800) 282-9181 (in OH)

E-mail: WebMaster@olrs.state.oh.us

Web: www.state.oh.us/olrs/

Client Assistance Program

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(800) 282-9181 (in OH)

E-mail: WebMaster@olrs.state.oh.us

Web: www.state.oh.us/olrs/

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps

James Bryant, MD, Chief

Ohio Department of Health

246 N. High Street

P.O. Box 118

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 466-1549; (800) 755-4769 (parents only)

E-mail: JBryant@odh.ohio.gov

Web: www.odh.state.oh.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Healthy Start Healthy Families

(800) 324-8680; (800) 292-3572 (TTY) Consumer Hotline

Web: <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/FOROHIOANS/Programs.aspx#62373-children-families-and-women>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind

Rehabilitation Services Commission

John Connelly, Executive Director

400 E. Campus View Boulevard

Columbus, OH 43235-4604

(614) 438-1200; (800) 282-4536 (in OH)

Web: www.state.oh.us/rsc

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 750-0750 (V)

(216) 476-6001 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 750-9097 (Speech to Speech)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

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Columbus, OH 43215

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Web: www.ode.state.oh.us/exceptional_children/

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Great Lakes ADA and Accessible IT Center

Robin Jones, Director

University of Illinois/Chicago

Institute on Disability and Human Development

1640 W. Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608-6902

(312) 413-1407 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: gldbtac@uic.edu

Web: www.adagreatlakes.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Division of Developmental Disabilities

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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1581 Dodd Drive

Columbus, OH 43210

(614) 292-2390

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Technology-Related Assistance

Assistive Technology of Ohio

Bill Darling, Interim Director

445 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Building L

Worthington, OH 43085

(614) 293-9134; (800) 784-3425 (V/TTY, in OH)

E-mail: atohi003@osu.edu

Web: www.atohio.org

State Mediation System

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Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 466-2650

E-mail: bill.sharabi@ode.state.oh.us

Web: www.ode.state.oh.us

Special Format Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Donna Foust, Librarian

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

800 Vine Street, Library Square

Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071

(513) 369-6999; (800) 582-0335

(513) 369-3372 (TTY)

E-mail: lfh@cincinnati library.org

Web: www.cincinnati library.org/main/lb.asp

Ohio—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Ohio, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

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Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Ohio

Suzanne Minnich, Executive Director

1335 Dublin Road, Suite 217D

Columbus, OH 43215-1000

(614) 481-7100; (866) 644-6242 (in OH)

E-mail: help@biaoh.org

Web: www.biaoh.org

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio, Inc.

Beverly Johnson, Executive Director

4550 Indianola Avenue

Columbus, OH 43214-2246

(614) 267-5071; (800) 796-8498

E-mail: cpo@iwaynet.net

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio

2879 Johnstown Road

Columbus, OH 43219

(614) 475-6440, ext. 311

E-mail: office@dsaco.net

Web: www.dsaco.net

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Association

Kelley Needham, Executive Director

2800 Euclid Avenue, Room 450

Cleveland, OH 44115

(216) 579-1330; (800) 653-4300

E-mail: info@epilepsyinfo.org

Web: www.epilepsyinfo.org

Mental Health

NAMI Ohio

Terry Russell, Executive Director

747 E. Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43205

(614) 224-2700; (800) 686-2646

(866) 924-1478 (TTY)

E-mail: amiohio@amiohio.org

Web: www.namiohio.org

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of Ohio

Gary Tonks, Executive Director

1335 Dublin Road, Suite 205-C

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 487-4720; (800) 875-2723

E-mail: Info@TheArcofOhio.org

Web: www.thearcofohio.org

Speech and Hearing

Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Nancy Bailey, Executive Director

P.O. Box 309

Germantown, OH 45327

(800) 866-6742

E-mail: OSLHAoffice@donet.com

Web: www.ohioslha.org

Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome Association of Ohio

P.O. Box 28345

Columbus, OH 43228

(614) 272-1824; (800) 543-2675 (in OH)

E-mail: admin@tsaohio.org

Web: www.tsaohio.org

Ohio—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Margaret Burley, Executive Director

Bank One Building

165 W. Center Street, Suite 302

Marion, OH 43302-3741

(740) 382-5452

(800) 374-2806

E-mail: ocecd@gte.net

Web: www.ocecd.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers

Barbara Sprague, Executive Director

40 Northwoods Boulevard, Suite A

Columbus, OH 43235

(614) 781-6344

E-mail: oh_office@pta.org

Web: www.ohiopta.org

Other Parent Organization

Educational Advocacy Services Memorial Inc.

Cathy Heizman, Director

3000 Vernon Place

Cincinnati, OH 45219

(513) 621-3032

E-mail: cheizman@memorialinc.com

Web: www.memorialinc.com

Ohio—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Northeast Ohio

Sheila M. Dunn, President

1929A E. Royalton Road

Cleveland, OH 44147

(440) 838-0990 (V/TTY); (888) 325-8532

E-mail: info@eastersealsneo.org

Web: www.eastersealsneo.org

Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio

Karen Zuckerman, CEO

565 Children's Drive West

P.O. Box 7166

Columbus, OH 43205

(614) 228-5523

Web: www.eastersealscentralohio.org

Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators (OAPSA)

Dr. John Opperman, Communications Officer

3880 Ridge Road

Medina, OH 44256

(330) 239-1901, ext. 1226

E-mail: opperman@highlandschools.org

Web: www.highlandschools.org/oapsa

Ohio Family and Children First Initiative

Jessie Cannon, Chief of Staff

30 E. Broad Street, 34th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 752-4044

E-mail: info@ohiofcf.org

Web: www.ohiofcf.org

VSA Arts of Ohio

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Riffe Center for Government and the Arts

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 241-5325

E-mail: info@vsao.org

Web: www.vsao.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Ohio, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Ohio, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Sooner Start/Early Intervention Services

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

Oklahoma Disability Law Center, Inc.

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Web: www.redlands-partners.org

Web: www.idea-504.info

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Web: www.redlands-partners.org

Web: www.idea-504.info

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Office of Handicapped Concerns

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Oklahoma City, OK 73107

(405) 521-3756; (800) 522-8224

(800) 522-8506 Relay: 711 (TTY)

Web: www.ohc.state.ok.us/

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Family Support Services

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Department of Human Services

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Oklahoma City, OK 73125

(405) 521-3076

Web: <http://okdhs.org>

State CHIP Program health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

(405) 522-6205; (800) 522-0114

Web: <http://www.okhca.org/individuals.aspx?id=124>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Oklahoma School for the Blind

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Karen Kizzia, Superintendent

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Muskogee, OK 74403

(918) 781-8200

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Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Oklahoma School for the Deaf

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Larry Hawkins, Superintendent

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Sulphur, OK 73086-3108

(580) 622-4900; (888) 685-3323

E-mail: lhawkins@osd.k12.ok.us

Web: www.osd.k12.ok.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project

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Norman, OK 73072

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Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 522-8506 (V/TTY)

(800) 722-0353 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 722-3515 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Disability Law Resource Project

Wendy Wilkinson, Director

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Houston, TX 77019

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E-mail: dlrp@ilru.org

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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Projects of National Significance in Family Support

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(888) 885-5588 (ABLE Tech Info-line)

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Web: <http://okabletech.okstate.edu>

State Mediation System

Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma

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Special Format Library

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Geraldine Adams, Librarian

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300 NE 18th Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

(405) 521-3514; (405) 522-0516

(800) 523-0288; (405) 521-4672 (TTY)

E-mail: olbph@oltn.odl.state.ok.us

Web: www.library.state.ok.us

Oklahoma—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Oklahoma, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Oklahoma contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

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E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Oklahoma, Inc.

Tracy Grammer, Chair

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Hillsdale, OK 73743-0088

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Web: www.braininjuryoklahoma.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Oklahoma

Jim Rankin, Executive Director

5208 W. Reno Street, Suite 275

Oklahoma City, OK 73127

(405) 917-7080

E-mail: oklahoma@ucpok.org

Web: www.ucpok.org

Developmental Disabilities

TARC

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16 E. 16th Street, Suite 405

Tulsa, OK 74119-4447

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Web: www.ddadvocacy.net

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Association of Oklahoma

711 Stanton L. Young Boulevard, Suite 550

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

(405) 271-3232

E-mail: epilepsy-ok@prodigy.net

Web: <http://www.okepilepsy.org/>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma

Joy Modenbach, President

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Web: www.epilepsy-ok.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Oklahoma County

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NAMI Oklahoma

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(405) 230-1900; (800) 583-1264 (in OK)

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Web: <http://ok.nami.org/>

Oklahoma Parents as Partners

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Oklahoma City, OK 73103

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Web: www.ffcmh-ok.org/

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices

Lyn Thoreson Land, State Coordinator

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Oklahoma City, OK 73123

(405) 271-9444, ext. 56910; (800) 766-2223, ext. 56910 (in OK)

E-mail: okvoices@aol.com

Web: <http://OKVoices.org>

Speech and Hearing

Oklahoma Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Jeannie McEachin Long, President

P.O. Box 53217

Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3217

(405) 769-7329

E-mail: oslha@hotmail.com

Web: www.oslha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Oklahoma

P.O. Box 271675

Oklahoma City, OK 73137

(405) 789-7056

E-mail: victoryonthethirdday@cox.net

Oklahoma—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Oklahoma Parents Center

Sharon Bishop, Executive Director

4600 SE 29th, Suite 115

Del City, OK 73115-4224

(405) 619-0500; (877) 553-4332

E-mail: okparentctr@aol.com

Web: www.okparents.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Lois Breedlove, President

2801 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 214

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

(405) 681-0750

E-mail: ok_office@pta.org

Web: www.okpta.org

State Information and Referral Service

Oklahoma Areawide Service Information System (OASIS)

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Oklahoma City, OK 73118

(405) 271-6302 (V/TTY; 800-42-OASIS (V/TTY)

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Web: <http://oasis.ouhsc.edu>

Other Parent Organizations

Oklahoma Family Network

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Oklahoma City, OK 73156-1072

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Web: www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org

Oklahoma—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Oklahoma

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701 NE 13th Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

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J. D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental
Disabilities

Curt Peters, Director & CEO

2002 E. Robinson Street

Norman, OK 73071

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E-mail: curt@jdmc.org

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Oklahoma Office of Handicapped Concerns

Steve Stokes, Director

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(405) 521-3756; (800) 522-8224

Web: www.ohc.state.ok.us/

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Oklahoma, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Oklahoma, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–5
Years

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Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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State Mental Retardation Program

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities

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(503) 945-9941; (800) 292-4154 (in OR)

E-mail: OCDD@ocdd.org

Web: www.ocdd.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Oregon Advocacy Center

Robert Joondeph, Executive Director

620 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 500

Portland, OR 97204-1428

(503) 243-2081; (503) 323-9161 (TTY)

(800) 452-1694

E-mail: welcome@oradvocacy.org

Web: www.oradvocacy.org/

Client Assistance Program

Oregon Disabilities Commission

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Child Development and Rehabilitation Center

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P.O. Box 574

Portland, OR 97207-0574

(503) 494-8362

Web: <http://cdrc.ohsu.edu/>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Oregon SCHIP

Oregon Department of Human Services

Health Services: Office of Medical Assistance Programs

500 Summer Street, NE E49

Salem, OR 97301

(503) 945-5772; (800) 527-5772

(800) 375-2863

Web: www.dhs.state.or.us/healthplan/app_benefits/schip.html

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Regional Programs for Low Incidence Disabilities

Jay Gense, Director

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255 Capitol Street, NE

Salem, OR 97310-0203

(503) 378-3600, ext. 2325

Web: www.ode.state.or.us

Vocational Rehabilitation Programs for Youth and Adults Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Oregon Commission for the Blind

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Portland, OR 97214

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E-mail: ocbmail@state.or.us

Web: www.CFB.state.or.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Program

Nancy Groff, Program Coordinator

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Salem, OR 97301-4278

(503) 378-3142 (V/TTY); (503) 378-5478 (TTY)

(800) 358-3117 (V/TTY, in OR)

(800) 521-9615 (V/TTY, in OR)

E-mail: nancy.groff@state.or.us

Web: www.odc.state.or.us/dhhap/index.htm

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 735-1232 (V)

(800) 735-3250 (VCO)

(800) 735-2900 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 735-0644 (ASCII)

(800) 735-7525 (Speech to Speech)

(800) 735-3896 (Spanish)

(900) 568-3323 (900 Services)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Northwest ADA & IT Center

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P.O. Box 574

Portland, OR 97207-0574

(503) 494-4001; (503) 418-0296 (TTY)

(800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: nwada@ohsu.edu

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University Centers for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center on Human Development

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Eugene, OR 97403

(541) 346-3591

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Technology-Related Assistance

Access Technologies, Inc.

(Technology Access for Life Needs)

Laurie Brooks, President

3070 Lancaster Drive NE

Salem, OR 97305

(503) 361-1201; (800) 677-7512 (V/TTY)

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State Mediation System

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Special Format Library

Oregon State Library

Talking Book and Braille Services

250 Winter Street NE

Salem, OR 97301-3950

(503) 378-3849; (800) 452-0292 (in Portland)

(503) 378-4276 (TTY)

E-mail: tbabs@sparkie.osl.state.or.us

Web: <http://oregon.gov/OSL/TBABS/>

Oregon—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Oregon, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

E-mail: mail@add.org

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Oregon, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Regional Programs for Low Incidence Disabilities

State Services for Autism

Department of Education

Jay Gense, Director

255 Capitol Street, NE

Salem, OR 97310-0203

(503) 378-3600, ext. 2338

Web: www.ode.state.or.us

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–West

Gil Johnson, Director

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Oregon

Sherry Stock, Director

Wayne Eklund, RN, President

2145 NW Overton Street

Portland, OR 97210

(503) 413-7707; (800) 544-5243 (in OR)

E-mail: biaor@biaoregon.org

Web: www.biaoregon.org

The Oregon Brain Injury Resource Network

345 N. Monmouth Avenue

Monmouth, OR 97361

(503) 413-7707; (800) 544-5243

E-mail: tbi@wou.edu

Web: www.tr.wou.edu/tbi

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Oregon and Southwest Washington

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Portland, OR 97206

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Web: www.ucpaorwa.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Northwest

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619 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 225

Portland, OR 97205-2646

(503) 228-7651; (888) 828-7651

E-mail: jforeman@epilepsynw.org

Web: www.epilepsyoregon.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Oregon

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Web: www.ldaor.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Oregon

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Portland, OR 97205

(503) 222-6438

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NAMI-Oregon

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Portland, OR 97202-1552

(503) 230-8009; (800) 343-6264

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Web: www.nami.org/MSTemplate.cfm?Site=NAMI_Oregon

Oregon Family Support Network, Inc.

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15544 S. Clackamas River Drive

Oregon City, OR 97045

(503) 656-5440; (800) 323-8521

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Mental Retardation

The Arc of Oregon

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Salem, OR 97301

(503) 581-2726; (877) 581-2726 (toll-free)

E-mail: info@arcoregon.org

Web: www.arcoregon.org/

Speech and Hearing

Oregon Speech and Hearing Association

Robert Buckendorf, President

P.O. Box 523

Salem, OR 97308

(503) 370-7019

E-mail: assoc@wvi.com

Web: www.oregonspeechandhearing.org/

Oregon—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Oregon Parent Training and Information Center

(formerly known as COPE)

Janice Richards, Executive Director

2295 Liberty Street, NE

Salem, OR 97303

(503) 581-8156; (888) 505-2673 (in OR)

E-mail: info@orpti.org

Web: www.orpti.org

Parent-To-Parent

Contact Parent Training and Information Center listed above.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Oregon PTA

Diana Oberbarnscheidt, President

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Portland, OR 97208-4569

(503) 234-3928

E-mail: or_office@pta.org

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Web: www.oregonpta.org

Oregon—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Oregon

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Portland, OR 97239

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E-mail: info@or.easterseals.com

Web: www.or.easterseals.com

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in Oregon, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Oregon, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Web: www.governor.state.pa.us/

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Special Education Consultline: (800) 879-2301 (V/TTY)

Web: www.pde.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania was granted a waiver from the NCLB act. Web:
<http://www2.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml?src=ft>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Office of Child Development

Bureau of Early Intervention Services

James Coyle, Part C Coordinator

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Harrisburg, PA 17126

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E-mail: jecoyle@pa.gov

Web: [http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/forchildren/
earlyinterventionservices/index.htm](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/forchildren/earlyinterventionservices/index.htm)

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Division of Early Intervention and Support Services

Bureau of Early Intervention Services

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Office of State Liaison of Career and Technical Education for
Students With Disabilities

Bureau of Career and Technical Education

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State Mental Health Agency

Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

(717) 787-6443

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Bureau of Children's Services

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State Mental Retardation Program

Department of Public Welfare

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Web: www.dpw.state.pa.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities Council

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Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Web: www.padddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy Inc.

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Harrisburg, PA 17103

(717) 236-8110; (800) 692-7443 (in PA)

(717) 346-0293; (877) 375-7139 (TTY)

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Web: www.ppainc.org

Client Assistance Program

Center for Disability Law and Policy

Stephen Pennington, Statewide Director

1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 800

Philadelphia, PA 19103

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E-mail: info@equalemployment.org

Web: www.equalemployment.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Division of Child and Adult Health Services

Carolyn Cass, Director

Department of Health, 7th Floor, East Wing

P.O. Box 90

Harrisburg, PA 17108

(717) 772-2762

(800) 986-4550—Special Kids Networks

E-mail: ccass@state.pa.us

Web: www.state.pa.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program

333 Market Street

Harrisburg, PA 17120

(800) 986-5437

Web: www.ins.state.pa.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department of Labor and Industry

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1521 N. 6th Street

Harrisburg, PA 17102

(717) 787-6176; (800) 622-2842 (in PA)

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Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Ken Puckett, Director

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(800) 233-3008 (V/TTY in PA only)

E-mail: kpuckett@state.pa.us

Web: www.dli.state.pa.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 654-5988 (V)

(800) 654-5984 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech–English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech–Spanish)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Pennsylvania Deaf-Blind Project

Julie Baumgartner

6340 Flank Drive, Suite 600

Harrisburg, PA 17112-2764

(717) 541-4960; (800) 360-7282 (in PA only)

Web: www.pattan.k12.pa.us

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Bureau of Special Education

Department of Education

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Web: www.pde.state.pa.us

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

ADA and IT Information Center for the Mid Atlantic Region

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Rockville, MD 20850

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Web: www.adainfo.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Institute on Disabilities–UCEDD

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(215) 590-7681

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Technology-Related Assistance

Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology

Institute on Disabilities/UCEDD

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Ritter Hall Annex 423

Philadelphia, PA 19122

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E-mail: piat@temple.edu

Web: <http://disabilities.temple.edu>

State Mediation System

Office for Dispute Resolution

Linda McKay, Coordinator

6340 Flank Drive, Suite 600

Harrisburg, PA 17112

(717) 541-4960

Web: www.pattan.k12.pa.us/isp/odr

Special Format Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Free Library of Philadelphia

Vickie L. Collins, Librarian

919 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107

(215) 683-3213; 800-222-1754

E-mail: flpblind@library.phila.gov

Web: www.library.phila.gov/lbh/lbh.htm

Pennsylvania—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Pennsylvania, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

E-mail: mail@add.org

Web: www.add.org

Autism

ABOARD (Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders)

35 Wilson Street, Suite 100

Pittsburgh, PA 15223

(412) 781-4116; (800) 827-9385

E-mail: info@aboard.org

Web: www.aboard.org

To identify an autism group in Pennsylvania, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.org

Web: www.afb.org

National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania

James Antonacci, President

42 S. 15th Street, Suite 222

Philadelphia, PA 19102

(215) 988-0888

E-mail: nfbofpa@att.net

Web: www.nfbp.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania

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Camp Hill, PA 17011

(717) 761-6129; (717) 761-6950 (TTY)

(866) 761-6129

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Web: www.ucpofpa.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania

Judy Painter, Executive Director

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(412) 261-5880; (800) 361-5885

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Web: www.efwp.org

Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania

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Philadelphia, PA 19107-5237

(215) 629-5003; (800) 887-7165 (in PA)

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Web: www.efepa.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Pennsylvania

Debbie Rodes, President

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Uwchland, PA 19480

(610) 458-8193

Mental Health

NAMI Pennsylvania

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(717) 238-1514; (800) 223-0500

Web: <http://namipa.nami.org>

Parents Involved Network of Pennsylvania (PIN of Pennsylvania)

Child and Adolescent and Family Division of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania

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Philadelphia, PA 19107

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Mental Retardation

The Arc of Pennsylvania

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Harrisburg, PA 17102-2104

(717) 234-2621; (800) 692-7258

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Speech and Hearing

Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association

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Quarryville, PA 17566-1242

(717) 786-9280; (888) 770-7272 (in PA)

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Web: www.geocities.com/SBAofgpa

Tourette Syndrome

Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Association

Laura Umbrell, LPN, Advocacy Specialist

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(717) 337-1134; (800) 990-3300 (in PA)

E-mail: laura@patsainc.org

Web: www.patourettesyndrome.org

Pennsylvania—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parent Education Network

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(717) 600-0100; (800) 522-5827 (V/TTY) (in PA);

(800) 441-5028 (Spanish)

E-mail: pen@parentednet.org

Web: www.parentednet.org

Parent-To-Parent

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania

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Harrisburg, PA 17112-2764

(717) 540-4722; (800) 986-4550 (in PA)

E-mail: info@parenttoparent.org

Web: www.parenttoparent.org

Community Parent Resource Center

Mentor Parent Program (serving Northwest Rural
Pennsylvania)

Gail Walker, Program Director

P.O. Box 47

Pittsfield, PA 16340

(814) 563-3470; (888) 447-1431 (in PA)

E-mail: gwalker@westpa.net

Web: www.mentorparent.org

Hispanos Unidos para Ninos Excepcionales (Philadelphia HUNE, Inc.)

(serving American Street Empowerment Zone and providing intense training sessions to parents of children with disabilities in Philadelphia)

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Philadelphia, PA 19133-3838

(215) 425-6203

E-mail: huneinc@aol.com

Web: <http://huneinc.org>

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

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Pennsylvania—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals South Central Pennsylvania

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(800) 587-3257

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Web: www.westernpa.easterseals.com

MENTOR ABI Group–New Jersey (also a resource for Pennsylvania)

Rehabilitative and Support Services for Persons with Acquired Brain Injury

505 S. Lenola Road

Blason Office Plaza II, Suite 217

Moorestown, NJ 08057

(856) 235-5505

Web: <http://nj.thementornetwork.com/state/index.asp>

Neurofibromatosis Clinics Association

P.O. Box 14185

Pittsburgh, PA 15239

(412) 795-3029

E-mail: info@nfpittsburgh.org

Web: www.nfpittsburgh.org

Pennsylvania Parents and Caregivers Resource Network

Sue Scott Dolan, Director

P.O. Box 4336

Harrisburg, PA 17111-0336

(717) 561-0098; (888) 572-7368 (in PA)

E-mail: ppcrn@ppcrn.org

Web: www.ppcrn.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Pennsylvania, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Pennsylvania, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Special Education Programs

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E-mail: garviasti@de.gobierno.pr

Web: <http://www.de.gobierno.pr/educacion-especial-menu/602-servicios>

Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Vocational Rehabilitation Administration

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(787) 758-4132

Mental Health Agency

Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Services Administration

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San Juan, PR 00928-1414

(787) 764-3670; (787) 764-3795

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Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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San Juan, PR 00928-1414

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Mental Retardation Program

Mental Retardation Program

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San Juan, PR 00936

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Puerto Rico Developmental Disabilities Council

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

Office of the Ombudsman for Persons With Disabilities

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Maternal and Child Health

Crippled Children's Programs

Dr. Naydamar Pérez de Otero

Department of Health

P. O. Box 70184

San Juan, PR 00936-8184

(787) 274-5659 or 5660; (787) 274-3301

E-mail: nperez@salud.gov.pr

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech Spanish)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Northeast ADA & IT Center

Cornell University

Andrea Haenlin-Mott, Director

331 Ives Hall

Ithaca, NY 14853

(607) 255-6686 (V/TTY/Spanish); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY/
Spanish)

E-mail: northeastada@cornell.edu

Web: www.ilr.cornell.edu/ped/northeastada

FILI US Institute—Assistive Technology Project at Puerto
Rico

University of Puerto Rico

María I. Miranda, Project Director

Jardin Botanico Sur #1187 calle Flamboyán

San Juan, PR 00926-1117

(787) 758-2525, ext. 4406; (800) 496-6035

(800) 981-6033 (in PR)

Web: <http://pratp.upr.edu>

Mediation System

Puerto Rico Department of Education

Marta Colon-Rivera, Coordinator

P.O. Box 190759

San Juan, PR 00919

(787) 754-8926

Puerto Rico—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Puerto Rico, contact

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity
Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Autism

Parents Society for Children and Adults With Autism in
Puerto Rico

Autism Society of America Puerto Rico Chapter

Mrs. Milagros Rodríguez, Director

P.O. Box 190594

San Juan, PR 00919-0594

(787) 723-4566

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southeast

Frances Mary D’Andrea, Director

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: atlanta@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Epilepsy

Sociedad Puertorriqueña De Epilepsia

Sonia de Jesus Ortiz, Executive Director

1100 Ruiz Soler

Calle Marginal

Bayamon, PR 00959-7365

(787) 782-6200; (787) 782-6254

(787) 782-3991 (Fax)

E-mail: sociedadepilepsiapr@excite.com

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Puerto Rico

Elisa Blum, President

Box #003

Calle Loiza 1750, esquina Taft

San Juan, PR 00911

(787) 728-5166

E-mail: ElisaBlum@yahoo.com

Speech and Hearing

Organización Puertorriqueña de Patología del Habla,
Lenguaje y Audiología, Inc.

Iris Mañosa Santiago, President

P.O. Box 20147

San Juan, PR 00928-0147

(787) 268-0273

E-mail: opphla@prw.net

Special Format Library

Puerto Rico Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Ms. Igri Enriquez, Director/Librarian

520 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 2

San Juan, PR 00901

(787) 723-2519; (800) 981-8008

(787) 721-8177 (Fax)

E-mail: bibciego@tld.net

Spina Bifida

Asociación de Espina Bifida e Hydrocefalia

Isolina Laboy Arroyo, Director

P.O. Box 8262

Bayamon, PR 00960-8032

(787) 740-6695 or (787) 740-0033

(787) 787-1377 (Fax)

E-mail: asoc_espina_bifida@hotmail.com

Puerto Rico—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

APNI, Inc. (Asociación de Padres Pro Bienestar de Niños con Impedidos de Puerto Rico, Inc.)

Carmen Sélles de Vilá, Executive Director

P.O. Box 21280

San Juan, PR 00928-1280

(787) 763-4665; (787) 753-7185 (TTY)

(800) 981-8492; (800) 981-8393

(787) 763-4665 (Fax)

E-mail: centroinfo@apnopr.org

Web: www.apnopr.org

Puerto Rico—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Puerto Rico

Nilda M. Morales, Executive Director

P.O. Box 360325

San Juan, PR 00936-0325

(787) 767-6710

E-mail: info@serpr.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Puerto Rico, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Puerto Rico, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Rhode Island—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Jack Reed (D)

728 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4642

(202) 224-4680 (Fax)

E-mail: <http://reed.senate.gov/form-opinion.htm>

Web: <http://reed.senate.gov>

Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse (D)

530 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-2921; (800) 662-5188 (in RI)

(202) 224-7746 (TTY)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.whitehouse.senate.gov/contact/>

Web: <http://www.whitehouse.senate.gov/>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Lincoln Chafee

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Providence, RI 02903-1196

(401) 222-2080

E-mail: governor@governor.ri.gov

Web: <http://www.governor.ri.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.ri.gov/index.php

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary

John O. Pastore Center

41 Cherry Dale Court

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 462-0100; (401) 462-0101 (TTY)

Web: www.disabilities.ri.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office of Special Populations

Kenneth G. Swanson, Director

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education

255 Westminster Street, Room 400, Shepard Building

Providence, RI 02903-3400

(401) 222-3505

Web: www.ride.ri.gov

Rhode Island received an extended waiver from the NCLB
program.

Colleen Hedden

Student, Community & Academic Supports

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education

255 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 222-8939

Email: Colleen.Hedden@ride.ri.gov

Web: [http://www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/
InstructionalResources/
TitleImprovingAcademicAchievement.aspx](http://www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/InstructionalResources/TitleImprovingAcademicAchievement.aspx)

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Brenda DuHamel, Part C Coordinator

Center for Child and Family Health

74 West Road, Building 74

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 462-0318

E-mail: brenda.duhamel@ohhs.ri.gov

Web: <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/ConsumerInformation/Healthcare/PeoplewithSpecialNeedsandDisabilities/Children/EarlyIntervention.aspx>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Instruction, Assessment and Curriculum

Ruth Gallucci, Early Childhood Educational Specialist

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

255 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 222-8947

E-mail: ruth.gallucci@ride.ri.gov

Web: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/EarlyChildhoodEducation/EarlyChildhoodSpecialEducation.aspx>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Office of Rehabilitation Services

Raymond A. Carroll, Administrator

Department of Human Services

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 421-7005, Ext. 301; (401) 421-7016 (TTY)

E-mail: rcarroll@ors.ri.gov

Web: www.ors.ri.gov

Coordinator for Transition Services

J. David Sienko, Educational Specialist/Secondary Transition

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education

Independence Employment

UCE/Rhode Island College

255 Westminster Street, Shepard Building

Providence, RI 02903-3400

(401) 222-4600, Ext. 2216

E-mail: rid03249@ride.ri.net

Web: www.ride.net/special_needs/transition.htm

State Department of Education: Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education

J. David Sienko, Educational Specialist/Secondary Transition

255 Westminster Street, Shepard Building

Providence, RI 02903-3400

(401) 222-4600, Ext. 2216

E-mail: rid03249@ride.ri.net

Web: www.ridoe.net

State Mental Health Agency

Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals

Kathleen M. Spangler, Acting Director

14 Harrington Road

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 462-3201

E-mail: kspangler@mhrh.ri.gov

Web: www.mhrh.state.ri.us

State Mental Health Agency for Children and Youth

Division of Children's Behavioral Health

Janet L. Anderson, EdD, Assistant Director

Department of Children, Youth and Families

101 Friendship Street

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 528-3756

E-mail: janet.anderson@dcyf.state.ri.gov

Web: www.dcyf.state.ri.us

State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Lynda Kahn, Executive Director

Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals

14 Harrington Road, Barry Hall

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 462-3234

E-mail: lkahn@mhrh.ri.gov

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council

Marie Citrone, Executive Director

400 Bald Hill Road, Suite 515

Warwick, RI 02886

(401) 737-1238

E-mail: riddc@riddc.org

Web: www.riddc.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Rhode Island Disability Law Center

Raymond L Bandusky, Executive Director

349 Eddy Street

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 831-3150; (401) 831-5335 (TTY)

(800) 733-5332 (in RI)

E-mail: rbandusky@ridlc.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Program, listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Office for Families Raising Children with Special Health Care Needs

Deborah Garneau, Chief

Rhode Island Department of Health

3 Capitol Hill, Room 302

Providence, RI 02908-5097

(401) 222-5929; (401) 222-2312

E-mail: debg@doh.state.ri.us

Web: www.health.state.ri.us

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

RIte Care

(401) 462-5300(V); (401) 462- 3363 (TTY)

(401) 462-1500 (Spanish)

Web: <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/ConsumerInformation/Healthcare/FamilieswithChildren.aspx>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Gary Wier, Deputy Administrator

Department of Human Services

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 222-2300

(401) 272-8090 (Hispanic telephone line)

Web: www.ors.ri.gov

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind

Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Steven A. Florio, Executive Director

One Capitol Hill, Ground Level

Providence, RI 02908-5850

(401) 222-1204 (V); (401) 222-1205 (TTY)

E-mail: cdhh@cdhh.ri.gov

Web: www.cdhh.ri.gov

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 745-6575 (V)

(800) 745-5555 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 745-1570 (ASCII)

(866) 355-9213 (Speech to Speech)

(866) 355-9214 (Spanish)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Thomas DiPaola, PhD, Director

Office of Special Populations

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

255 Westminster Street, Room 400, Shepard Building

Providence, RI 02903-3400

(401) 222-3505

Web: www.ridoe.net

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

New England ADA and Accessible IT Center

Valerie Fletcher, Executive Director

Oce Harrison, Project Director

Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.

374 Congress Street, Suite 301

Boston, MA 02210

(617) 695-0085 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adaptive@adaptenv.org

Web: www.adaptenv.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities

A. Anthony Antosh, Director

Rhode Island College

600 Mount Pleasant Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

(401) 456-8072; (401) 456-8773 (TTY)

E-mail: aantosh@ric.edu

Web: www.sherlockcenter.org

Technology-Related Assistance

Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership

Regina Connor, Project Director

Office of Rehabilitation Services

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903-1898

(401) 421-7005, ext. 390; (401) 421-7016 (TTY)

(800) 752-8088, ext. 2608 (in RI)

E-mail: reginac@ors.ri.gov

Web: www.atap.ri.gov

State Mediation System

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education

Susan Wood, PhD

255 Westminster Street, Shephard Building

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 222-4600, ext. 2309

E-mail: rid00870@ride.ri.net

Special Format Library

Talking Books Plus

Andrew Egan, Librarian

Office of Library and Information Services

One Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02908

(401) 222-5800; (800) 745-5555 (TTY)

E-mail: tbplus@lori.state.ri.us

Web: <http://lorinet.info/tbp/>

Rhode Island—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Rhode Island, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Rhode Island, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

National Federation of the Blind of Rhode Island

Richard Gaffney, President

P.O. Box 154564

Riverside, RI 02915

(401) 433-2606

E-mail: info@nfbri.org

Web: www.nfbri.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island

Sharon Brinkworth, Executive Director

935 Park Avenue, Suite 8

Cranston, RI 02910

(401) 461-6599; (888) 824-8911

E-mail: braininjuryctr@biaofri.org

Web: www.biaofri.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island

200 Main Street, Suite 210

P.O. Box 36

Pawtucket, RI 02862

(401) 728-1800

E-mail: ucprisupport@ucpri.org

Web: www.ucpri.org

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island, Inc.

Claudia M. Lowe

99 Bald Hill Road

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 463-5751; (800) 745-5555 (TDD for RI relay)

E-mail: coordinator@dssri.org

Web: www.dssri.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Leslie G. Brody, PhD, Chief Executive Officer

540 Gallivant Boulevard, 2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02124

(617) 506-6041; (888) 576-9996

Web: www.efmri.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Rhode Island

Cynthia A. Barry, Executive Director

500 Prospect Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

(401) 726-2285

E-mail: cynbarry@hotmail.com

Web: www.mhari.org

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island

Cathy Ciano, Executive Director

400 Warwick Avenue, Suite 12

Warwick, RI 02888

(401) 467-6855; (800) 483-8844 (in RI)

E-mail: cathyciano@aol.com

Web: www.psnri.org

NAMI Rhode Island

Nicki Sahlin, PhD, Executive Director

Dorian Parker, Assistant Director

82 Pitman Street

Providence, RI 02906

(401) 331-3060; (800) 749-3197

E-mail: nicknami@aol.com

E-mail: dorianparker@minister.com

Web: www.namiri.org

Mental Retardation

Rhode Island Arc

James Healey, Executive Director

99 Bald Hill Road

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 463-9191

E-mail: riarc@compuserve.com

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices of the Rhode Island Parent Information
Network

Dawn Wardyga, Program Director

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

(401) 727-4144, ext. 158; (800) 464-3399, ext. 158 (in RI)

E-mail: familyvoices@ripin.org

Web: <http://ripin.org/>

Speech and Hearing

Rhode Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Sheryl C. Amaral, President

P.O. Box 9241

Providence, RI 02940

(401) 455-7472

Web: www.risha.info

Rhode Island—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Rhode Island Parent Info Network (RIPIN)

Cheryl Collins, Program Director

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

(401) 727-4144, ext. 152; (800) 464-3399 (in RI)

E-mail: collins@ripin.org

Web: www.ripin.org

Parent-To-Parent

Family to Family of Rhode Island

Family Voices at the Rhode Island Parent Information
Network

Cindy Montero, Outreach Coordinator

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

(401) 727-4144, ext. 141; (800) 401-3399 (in RI)

E-mail: montero@ripin.org

Web: www.rifamilytofamily.net

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Rhode Island Congress of Parents and Teachers

Mary Anne Roll, President

RIC East Campus-Building 6

600 Mount Pleasant Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

(401) 272-6405

E-mail: ri_office@pta.org

Rhode Island—Other Disability Organizations

Advocates in Action

P.O. Box 41528

Providence, RI 02940-1528

(401) 785-2028; (800) 745-5555 (TTY, via RI relay)

E-mail: aina@aina-ri.org

Web: www.aina-ri.org

Exeter/West Greenwich Individuals Needs Advisory
Committee

c/o Special Services Office

930 Nooseneck Hill Road

West Greenwich, RI 02817

E-mail: EWGINAC@att.net

Web: <http://EWGINAC.home.att.net>

VSA Arts of Rhode Island

Jeannine Chartier, Executive Director

500 Prospect Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

(401) 725-0247; (800) 745-5555 (TTY/Relay)

E-mail: ri@vsarts.org

Web: <http://ri.vsarts.org/>

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Rhode Island, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Rhode Island, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Lindsey Graham (R)

290 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-5972

(202) 224-1189 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.lgraham.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=contact.emailsenatorgraham>

Honorable Tim Scott (R)

167 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-6121; (800) 922-8503 (in SC)

(202) 224-4293 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.scott.senate.gov/contact/email-me>

Web: <http://www.scott.senate.gov/>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Nikki Haley

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1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-2100; (803) 734-5167 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.governor.sc.gov/ContactUs/Pages/index.aspx>

Web: <http://www.governor.sc.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.sc.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office of Exceptional Children

State Department of Education

John Payne, Director

1429 Senate Street, Room 808

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-2738

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Web: <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ac/Special-Education-Services/>

SC was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB act.

Roy Stehle, Director

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1429 Senate Street Suite 502

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-8118

E-mail: RStehle@ed.sc.gov

Web: <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/77/>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

South Carolina First Steps to School Success

Kristie Musick, Part C Coordinator

1300 Sumter Street, Suite 100

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-8068

E-mail: KMusick@scfirststeps.org

Web: <http://scfirststeps.org/>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Exceptional Children

State Department of Education

Norma Donaldson-Jenkins, 619 Coordinator

Rutledge Building

1429 Senate Street

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-4824

E-mail: njenkins@ed.sc.gov

Web: <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ac/Special-Education-Services/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Larry C. Bryant, Commissioner

410 Boston Avenue

P.O. Box 15

West Columbia, SC 29171-0015

(803) 896-6500

Web: www.scvrd.net

Coordinator for Transition Services

Joy Ivester, Coordinator

Office of Exceptional Children

South Carolina Department of Education

1429 Senate Street, Room 503-A

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-8483

E-mail: ivesterj@cdd.sc.us

Web: www.scdcdt.org/

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Office of Career and Technology Education

Dr. James R. Couch, Director

912A Rutledge Building

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-8410

E-mail: jcouch@sde.state.sc.us

Web: www.state.sc.us/sde

State Mental Health Agency

Department of Mental Health

George P. Gintoli, Director

P. O. Box 485

Columbia, SC 29202

(803) 898-8319

E-mail: gpg97@scdmh.org

Web: www.state.sc.us/dmh

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Division of Children, Adolescents and Their Families

Louise Johnson, Director

Department of Mental Health

2414 Bull Street, Room 304

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 898-8350

E-mail: lkj40@sc.dmh.org

State Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Stanley J. Butkus, Director

3440 Harden Street Extension

P.O. Box 4706

Columbia, SC 29240

(803) 898-9769

E-mail: jterry@ddsn.state.sc.us

Web: www.state.sc.us/ddsn

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities Council

Charles Lang, Executive Director

Office of the Governor

Edgar A. Brown Building

1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 453

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-0465

E-mail: clang@govoepp.state.sc.us

Web: www.scdde.state.sc.us

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

Gloria M. Prevost, Executive Director

3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 208

Columbia, SC 29204

(803) 782-0639; (866) 275-7273

E-mail: info@protectionandadvocacy-sc.org

Web: www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Larry Barker, PhD, Director

Office of the Governor

1205 Pendelton Street, Room 447

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 734-0285; (800) 868-0040 (in SC)

(803) 734-1147 (TTY)

E-mail: lbarker@govoepp.state.sc.us

Web: www.govoepp.state.sc.us/cap/

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Division of Children with Special Health Care Needs

Department of Health and Environmental Control

P.O. Box 101106

Columbia, SC 29211

(803) 898-0789

E-mail: priced@dhec.sc.gov

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Partners for Healthy Children

P.O. Box 100101

Columbia, SC 29202

(888) 549-0820

Web: www.dhhs.state.sc.us/InsideDHHS/Bureaus

SCDHHS P.O. Box 8206

Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Web: <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/south-carolina.html>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

South Carolina Commission for the Blind

Dr. Nell C. Carney, Commissioner

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Columbia, SC 29202-0079

(803) 898-8822

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State School for the Deaf and the Blind

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South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

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Spartanburg, SC 29302-4699

(864) 585-7711

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Web: www.scsdb.k12.sc.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 735-2905 (V)

(800) 735-7293 (ASCII); 711 (TTY)

(877) 735-7277 (Speech to Speech)

(800) 735-8583 (SC Relay)

(877) 225-8337 (SC TEDP)

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(803) 734-3266

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Web: www.sde.state.sc.us

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance
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Shelley Kaplan, Project Director

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

Georgia Tech

490 10th Street

Atlanta, GA 30318

(404) 385-0636; (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center for Disability Resources (UCEDD)

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Technology-Related Assistance

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Center for Disability Resources

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Special Format Library

Talking Book Services

Guynell Williams, Librarian

South Carolina State Library

P.O. Box 821

Columbia, SC 29202-0821

(803) 734-4611; (800) 922-7818

(803) 734-7298 (TTY)

E-mail: lbphbooks@leo.scsl.state.sc.us

Web: <http://sctalkingbook.org/>

South Carolina—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in South Carolina, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

South Carolina Autism Society

Craig Stoxen, Executive Director

652 Bush River Road, Suite 203

Columbia, SC 29210

(803) 750-6988; (800) 438-4790

E-mail: scas@scautism.org

Web: www.scautism.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–National Literacy Center

Frances Mary D’Andrea, Director

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

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E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Alliance of South Carolina

Phil Clarkson, President

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Columbia, SC 29210

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E-mail: scbraininjury@mindspring.com

Web: www.biausa.org/sc

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation South Carolina

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Web: <https://www.scepilepsy.org/>

Mental Health

Federation of Families of South Carolina

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NAMI of South Carolina

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Mental Retardation

The Arc of South Carolina

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Columbia, SC 29202

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Speech and Hearing

South Carolina Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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Columbia, SC 29201

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South Carolina—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

PRO-Parents of South Carolina

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(803) 772-5688 (V/TTY); (800) 759-4776 (in SC)

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Web: www.proparents.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

South Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers

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1826 Henderson Street

Columbia, SC 29201-2619

(800) 743-3782; (803) 765-0806

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South Carolina—Other Disability Organizations

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Easter Seals South Carolina

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Web: www.familyconnections.org

Independent Living

Disability Action Center, Inc.

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1115 Bellevue Street

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 779-5121 (V); (803) 779-0949 (TTY)

Web: www.dacsc.org

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

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2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

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State Department of Education: Special Education

Special Education Programs

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Pierre, SD 57501

(605) 773-6400

Web: <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/TitleI.aspx>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Special Education Programs

Sarah Carter, Director and Part C Coordinator

Birth to Three Connections

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Web: <https://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Special Education Programs

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Web: https://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped_earlyIntervention619.aspx

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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State Developmental Disabilities Representative for Children
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Council on Developmental Disabilities

South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

South Dakota Advocacy Services

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Pierre, SD 57501

(605) 224-8294; (800) 658-4782 (in SD)

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Web: www.sdadvocacy.com

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency, listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Services

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Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Web: www.state.sd.us/dhs/sbvi/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Communication Services for the Deaf, Inc. (CSD)

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Sioux Falls, SD 57103

(605) 367-5760 (V); (800) 642-6410 (V/in SD)

(605) 367-5761 (TTY); (866) 273-3323 (TTY)

E-mail: bsoukup@c-s-d.org

Web: www.c-s-d.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 877-1113 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(877) 981-9744 (Speech to Speech)

State Respite Care Program

Respite Care Program

Kathy Olson, Program Specialist

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E-mail: Kathy.Olson@state.sd.us

Web: www.state.sd.us/dhs/dd/respite/index.htm

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Contact State Department of Education: Special Education,
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Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Rocky Mountain Disability and Business Technical
Assistance Center

Patrick Going, Director

3630 Sinton Road, Suite 103

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

(719) 444-0268 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: rmdbtac@mtc-inc.com

Web: www.adainformation.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center for Disabilities

Judy Struck, Executive Director

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Sioux Falls, SD 57105

(605) 357-1439; (800) 658-3080 (V/TTY)

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Technology-Related Assistance

DakotaLink

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State Mediation System

Special Education Programs

Department of Education Programs

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Web: www.state.sd.us/deca/Special/index.htm

South Dakota—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in South Dakota, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in South Dakota, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stiteley, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

E-mail: chicago@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Learning Disabilities

LDA of South Dakota

James Huff, President

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Rapid City, SD 57709-9760

1-888-388-5553 (in SD only)

E-mail: dthom@rapidnet.com

Web: www.geocities.com/Athens/Ithaca/8835/AboutLDA-SD.html

Mental Health

NAMI South Dakota

P.O. Box 1204

Huron, SD 57350-1204

(800) 551-2531

E-mail: namisd@santel.net

Web: <http://sd.nami.org>

Speech and Hearing

South Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Shirley Hauge, President

P.O. Box 308

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

(605) 331-2927

Web: www.sdslha.org

South Dakota—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

South Dakota Parent Connection

Lynn Boettcher Fjellanger, Director

3701 W. 49th Street, Suite 200B

Sioux Falls, SD 57106

(605) 361-3171 (V/TTY); (800) 640-4553 (in SD)

E-mail: sdpc@sdparent.org

Web: www.sdparent.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

South Dakota Congress of Parents and Teachers

Betty Ochsner, President

411 E. Capitol

Pierre, SD 57501-3194

(605) 224-0144

E-mail: sd_office@pta.org

Web: www.southdakotapta.org

No Child Left Behind—Parent Information & Resource Center

South Dakota Parent Resource Network

Mary Baumeister, Director

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South Dakota—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals South Dakota

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South Dakota Family Support Council

Teri Suss, Chair

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Milbank, SD 57252

(605) 432-4203

South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities

Shelly Pfaff, Executive Director

221 South Central Avenue

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(800) 210-0143 (V/TTY); (605) 945-2207 (V/TTY)

E-mail: shellyp@sd-ccd.org

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Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in South Dakota, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in South Dakota, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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State Department of Education: Special Education

Division of Special Education

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State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS)

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Early Childhood

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Web: http://www.tn.gov/education/early_learning/index.shtml

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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Division of Vocational Education

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State Mental Health Agency

Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Office of Children and Adolescent Services

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Nashville, TN 37243

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State Mental Retardation Program

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Protection and Advocacy Agency

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Client Assistance Program

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Services

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(615) 741-8530

E-mail: Margaret.Major@.state.tn.us

Web: www.state.tn.us/health/MCH/css.htm

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

TennCare

(800) 669-1851

Web: www.state.tn.us/tenncare/

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Division of Special Education

Ann Hampton, CSPD Coordinator

Department of Education

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710 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, TN 37243-0380

(615) 741-2851

E-mail: ahampton@state.tn.us

Web: www.state.tn.us/education/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Tennessee Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Thom Roberts, Director

Citizens Plaza Building, 11th Floor

400 Deaderick Street

Nashville, TN 37248-6000

(615) 313-4918; (615) 313-5695 (TTY)

(800) 270-1349 (in TN)

Web: www.state.tn.us/humanserv

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 848-0299 (V)

(800) 848-0298 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(866) 503-0264 (Speech to Speech)

(866) 503-0263 (V/TTY/ASCII)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually
Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Project TREDs

Lisa Cushing, Program Coordinator

Vanderbilt University

Peabody Box 328

230 Appleton Place

Nashville, TN 37203-5701

(615) 322-8279; (615) 322-8280 (V/TTY)

(800) 288-2266 (V/TTY)

E-mail: lisa.cushing@vanderbilt.edu

Web: www.vanderbilt.edu/kennedy/treds/index.html

Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Cathy Steger, Deaf-Blind Coordinator

Division of Rehabilitation Services

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400 Deaderick Street, Suite 1100

Nashville, TN 37248-6200

(615) 313-4917; (800) 628-7818

(615) 313-6601 (TTY); (800) 270-1349 (TTY)

E-mail: Cathy.Steger@state.tn.us

Web: www.state.tn.us/humanserv/vis-home.html

State Department for Children and Youth in State Custody

Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Michael Miller, Commissioner

Tricia Henwood, Director of Medical Services

Cordell Hull Building, 7th Floor

436 6th Avenue North

Nashville, TN 37243-1290

(615) 741-9699

E-mail: tricia.henwood@state.tn.us

Web: www.state.tn.us/youth

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance
Center

Shelley Kaplan, Project Director

Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

Georgia Tech

490 10th Street

Atlanta, GA 30318

(404) 385-0636; (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: sedbtac@catea.org

Web: www.sedbtac.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities

Frederick B. Palmer, Director

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

711 Jefferson Avenue

Memphis, TN 38105

(901) 448-6512; (888) 572-2249

(901) 448-4677 (TTY)

E-mail: fpalmer@utmem.edu

Web: www.utmem.edu/bcdd/boling.html

Technology-Related Assistance

Tennessee Technology Access Project

Kevin R. Wright, Executive Director

Citizens Plaza State Office Building, 11th Floor

400 Deaderick Street

Nashville, TN 37248

(615) 532-3122 (V); (615) 741-4566 (TTY)

(800) 732-5059 (Toll-free in TN only)

E-mail: Kevin.R.Wright@state.tn.us

Web: www.state.tn.us/humanserv/ttap_index.htm

State Mediation System

Division of Special Education

Bill Ward, Legal Consultant

Department of Education

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Nashville, TN 37243-0380

(615) 741-2422

E-mail: Bill.Ward@state.tn.us

Web: www.state.tn.us/education/msped.htm

Special Format Library

Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Tennessee State Library and Archives

Ruth Hemphill, Librarian

403 Seventh Avenue North

Nashville, TN 37243-0313

(615) 741-3915; (800) 342-3308

E-mail: tlbph@state.tn.us

Web: <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/lbph/>

Tennessee—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Tennessee, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Tennessee, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–National Literacy Center

Frances Mary D’Andrea, Director

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Cerebral Palsy

UCP of the Mid South, Inc.

Diana Reid, Executive Director

4189 Leroy Avenue

Memphis, TN 38108

(901) 761-4277

E-mail: dreid@ucpmemphis.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of West Tennessee

Jean Dodds, Executive Director

70 Timber Creek, Suite 1

Cordova, TN 38018

(901) 854-0114

E-mail: jeanmdodd@hotmail.com

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disability Advocacy Center (LDAC)

7516 Enterprise Avenue, Suite 1

Germantown, TN 38138

(901) 755-0244

E-mail: IEPHelp@aol.com

Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Middle Tennessee

Angie Thompson, Executive Director

2416 21st Avenue South, Suite 201

Nashville, TN 37212

(615) 269-5355

E-mail: forinfo@mhamt.org

Web: www.ichope.com

NAMI-Tennessee

Thelma Vaughan, President

5410 Homberg Drive, Suite 4

Knoxville, TN 37919-5029

(865) 602-7900; (800) 467-3589 (in TN)

E-mail: nami-tn@nami.org

Web: <http://namitn.nami.org>

Tennessee Voices for Children

Charlotte Bryson, Executive Director

1315 8th Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37203

(615) 269-7751; (800) 670-9982

E-mail: TVC@TNVoices.org

Web: www.tnvoices.org

Tennessee Respite Network

Kim Gustin, Respite Project Coordinator

1315 8th Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37203

(615) 269-7855; (800) 269-7855

E-mail: kgustin@tnvoices.org

Web: www.tnvoices.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Tennessee

Walter Rogers, Executive Director

44 Vantage Way, Suite 550

Nashville, TN 37228

(615) 248-5878

E-mail: wrogers@thearctn.org

E-mail: walterrogersarc@aol.com

Web: www.thearctn.org

Speech and Hearing

Tennessee Association of Audiologists and Speech-Language
Pathologists

John and Nelia Westenberger, Executive Directors

P.O. Box 70

Spring Hill, TN 37174

(931) 487-9871

E-mail: wmijohn@aol.com

Web: www.taaslp.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Tennessee

Lynn Hess, Executive Director

P.O. Box 23056

Nashville, TN 37202-3056

E-mail: spinabifTN@aol.com

Tennessee—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Nancy Diehl, Executive Director

Support and Training for Exceptional Parents, Inc. (STEP)

712 Professional Plaza

Greeneville, TN 37745

(423) 639-0125; (800) 280-7837 (English & Spanish Toll-free
in TN only)

(423) 636-8217 (TTY)

E-mail: Nancy.Diehl@tnstep.org

E-mail: information@tnstep.org

Web: www.tnstep.org

Parent-To-Parent

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Program

Dusti Williams, Nursing Consultant

Children's Special Services

Tennessee Department of Health

Cordell Hull Building, 5th Floor

425 5th Avenue North

Nashville, TN 37247-4750

(615) 741-0353

E-mail: dusti.williams@state.tn.us

Web: www2.state.tn.us/health/mch/css.htm

Community Parent Resource Center

The Arc of Davidson County (serving Nashville/Davidson County)

Norman Tenenbaum, Executive Director

111 N. Wilson Boulevard

Nashville, TN 37205

(615) 321-5699

E-mail: ntenenbaum@arcadc.org

Web: www.thearetn.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

Lucy Spurgeon, President

1905 Acklen Avenue

Nashville, TN 37212-3788

(615) 383-9740

E-mail: tn_office@pta.org

Web: www.pta.org

Tennessee—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals

Jayne Perkins, President/CEO

2001 Woodmont Boulevard

Nashville, TN 37215

(615) 292-6640; (800) 264-0078

E-mail: jperkins@eastersealstn.com

Web: www.tn.easter-seals.org

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

Leslie Ladd, State Director

1101 Kermit Drive, Suite 201

Nashville, TN 37217

(615) 399-3200; (888) 399-3272

Web: <http://marchofdimes.com/>

Tennessee Disability Coalition

Carol Westlake, Executive Director

480 Craighead Street, Suite 200

Nashville, TN 37204

(615) 383-9442; (615) 292-7790 (TTY)

E-mail: coalition@tndisability.org

Web: www.tndisability.org

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder

Carole Moore-Slater, Program Director

Vanderbilt Kennedy Family Outreach Center and Clinics

1810 Edgehill Avenue

Nashville, TN 37212

(615) 322-8529; (800) 640-4636 (English/Spanish line)

(615) 322-7830 (Nashville line)

(800) 273-9595 (TTY)

E-mail: carole.moore-slater@vanderbilt.edu

Web: www.familypathfinder.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Tennessee, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Tennessee, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

TEXAS

Texas—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable John Cornyn (R)

517 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-2934

(202) 228-2856 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://cornyn.senate.gov/contact/index.html>

Web: <http://cornyn.senate.gov>

Honorable Ted Cruz (R)

185 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-5922; (202) 224-5903 (TTY)

(202) 224-0776 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: http://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=email_senator

Web: <http://www.cruz.senate.gov/>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call: (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Rick Perry

Office of the Governor

P.O. Box 12428

Austin, TX 78711–2428

(512) 463-2000; (800) 252-9600 (in TX)

E-mail Web Form: www.governor.state.tx.us/contact

Web: www.governor.state.tx.us/

Governor's Committee on People With Disabilities

Committee on People with Disabilities

Pat Pound, Executive Director

P.O. Box 12428

Austin, TX 78711

(512) 463-5742; (512) 463-5746 (TTY)

711 (Relay Service)

E-mail: ppound@governor.state.tx.us

Web: www.governor.state.tx.us/disabilities

Official State Web Site

Web: www.texas.gov

State Department of Education: Special Education

Special Programs, Monitoring, and Interventions

Mario Acosta, Deputy Associate Commissioner

Texas Education Agency

1701 N. Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78701-1494

(512) 463-9734; (800) 252-9668

E-mail: teainfo@tea.state.tx.us

Web: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147491399>

Texas was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

Division of Federal and State Education Policy

Texas Education Agency

1701 N. Congress Avenue

Austin, Texas, 78701

(512) 463-9414

Email: nclb@tea.texas.gov

Web: [http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/
NCLB_and_ESEA/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/NCLB_and_ESEA/)

[No_Child_Left_Behind_and_Elementary_and_Secondary_Education_Act/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/NCLB_and_ESEA/No_Child_Left_Behind_and_Elementary_and_Secondary_Education_Act/)

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–3 Years

Early Childhood Intervention

Kim Wedel, Assistant Commissioner

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Brown-Heatly State Office Building

4900 North Lamar

Austin, TX 78751

(512) 424-6754

Email: kim.wedel@dars.state.tx.us

Website: <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Terrie Breeden, 619 Coordinator

Texas Education Agency

1701 North Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9560

E-mail: terrie.breeden@tea.state.tx.us

Web: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147494988>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Terry Murphy, Commissioner

4900 N. Lamar

Austin, TX 78751-2399

(512) 424-4001

Web: www.dars.state.tx.us

Department of Aging and Disability Services

Jim Hine, Commissioner

701 W. 51st Street

Austin, TX 78751

(512) 438-3011; (800) 874-9426 (TTY)

E-mail: mail@dads.state.tx.us

Web: www.dads.state.tx.us

Coordinator for Transition Services

Division of IDEA Coordination

Susan Rose, Interagency Coordinator

Texas Education Agency

1701 N. Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9414

E-mail: susan.rose@tea.state.tx.us

Web: www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/

Career and Technology Education

Division of Curriculum

Texas Education Agency

Karen Batchelor

1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 3–121

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9581

Web: www.tea.state.tx.us/Cate

Department of State Health Services

Department of State Health Services

Eduardo J. Sanchez, MD, MPH, Commissioner

1100 W. 49th Street

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 458-7375

Web: www.dshs.state.tx.us

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Debbie Berndt, Director

Children's Services

Department of State Health Services

P.O. Box 12668

Austin, TX 78711-2668

(512) 206-4722

E-mail: debbie.berndt@mhmr.state.tx.us

Web: www.dshs.state.tx.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

Roger A. Webb, Executive Director

6201 E. Oltorf, Suite 600

Austin, TX 78741-7509

(512) 437-5432; (800) 262-0334

(512) 437-5431 (TTY)

E-mail: tcdd@tcdd.state.tx.us

Web: www.txddc.state.tx.us

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Advocacy, Inc.

Mary Faithfull, Executive Director

7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 171-E

Austin, TX 78757

(512) 454-4816; (800) 252-9108 (in TX)

E-mail: infoai@advocacyinc.org

Web: www.advocacyinc.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistant Program

Karen Stanfill, CAP Coordinator

Advocacy, Inc.

7457 Harwin, Suite 100

Houston, TX 77036

(713) 974-7691; (800) 252-9108 (in TX)

E-mail: kstanfill@advocacyinc.org

Web: www.advocacyinc.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services
Program

Sam B. Cooper III, MSW, LMSW, Manager

Purchased Health Services Unit

Department of State Health Services

1100 W. 49th Street

Austin, TX 78756-3179

(512) 458-7355

E-mail: csn@dsht.state.tx.us

Web: www.dsht.state.tx.us/csn/

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

TexCare

(800) 647-6558

Web: <http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1613>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Terry Murphy, Commissioner

4900 N. Lamar

Austin, TX 78751-2399

(512) 424-4001

Web: www.dars.state.tx.us

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Dr. Phil Hatlen, Superintendent

1100 W. 45th Street

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 454-8631; (800) 872-5273 (to leave a message)

(512) 206-9451 (TTY)

Web: www.tsbvi.edu

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Texas School for the Deaf

Claire Bugen, Superintendent

1102 S. Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78704-1728

(512) 462-5300 (V/TTY)

Web: www.tsd.state.tx.us

Education Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD)

Statewide Information at Texas School for the Deaf

1102 S. Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78704-1728

(512) 462-5329; (800) 332-3873 (V/TTY)

E-mail: ercod@tsd.state.tx.us

Web: www.tsd.state.tx.us

Division of IDEA Coordination, Deaf Services

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Texas Education Agency

1701 N. Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9424 (V); (512) 475-3540 (TTY)

E-mail: deafed@tea.state.tx.us

Web: www.tea.state.tx.us/deaf

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

David Myers, Executive Director

P. O. Box 12904

Austin, TX 78711-2904

(512) 407-3250 (V); (512) 407-3251 (TTY)

E-mail: david.myers@dars.state.tx.us

Web: www.dars.state.tx.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 735-2988 (V)

(800) 735-2989 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 735-2991 (ASCII)

(877) 826-6607(Speech to Speech)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

Special Programs, Monitoring, and Interventions

Gene Lenz, Deputy Associate Commissioner

Texas Education Agency

Division of Special Education

1701 N. Congress Avenue

Austin, TX 78701-1494

(512) 463-9414

E-mail: sped@tea.state.tx.us

Web: www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Disability Law Resource Project

Wendy Wilkinson, Director

2323 S. Shepard Boulevard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dlrp@ilru.org

Web: www.dlrp.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center for Disability Studies

Dr. Penny Seay, Executive Director

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4030 W. Braker Lane

Building 2, Suite 220

Austin, TX 78759

(512) 232-0740; (800) 828-7839

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E-mail: pseay@mail.utexas.edu

Web: <http://tcds.edb.utexas.edu>

Technology-Related Assistance

Texas Technology Access Project

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Austin, TX 78759

(512) 232-0740; (800) 828-7839

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Web: <http://techaccess.edb.utexas.edu>

State Mediation System

Mediation Coordinator

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Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9290

E-mail: cgonzales@tea.state.tx.us

Web: www.tea.state.tx.us

Special Format Library

Talking Book Program

Ava Smith, Division Director

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

P.O. Box 12927

Austin, TX 78711-2927

(512) 463-5458; (800) 252-9605

E-mail: tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us

Web: www.texastalkingbooks.org

Texas—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Texas, contact either:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity
Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 201

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorders Association–Southern Region
(ADDA-SR)

Pam Esser, Executive Director

12345 Jones Road, Suite 287–7

Houston, TX 77070

(281) 897-0982

E-mail: addaoffice@pdq.net

Web: www.adda-sr.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Texas, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

11030 Ables Lane

Dallas, TX 75229

(214) 352-7222

E-mail: dallas@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Texas

Brack Collier, President

1339 Lamar Square Drive, Suite 103

Austin, TX 78704

(512) 326-1212; (800) 392-0040 (in TX)

E-mail: info@biatx.org

Web: www.biatx.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Texas

Jean Langendorf, Executive Director

5555 N. Lamar, Suite L139

Austin, TX 78751

(512) 472-8696; (800) 798-1492 (in TX)

E-mail: info@ucptexas.org

Web: www.ucptexas.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation Texas-Houston/Dallas-Fort Worth/West Texas

Donna Stahlhut, Executive Director

2630 Fountain View, Suite 210

Houston, TX 77057

(713) 789-6295; (888) 548-9716 (in certain service areas)

E-mail: dstahlhut@efset.org

Web: <http://efstx.org/>

Epilepsy Foundation, Central and South Texas

Sindi Rosales, Executive Director

10615 Perrin Beitel, Suite 602

San Antonio, TX 78217

(210) 653-5353; (888) 606-5353 (in certain service areas)

E-mail: sindi@efcst.org

Web: www.efcst.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas

Ann Robinson, Coordinator

1011 W. 31st Street

Austin, TX 78705

(512) 458-8234; (800) 604-7500 (in TX)

E-mail: contact@ldat.org

Web: www.ldat.org

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Texas

Lynn Lasky Clark, President & CEO

1210 San Antonio, Suite 200

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 454-3706

E-mail: Lynn@mhatexas.org

Web: www.mhatexas.org

NAMI Texas

Diane Bisig, Executive Director

III Fountain Park Plaza

2800 South IH 35, Suite 140

Austin, TX 78704

(512) 693-2000; (800) 633-3760

Web: www.namitexas.org

Texas Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Patti Derr, Director

7701 N. Lamar, Suite 518

Austin, TX 78752

(512) 407-8844; (866) 893-3264

E-mail: info@txffcmh.org

Web: www.txffcmh.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Texas

Mike Bright, Executive Director

8001 Centre Park Drive

Austin, TX 78754

(512) 454-6694; (800) 252-9729

E-mail: secretary@thearcoftexas.org

Web: www.thearcoftexas.org

Speech, Language, and Hearing

Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Roy K. Bohrer, Executive Director

P. O. Box 140647

Austin, TX 78714-0647

(512) 452-4636; (888) 729-8742

E-mail: tsha@assnmgmt.com

Web: www.txsha.org

Texas—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI)

Partners Resource Network, Inc. (serving San Antonio, Houston, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley)

Debbie Schultz, Program Manager

Team Project

3311 Richmond, Suite 334

Houston, TX 77098

(713) 524-2147; (877) 832-8945 (in TX)

E-mail: prnteam@sbcglobal.net

Web: www.partnerstx.org

PATH Project (serving Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Wichita Falls, Southeast and East Texas)

Alice Robertson, Program Manager

1090 Longfellow Drive, Suite B

Beaumont, TX 77706-4819

(409) 898-4684; (800) 866-4726 (in TX)

E-mail: partnersresource@sbcglobal.net

Web: www.partnerstx.org

PEN Project (Serving Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, and El Paso)

Jon Howell, Program Manager

1001 Main Street, Suite 804

Lubbock, TX 79401

(806) 762-1434; (877) 762-1435 (in TX)

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Community Parent Resource Centers

The Arc of Texas in the Rio Grande Valley

Parents Supporting Parents Network

Leticia Padilla, Coordinator

601 N. Texas Boulevard

Weslaco, TX 78596

(956) 447-8408; (888) 857-8668

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Web: www.thearcoftexas.org

Partners in Policymaking

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Laura Buckner, Program Coordinator

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Katy, TX 77491-5905

(903) 291-1990; (866) 291-1990

E-mail: txpartners@cablelynx.com

Web: www.familytofamilynetwork.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Texas PTA

Craig Tounget, President

408 W. 11th Street

Austin, TX 78701-2113

(512) 476-6769; (800) 825-5782

E-mail: txpta@txpta.org

Web: www.txpta.org

Other Parent Organization

Family to Family Network

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13150 FM 529, Suite 106

Houston, TX 77041

(713) 466-6304

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Web: www.familytofamilynetwork.org

Texas—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals of Greater Dallas

Elizabeth A. Hart, President/CEO

3820 W. Northwest Highway, Suite 100

Dallas, TX 75220

(214) 366-4201; (800) 580-4718

Web: www.easterseals.com

Easter Seals Epilepsy Services

Easter Seals Greater Northwest Texas

508 S. Adams Street, Suite 200

Ft. Worth, TX 76104

(817) 536-8693; (888) 288-8324 (in TX)

E-mail: mail@easterseals-fw.org

Web: www.easterseals-fw.org

Texas Advocates Supporting Kids with Disabilities (TASK)

P.O. Box 162685

Austin, TX 78716

(512) 336-0897 (V or Fax)

E-mail: ASKTASK@aol.com

Web: www.main.org/task/index.htm

Disability Policy Consortium

7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 171-E

Austin, TX 78757

(512) 454-4816 (V/TTY)

E-mail: dpctexas@advocacyinc.org

Web: www.dpctexas.org

Independent Living

Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC)

Ted Thayer, Executive Director

5555 N. Lamar, Suite K103

P.O. Box 9879

Austin, TX 78766

(512) 371-7353; (817) 371-7353

E-mail: texsilc@texas.net

Web: www.texsilc.org

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www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

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State Department of Education: Special Education

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<http://schools.utah.gov/fsp/>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2 Years

BabyWatch

Early Intervention Program

Susan Ord, EIP Director

Utah Department of Health

P.O. Box 144720

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4720

(801) 584-8226; (800) 961-4226

E-mail: sord@utah.gov

Web: www.utahbabywatch.org

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Utah State Office of Education

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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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Web: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Preschool.aspx>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

Blaine Petersen, Executive Director

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Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4200

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State Mental Health Agency

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Salt Lake City, UT 84103

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Services for People With Disabilities

Department of Human Services

Dr. Fran Morse, Director

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(801) 538-4200

E-mail: fmorse@utah.gov

Web: www.hsdspd.state.ut.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Utah Governor's Council for People With Disabilities

Dr. Alison Lozano, Executive Director

155 South 300 West, Suite 100

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

(801) 533-3965

E-mail: alozano@utah.gov

Web: www.gcpd.org

Protection and Advocacy Agencies

Disability Law Center

Fraser Nelson, Executive Director

205 North 400 West

Salt Lake City, UT 84103

(801) 363-1347; (800) 662-9080 (in UT) (V/TTY)

E-mail: info@disabilitylawcenter.org

Web: www.disabilitylawcenter.org

Native American Protection and Advocacy Project

Therese E. Yanan, Director

3535 E. 30th Street, Suite 201

Farmington, NM 87402

(505) 566-5880; (800) 862-7271

E-mail: cjohn@dnalegalservices.org

Web: www.dnalegalservices.org

Native American Protection and Advocacy Project

P.O. Box 3539

Tuba City, AZ 86045

(928) 283-3208; (877) 283-3208

E-mail: franl@dnalegalservices.org

Web: www.dnalegalservices.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Nancy Friel, Director

Contact Disability Law Center, under Protection and
Advocacy Agencies, listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Care Needs

Dr. Fan Tait, Bureau Director

Utah Department of Health

Community and Family Health Services

44 North Medical Drive

P.O. Box 144610

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4610

(801) 584-8240; (800) 829-8200

E-mail: ftait@utah.gov

Web: <http://health.utah.gov/cfhs>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Utah CHIP

P.O. Box 143107

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-3107

(877) KIDS-NOW

Email: chip@utah.gov

Web: <http://health.utah.gov/chip/>

Services for Children With Birth Defects

Utah Birth Defect Network

Amy Nance, Study Coordinator

Department of Health

P.O. Box 144697

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4697

(801) 257-0566, ext. 201

E-mail: aenance@utah.gov

Web: <http://health.utah.gov/birthdefect>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Bill Gibson, Director

250 North 1950 West, Suite B

Salt Lake City, UT 84116-7902

(801) 323-4343

E-mail: bgibson@utah.gov

Web: www.usor.state.ut.us/services.html

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 629-4700 (V); (801) 624-4701 (TTY)

Web: www.usdb.org

State Deafblind Project

Darla Fowers, Project Director

742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 629-4732; (801) 629-4701 (TTY)

E-mail: darlaf@usdb.org

Web: www.usdb.org/dbs/home.htm

Programs for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Utah Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Marilyn Call, Executive Director

Utah State Office of Rehabilitation

5709 South 1500 West

Salt Lake City, UT 84123

(801) 263-4860 (V/TTY)

(800) 860-4860 (V/TTY, in UT only)

Web: www.usor.state.ut.us/dsdhh/dsdhh.html

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(888) 735-5906 (V)

(800) 346-4128 (V/TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 346-4128 (TTY)

(888) 346-5822 (Speech to Speech)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Rocky Mountain Disability and Business Technical
Assistance Center

Patrick Going, Director

3630 Sinton Road, Suite 103

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

(719) 444-0268 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: rmdbtac@mtc-inc.com

Web: www.adainformation.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center for Persons with Disabilities

Dr. Sarah Rule, Director

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Logan, UT 84322-6800

(435) 797-1987

E-mail: sarah.rule@usu.edu

Web: www.cpd.usu.edu

Technology-Related Assistance

Utah Assistive Technology Program

Center for Persons with Disabilities

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6855 Old Main Hill

Logan, UT 84322-6855

(435) 797-3824

E-mail: meblair@cc.usu.edu

Web: www.uatpat.org

Utah Center for Assistive Technology

500 South 1595 West

Salt Lake City, UT 84104-5238

(801) 887-9500 (V/TTY); (888) 866-5550

Web: www.usor.state.ut.us

State Mediation System

Utah State Office of Education

Karen Kowalski

250 East 500 South

P.O. Box 144200

Salt Lake City, UT 84114

(801) 538-7568

E-mail: kkowalsk@usoe.k12.ut.us

Web: www.usoe.k12.ut.us

Special Format Library

Program for the Blind and Disabled

Utah State Library Division

Gerald A. Buttars, Librarian

250 North 1950 West, Suite A

Salt Lake City, UT 84116-7901

(801) 715-6789; (800) 662-5540 (in UT)

(800) 453-4293 (all states, except Utah)

(801) 715-6721 (TTY)

E-mail: blind@utah.gov

Web: <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov/index.html>

Utah—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Utah, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Information Resources at the Utah Parent Center

Kim Moody, Executive Director

2290 East 4500 South, Suite 110

Salt Lake City, UT 84117

(801) 272-1051; (800) 468-1160 (V/TTY)

Web: www.utahparentcenter.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–West

Gil Johnson, Director

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Utah, Inc.

Ron Roskos, Executive Director

1800 South West Temple, Suite 203

Salt Lake City, UT 84115

(801) 484-2240; (800) 281-8442 (in UT)

E-mail: biau@sisna.com

Web: www.biau.org

Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy of Utah

Shelly Petty, Executive Director

3550 South 700 West

Salt Lake City, UT 84119

(801) 266-8031; (888) UCP-UTAH

E-mail: shellyp@ucputah.org

Web: www.ucputah.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Association of Utah

275 E. South Temple, Suite 200

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

(801) 534-0210

E-mail: info@epilepsyut.org

Web: www.epilepsyut.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Utah

Debbie McInelly, President

P. O. Box 900726

Sandy, UT 84090-0726

(801) 553-9156

E-mail: rdmcinelly@emcity.net

Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Utah

Dr. Mack Gift, Executive Director

1800 South West Temple, Suite 501

Salt Lake City, UT 84115

(801) 596-3705

E-mail: mhaut@xmission.com

Allies with Families

Lori Cerar, Executive Director

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North Salt Lake, UT 84054

(801) 292-2515; (877) 477-0764

E-mail: awfamilies@msn.com

NAMI-Utah

Vickie Cottrell, Executive Director

309 East 100 South

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

(801) 323-9900

E-mail: vicki@namiut.org

Web: www.namiut.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Utah

Donna Gleaves, Executive Director

155 South 300 West, Suite 201

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

(801) 364-5060; (800) 371-5060 (in UT)

E-mail: donna@arcutah.org

Web: www.arcutah.org

Special Health Care Needs

Family Voices of Utah

Gina Pola-Money, State Coordinator

2290 East 4500 South #110

Salt Lake City, UT 84117

(801) 631-1609

E-mail: utahfamilyvoices@juno.com

Web: www.familyvoices.org

Speech and Hearing

Utah Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Cheryl Orme, President

1379 31st Street

Ogden, UT 84403

(801) 402-5477

Web: www.ushaonline.net/

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Utah

P.O. Box 27801

Salt Lake City, UT 84127

(801) 561-5268

Utah—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Utah Parent Center

Helen Post, Executive Director

Jennie Gibson, Associate Director

2290 East 4500 South, Suite 110

Salt Lake City, UT 84117

(801) 272-1051 (V/TTY); (800) 468-1160 (in UT)

E-mail: info@utahparentcenter.org

Web: www.utahparentcenter.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers

JoAnn Neilson, President

5192 S. Greenpine Drive

Salt Lake City, UT 84123

(801) 261-3100; (866) 782-8824

E-mail: kids@utahpta.org

Web: www.utahpta.org

Other Parent Organization

State Family Council of Utah

Phoebe Blackham, Executive Director

698 Ridge Lane

Alpine, UT 84004

(877) 352-2221

E-mail: information@statefamilycouncil.org

Web: www.statefamilycouncil.org

Utah—Other Disability Organizations

Access Utah Network (statewide information and referral for disability issues)

Mark Smith, Information Specialist

155 South 300 West, Suite 100

Salt Lake City, UT 84102

(801) 533-4636 (SLC area); (800) 333-8824 (outside SLC)

E-mail: accessut@utah.gov

Web: www.accessut.org

Easter Seals Utah

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(801) 486-3778 (V/TTY); (800) 388-1991 (in UTAH)

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Web: www.eastersealsutah.org

Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities

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Salt Lake City, UT 84111-1268

(801) 363-3300

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Art Access/VSA Arts of Utah

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Salt Lake City, UT 84101

(801) 328-0703 (V/TTY)

E-mail: ruth@accessart.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in Utah, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Utah, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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State Department of Education: Special Education

Student Support Services

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Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

(802) 828-2755

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Children’s Integrated Services

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103 South Main Street, DCF -2 North

Waterbury, VT 05671

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IDEA_Part_C_early_intervention](http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/IDEA_Part_C_early_intervention)

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Special Education Unit

Department of Education

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Web: <http://education.vermont.gov/special-education>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Vocational Rehabilitation Division

Diane Dalmasse, Director

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Agency of Human Services

103 S. Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05671-2303

(802) 241-2186

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Web: www.vocrehabvermont.org

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120 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05620

(802) 828-5110

E-mail: mlferguson@doe.state.vt.us

Web: www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm_sped.html#links

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Vocational Education for Disadvantaged and Handicapped
Programs

Department of Education

Ruth Durkee, Special Needs Consultant

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Montpelier, VT 05620

(802) 828-3101

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State Developmental & Mental Health Services

Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services

Agency of Human Services

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Waterbury, VT 05671-1601

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Web: www.state.vt.us/dmh/

State Developmental Services Program

Division of Developmental Services

Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services

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Waterbury, VT 05671-1601

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E-mail: twood@ddmhs.state.vt.us

Web: www.state.vt.us/dmh

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

103 S. Main Street, North 1

Waterbury, VT 05671-0206

(802) 241-2612 (V/TTY)

E-mail: vtddc@ahs.state.vt.us

Web: www.ahs.state.vt.us/vtddc

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Disability Law Project

Nancy Breiden, Director

57 N. Main Street

Rutland, VT 05701

(802) 775-0021; (800) 769-7459 (V/TTY)

(800) 889-2047 (state office)

E-mail: nbreiden@vtlegalaid.org

Web: www.vtlegalaid.org

Vermont Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

Ed Paquin, Executive Director

141 Main Street, Suite 7

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 229-1355; (800) 834-7890 (in VT)

E-mail: info@vtpa.org

Web: www.vtpa.org

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

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St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

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E-mail: kcolgrove@vtlegalaid.org

Web: www.vtlegalaid.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Needs

Department of Health

Carol Hassler, MD, Director

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Burlington, VT 05402

(802) 863-7338

E-mail: chassle@vdh.state.vt.us

Web: www.state.vt.us/health/hi/cshn/cshn.htm

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Dave Yacovone, Commissioner

103 S. Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05671

(802) 871-3385

Web: http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/ltc_medicaid

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Department of Aging and Disabilities

Agency of Human Services

Fred Jones, Director

103 S. Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05671-2304

(802) 241-2132

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Web: www.dad.state.vt.us/dbvi/

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Rene' Pellerin, Coordinator of Services for the Deaf

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Waterbury, VT 05671-2303

(802) 241-2186 (V/TTY); (802) 241-2199 (TTY)

E-mail: rene@dad.state.vt.us

Web: www.vocrehabvermont.org

Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Ed Peltier, Executive Director

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Brattleboro, VT 05301

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Web: www.austine.pvt.k12.vt.us

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Web: www.state.vt.us/educ

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 253-0195 (V)

(800) 253-0191 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech-English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech-Spanish)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

New England ADA and Accessible IT Center

Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.

Valerie Fletcher, Executive Director

Oce Harrison, Project Director

374 Congress Street, Suite 301

Boston, MA 02210

(800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adaptive@adaptenv.org

Web: www.adaptenv.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center on Disability and Community Inclusion

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities Education, Research, and Service

Chigee Cloninger, Executive Director

University of Vermont

208 Colchester Avenue

Burlington, VT 05405-1757

(802) 656-4031 (V/TTY)

E-mail: chigee.cloninger@uvm.edu

Web: www.uvm.edu/~cdci

Technology-Related Assistance

Vermont Assistive Technology Project

Julie Tucker, Director

103 South Main Street, Weeks Building

Waterbury, VT 05671-2305

(802) 241-2620 (V/TTY)

E-mail: jtucker@dad.state.vt.us

Web: www.vocrehabvermont.org

State Mediation System

Vermont Department of Education

Susan Boyd, Coordinator

120 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

(802) 828-3136

E-mail: Sboyd@doe.state.vt.us

Web: www.state.vt.us/educ/

Special Format Library

Vermont Department of Libraries

Special Services Unit

S. Francis Woods, Librarian

578 Paine Turnpike North

Berlin, VT 05602

(802) 828-3273; (800) 479-1711

E-mail: ssu@dol.state.vt.us

Vermont—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Vermont, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Vermont

Lisa W. Lawlor, Director

P.O. Box 978

White River Junction, VT 05001

(802) 457-3764; (800) 559-7398

Web: www.autism-info.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind

Regina Genwright, Director of Information Center

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7658; (212) 502-7662 (TTY)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Steve Pouliot, Executive Director

37 Elmwood Avenue

Burlington, VT 05401

(802) 863-1358; (800) 639-5861

E-mail: general@vabvi.org

Web: www.vabvi.org/

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Vermont

James Vyhnak, Executive Director

8 Mountain Street

Bristol, VT 05443

(802) 453-6456

E-mail: biavt@aol.com

Web: www.biavt.org

Cerebral Palsy

Association for Cerebral Palsy

James Lund, Executive Director

73 Main Street, Room 17

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 223-5161

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Network of Vermont

Jeneane Lunn

7 Center Street

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 223-0113; (802) 223-6149

E-mail: cvarc@adelphia.net

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont

Audrey Butler, Executive Director

P.O. Box 6292

Rutland, VT 05702

(802) 775-1686

E-mail: epilepsy@sover.net

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Vermont

Christina Thurston

P.O. Box 1041

Manchester Center, VT 05255

(802) 362-3127

E-mail: chthurston@juno.com

New Hampshire Branch of the International Dyslexia
Association

(also serving Vermont and Maine)

Mike Angwin and Caryl Patten, Co-Presidents

P.O. Box 3724

Concord, NH 03302

(603) 229-7355

E-mail: referralsVermont@nhida.org

Web: www.nhida.org

Mental Health

To identify an NMHA chapter in Vermont contact

National Mental Health Association (NMHA)

1021 Prince Street

Alexandria, VA 22314-2971

(800) 969-6642

Web: www.nmha.org

NAMI Vermont

Clare Munat, President

132 S. Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05676

(802) 244-1396; (800) 639-6480

E-mail: namivt@adelphia.net

Web: www.namivt.org

Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

Lisa Conlan, Executive Director

P.O. Box 607

Montpelier, VT 05601-0607

(802) 223-4917; (800) 639-6071 (Families only)

E-mail: VFFCMH@together.net

Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

ARC of Vermont

David Wallace, Executive Director

346 Shelburne Road

Burlington, VT 05401

(802) 846-7291

E-mail: info@arcvermont.org

Web: www.arcvermont.org

Central Vermont Arc

James Lund, Executive Director

73 Main Street, Suite 17

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 223-6149

E-mail: cvarc@adelphia.net

Speech and Hearing

Vermont Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Patti Taffel, President

64 West Road

Barre, VT 05641

(802) 479-2109

E-mail: ptaffel@helicon.net

Vermont—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Vermont Parent Information Center

Connie Curtin, Director

Chace Mill

1 Mill Street, Suite 310

Burlington, VT 05401

(802) 658-5315 (V/TTY); (800) 639-7170 (in VT)

E-mail: vpic@vtpic.com

Web: www.vtpic.com

Parent-To-Parent

Parent-to-Parent Program of Vermont

Nancy DiVenere, Director

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240

Williston, VT 05495

(800) 800-4005, ext. 26

E-mail: p2pvt@partoparvt.org

Web: www.partoparvt.org

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Vermont Congress of Parents and Teachers

Holly Hall, President

P.O. Box 284

Richmond, VT 05477

(802) 893-0782

E-mail: vt_office@pta.org

Web: www.vermontpta.org

Vermont—Other Disability Organizations

Addison County Parent Child Center

Donna Bailey and Susan Harding, Co-Directors

P.O. Box 646

Middleburg, VT 05753

(802) 388-3171

Web: www.sover.net/~thepcc

Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights

Peter Youngbaer, Executive Director

73 Main Street, Suite 402

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 223-6140

E-mail: VCDR@sover.net

VSA Arts of Vermont

Alex Chirelstein, Executive Director

The Woolen Mill

20 W. Canal Street, Suite 7

Winooski, VT 05404

(802) 655-7772

E-mail: info@vsavt.org

Web: www.vsavt.org

Independent Living

Vermont Center for Independent Living

Deborah Lisi-Baker, Executive Director

11 E. State Street

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 229-0501; (800) 639-1522 (V/TTY)

E-mail: vcil@vcil.org

Web: www.vcil.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Vermont, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Virgin Islands—Agencies and Organizations

U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Donna Christian-Christensen

1711 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

(202) 225-1790

Web: www.house.gov/christian-christensen/

Governor

John P. de Jongh, Jr.

Government House

21-22 Kongens Gade

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 774-0001

Web: www.vinow.com/

Department of Education: Special Education

State Office of Special Education

Belinda W. O’Neal, State Director

Special Education/Department of Education

44-46 Kongens Gade

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 774-4399

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Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–3
Years

Infant and Toddlers Program

Nona McCray, Acting Part C Coordinator

Department of Health

Elaineco Complex #78-1, 2, 3

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 777-8804

E-mail: nona.mccray@doh.vi.gov; nona.mccray@usvi-doh.org

Web: <http://www.healthvi.org/programs/family-health/infants-toddlers/index.html>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

State Office of Special Education

Jill Singer, Director

Office of Special Education

1834 Kongens Gade

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 776-5802

E-mail: jsinger@doe.vi

Web: <http://www.healthvi.org/programs/family-health/infants-toddlers/index.html>

Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitation
Services

Beverly Plaskett, Administrator

Department of Human Services

Knud Hansen Complex, Building A

1303 Hospital Ground

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 774-0930, ext. 4190

Office of Coordinator of Vocational Education for Students
With Disabilities

Vocational, Technical and Adult Education

Anna L. Lewis, State Director

Department of Education

44-46 Kongens Gade

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 776-3484; (340) 776-3488 (Fax)

Mental Health Agency

Division of Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Dependency
Services

Dr. Celia Victor, Director

Barbel Plaza South, 2nd Floor

St. Thomas, VI 00801

(340) 774-4882

Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Division of Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Dependency
Services

Dr. Celia Victor, Director

Barbel Plaza South, 2nd Floor

St. Thomas, VI 00801

(340) 774-4882

Monitoring and Improvement Planning

Office of Special Education

Department of Education

Dolores Clendinen, Disabilities Compliance Manager

44-46 Kongens Gade

Charlotte Amalie

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(340) 774-4399

E-mail: dclendinen@usviosep.org

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Division of Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitation
Services

Department of Human Services

Beverly Plaskett, Administrator

Knud Hansen Complex, Building A

1303 Hospital Ground

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 774-0930, ext. 4190

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Virgin Islands Advocacy, Inc.

Amelia Headley-LaMont, Executive Director

63 Estate Carlton

Fredericksted, St. Croix, VI 00840

(340) 772-1200; (340) 772-4641 (TTY)

(340) 772-0609 (Fax)

E-mail: info@viadvocacy.org

Web: www.viadvocacy.org

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Maternal Child Health and Children with Special Health Care
Needs Program

C. Patricia Penn, RN, Assistant Director

Department of Health

Estate Contant, Elainco Building

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 776-3580

E-mail: cppenn@earthlink.net

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of
Hearing

State Office of Special Education

Belinda W. O'Neal, State Director

Special Education/Department of Education

44-46 Kongens Gade

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 774-4399

E-mail: bwoneal@usviosep.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech-English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech-Spanish)

Regional ADA Technical Assistance Agency

Northeast ADA & IT Center

Andrea Haenlin-Mott, Director

Cornell University

331 Ives Hall

Ithaca, NY 14853

(607) 255-6686 (V/TTY/Spanish); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY/
Spanish)

E-mail: northeastada@cornell.edu

Web: www.ilr.cornell.edu/ped/northeastada

University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Dr. Yegin Habtes, PhD, Executive Director

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St. Thomas, VI 00802-9990

(340) 693-1323

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Mediation System

State Office of Special Education

Special Education/Department of Education

Belinda W. O'Neal, State Director

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Virgin Islands—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI)

VIFIND

Catherine Rehema Glenn, Executive Director

2 Nye Gade

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 774-1662

E-mail: vifind@islands.vi

Web: www.taalliance.org/ptis/vifind/

Virgin Islands Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities

Rosemary J. Sumas, Executive Director

P.O. Box 9500

St. Thomas, VI 00801

(340) 776-1277

E-mail: DAR@viaccess.net

Assistive and Adaptive Computer Technology for the Disabled

Shirley Joseph, Executive Director

Virgin Islands Resource Center for the Disabled, Inc.

P.O. Box 308427

St. Thomas, VI 00803-8427

(340) 777-2253

E-mail: VIRCD@islands.vi

Web: www.vircd.org

Community Parent Resource Center

Country/Hills Project

Catherine Rehema Glenn, Program Director

#2 Nye Gade

St. Thomas, VI 00802

(340) 774-1662

E-mail: vifind@islands.vi

Web: www.taalliance.org/ptis/vifind/

Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC)

Virgin Islands Parents Uniting Schools and Home

Sandra G. Phaire, Project Director

P.O. Box 24325

Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00824

(340) 692-2323

(340) 714-1395 (St. Thomas)

E-mail: vipush2002@yahoo.com

E-mail: vipush@vipowernet.com

Virgin Islands—Other Disability Organizations

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in the Virgin Islands, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in the Virgin Islands, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

VIRGINIA

Virginia—State Agencies and Organizations

United States Senators

Honorable Tim Kaine (D)

388 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4024

(202) 224-6295 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://warner.senate.gov/contact/contactme.cfm>

Web: <http://warner.senate.gov>

Honorable George Allen (R)

204 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-4024; (202) 224-6755 (TTY)

(202) 224-5432 (Fax)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.kaine.senate.gov/contact>

Web: <http://www.kaine.senate.gov/>

United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Terry McAuliffe

State Capitol, 3rd Floor

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 786-2211; (804) 371-6351 (Fax)

(804) 371-8015 (TTY)

E-mail Web Form: <https://governor.virginia.gov//constituent-services/Communicating-with-the-governors-office>

Web: www.governor.virginia.gov/

Official State Web Site

Web: www.vipnet.org/cmsportal/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Division of Special Education and Student Services

Department of Education

John Eisenberg, Assistant Superintendent

P.O. Box 2120

Richmond, VA 23218-2120

(804) 786-8079; (800) 292-3820

E-mail: John.Eisenberg@doe.virginia.gov

Web: http://www.pen.k12.va.us/special_ed/index.shtml

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

Virginia was granted an extended waiver from the NCLB program.

Dr. Sandra E. Ruffin, Director

Division of Special Education & Student Services

Virginia Department of Education

P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218

(804) 225-2768

Email: Sandra.Ruffin@doe.virginia.gov

Web: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/federal_programs/index.shtml

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–3 Years

Office of Mental Retardation Services

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

David K. Mills, Manager

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, VA 23218

(804) 371-6593

(800) 234-1448 (Central Directory for Early Intervention Services)

E-mail: david.mills@dbhds.virginia.gov

Web: www.infantva.org

Office of Mental Retardation Services

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Catherine Hancock, Part C Coordinator

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, VA 23218

(804) 371-6592

E-mail: Catherine.Hancock@dbhds.virginia.gov

Web: www.infantva.org

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 2–5 Years

Division of Special Education and Instructional Services

Department of Education

Phyllis Mondak

P.O. Box 2120

Richmond, VA 23218-2120

(804) 225-2675; (800) 292-3820

E-mail: pmondak@mail.vak12ed.edu

Web: www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/sess

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

Erica A. Lovelace, Education Services Manager

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

P. O. Box K300

Richmond, VA 23288-0300

(804) 662-7000; (804) 662-7081

(800) 552-5019; (800) 464-9950 (TTY)

E-mail: drs@drs.state.va.us

E-mail: lovelaea@drs.state.va.us

Web: www.vadrs.org

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Office of Career and Technical Education Services

Winona Barnstein, Division Secretary

Department of Education

P.O. Box 2120

Richmond, VA 23218-2120

(804) 225-2757

E-mail: Winona.Barnstein@doe.virginia.gov

Web: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/career_technical/

Office of Career and Technical Education Services

Lan Neugent, Assistant Superintendent

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P.O. Box 2120

Richmond, VA 23218-2120

(804) 225-2757

E-mail: Lan.Neugent@doe.virginia.gov

Web: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/career_technical/

State Mental Health Agency

Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services

Debra Ferguson, PhD, MD, Commissioner

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 786-3921

E-mail: jreinhard@dmhmrsas.state.va.us

Web: www.dmhmrsas.state.va.us

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Child and Adolescent Services

Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services

Pamela Fitzgerald Cooper, Director

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, VA 23218-1797

(804) 371-2183

E-mail: pcooper@dmhmrsas.state.va.us

Web: www.dmhmrzas.state.va.us

State Health Department: Child and Adolescent Health

Division of Child and Adolescent Health

Joanne S. Boise, Director

Virginia Department of Health

109 Governor Street, Eighth Floor

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 864-7688

E-mail: joanne.boise@vdh.virginia.gov

Web: www.vahealth.org/childadolescenthealth/index.htm

State Mental Retardation Program

Office of Mental Retardation Services

Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services

Frank L. Tetrick, III, Associate Commissioner

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 786-1746

E-mail: FTetrick@dmhmrsas.state.va.us

Web: www.dmhmrsas.state.va.us

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Virginia Board for People with Disabilities

Heidi Lawyer, Director

Ninth Street Office Building

202 N. Ninth Street, 9th Floor

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 786-0016 (V/TTY); (800) 846-4464 (in VA)

Web: www.vaboard.org

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA)

V. Colleen Miller, Director

1910 Byrd Avenue, Suite 5

Richmond, VA 23230

(804) 225-2042 (V/TTY); (800) 552-3962 (in VA)

Web: www.vopa.state.va.us/

Client Assistance Program

Contact Protection and Advocacy Agency listed above.

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Care Needs Program

Nancy Bullock, RN, MPH, Director

Division of Child and Adolescent Health

Virginia Department of Health

109 Governor Street

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 864-7685

E-mail: nancy.bullock@vdh.virginia.gov

Web: www.vahealth.org/specialchildren/index.htm

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

FAMIS

P.O. Box 1820

Richmond, VA 23218-1820

(866) 873-2647

Web: www.famis.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or Deaf-Blind

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Joseph A. Bowman, Commissioner

Glen R. Slonneger, Director, Education Services

397 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227-3600

(804) 371-3140

E-mail: slonnegr@dbvi.state.va.us

Web: www.vdbvi.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Ronald L. Lanier, Director

Ratcliffe Building, Suite 203

1602 Rolling Hills Drive

Richmond, VA 23229-5012

(804) 662-9502 (V/TTY); (800) 552-7917 (V/TTY)

E-mail: DDHHInfo@ddhh.state.va.us

Web: www.vddhh.org

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 828-1140 (V)

(800) 828-1120 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech-English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech-Spanish)

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

ADA and IT Information Center

Marian Vessels, Director

451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 607

Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 217-0124 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: adainfo@transcen.org

Web: www.adainfo.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Partnership for People with Disabilities

Dr. Fred P. Orelove, Executive Director

Virginia Commonwealth University

700 E. Franklin Street, 10th Floor

P.O. Box 843020

Richmond, VA 23284-3020

(804) 828-3876 (V/TTY); (800) 828-1120

E-mail: forelove@mail11.vcu.edu

Web: www.vcu.edu/partnership

Technology-Related Assistance

Virginia Assistive Technology System

Kenneth Knorr, Project Director

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

P.O. Box K300

Richmond, VA 23288-0300

(804) 662-9990; (800) 552-5019 (in VA only)

E-mail: knorrkh@drs.state.va.us

Web: www.vats.org

State Mediation System

Mediation

Arthur Stewart, Coordinator

Virginia Department of Education

P.O. Box 2120

Richmond, VA 23218-2120

(804) 786-0711

E-mail: astewart@mail.vak12ed.edu

Web: www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/sess

Special Format Library

Virginia Library and Resource Center

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Barbara McCarthy, Director

395 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227-3633

(804) 371-3661 (V/TTY); (800) 552-7015 (V/TTY)

E-mail: mccartbn@dvh.state.va.us

Web: www.vdbvi.org/

Virginia—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Virginia, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Commonwealth Autism Service

John Toscano, Executive Director

2201 W. Broad Street, Suite 107

Richmond, VA 23220

(804) 355-0300; (800) 649-8481

E-mail: information@autismva.org

Web: www.autismva.org

Virginia Autism Resource Center

Carol Schall, Executive Director

P.O. Box 2500

Winchester, VA 22604

1-877-667-7771; (540) 542-1723

E-mail: info@varc.org

Web: www.varc.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind-National Literacy Center

Frances Mary D'Andrea, Director

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Virginia

Harry Weinstock, Executive Director

3212 Cutshaw Avenue, Suite 315

Richmond, VA 23230

(804) 355-5748; (800) 334-8443 (in VA)

E-mail: info@biav.net

Web: www.biav.net

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy of Virginia

Kathy Prendergast, Executive Director

5825 Arrowhead Drive, Suite 201

Virginia Beach, VA 23462

(757) 497-7474

E-mail: cerebralpalsy@cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org

Web: www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org/

Deafness/Hard of Hearing

Virginia Association of the Deaf

Bennie Lacks, President

2521 Malden Avenue

Norfolk, VA 23518

(757) 587-9555; (757) 587-9729 (Video phone)

E-mail: lacksb@cox.net

Web: www.vad.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia

Suzanne Bischoff, Executive Director

UVA Medical Center

P.O. Box 800659

Charlottesville, VA 22908

(434) 924-8669 (Charlottesville); (804) 796-9935 (Richmond)

(757) 478-0983 (Tidewater); (800) 332-1000 (National Answer Place line)

E-mail: epi@avenue.org

Web: www.efva.org

Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region

Robin Lincoln, Education Coordinator

107 S. West Street, PMB #141

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 862-7549

E-mail: rlincoln@epilepsy-foundation.org

Web: www.epilepsy-foundation.org

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Virginia

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4324 Fordham Road

Richmond, VA 23236

(804) 745-9325

E-mail: info@ldavirginia.org

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Mental Health

Mental Health Association of Virginia

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Richmond, VA 23219

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Web: www.mhav.org

NAMI Virginia

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Richmond, VA 23218-1903

(804) 225-8264; (888) 486-8264

E-mail: vaami@aol.com

Web: www.namivirginia.org

Parents and Children Coping Together

Joyce Kube, Executive Director

P.O. Box 26691

Richmond, VA 23261-6691

(804) 559-6833; (800) 477-0946 (in VA)

E-mail: pacct@infionline.net

Web: www.pacct.net/

Mental Retardation

The Arc of Virginia

Teja Stokes, Executive Director

2025 E. Main Street, Suite 120

Richmond, VA 23223

(804) 649-8481; (888) 604-2677

E-mail: tstokes@arcofva.org

Web: www.arcofva.org

Speech and Hearing

Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia, Inc.

Mary Jo Grote, President

P.O. Box 76

Basye, VA 22810

(540) 856-2111; (800) 487-4637

E-mail: gnmm@lbjlimited.com

Web: www.shav.org

Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome Association of Greater Washington

Lyn Mox, Executive Director

33 University Boulevard East

Silver Spring, MD 20901-2485

(301) 681-4133; (877) 295-2148

E-mail: TSAGW@aol.com

Web: www.TSAGW.org

Virginia—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)

Cherie Takemoto, Executive Director

6320 Augusta Drive, Suite 1200

Springfield, VA 22150

(703) 923-0010; (800) 869-6782 (in VA)

(804) 819-1999 (Richmond)

(703) 569-6200 (en Español)

E-mail: partners@peatc.org

Web: www.peatc.org/

Community Parent Resource Center

PADDA Community Parent Resource Center (serving the
Hampton Roads and Tidewater Area)

Mark Jacob, Executive Director

813 Forrest Drive, Suite 3

Newport News, VA 23606

(888) 337-2332; (757) 591-9119

E-mail: hmathews@padda.org

Web: www.padda.org

Parent Resource Center

Division of Special Education and Student Services

Virginia Department of Education

Judy Hudgins, Specialist

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Richmond, VA 23218-2120

(800) 422-2083; (804) 371-7420/7421

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Web: www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/sess

Parent-To-Parent

Parent to Parent of Virginia

Dana Yarbrough, Executive Director

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Richmond, VA 23231

(804) 222-1945

E-mail: PTPofVA@aol.com

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Virginia PTA

Ramona Morrow, President

1027 Wilmer Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227

(804) 264-1234

E-mail: info@vapta.org

Web: www.vapta.org

Virginia—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Virginia

Melissa Hays-Smith, President

201 E. Main Street

Salem, VA 24153

(540) 777-7325; (800) 365-1656 (in VA)

E-mail: info@va.easter-seals.org

Web: www.va.easterseals.com

VSA Arts of Virginia

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P.O. Box 27862

Richmond, VA 23861

(804) 230-0246

E-mail: Ngray.vsav@plantzero.com

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Virginia, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Virginia, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

WASHINGTON

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United States Senators

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154 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-2621

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E-mail Web Form: <http://murray.senate.gov/email/index.cfm>

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To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

Governor

Honorable Jay Inslee

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E-mail Web Form: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/default.asp>

Web: www.governor.wa.gov/

Official State Web Site

Web: <http://access.wa.gov/>

State Department of Education: Special Education

Special Education Section

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

600 Washington Street SE

Olympia, WA 98504

(360) 725-6075

E-mail Web Form: <https://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/ContactUs.aspx>

Web: <https://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/default.aspx>

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

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Olympia, WA 98504-7200

(360) 725-6234

Web: <http://www.k12.wa.us/>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–2
Years

Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program

Department of Early Learning

Early Support for Infant and Toddlers Program

Karen Walker, Program Administrator

PO Box 40970

Olympia, WA 98504

(360) 725-3516

E-mail: karen.walker@del.wa.gov

Web: <http://del.wa.gov/development/esit/Default.aspx>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Early Childhood Services

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Valerie Arnold, 619 Coordinator

Special Education Department

Old Capitol Building, 600 Washington Street S.E.

PO Box 47200

(360) 725-6075

E-mail: valerie.arnold@k12.wa.us

Web: <http://www.k12.wa.us/specialed/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Department of Social and Health Services

Michael O'Brien, Director

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Olympia, WA 98504-5340

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Web: www1.dshs.wa.gov/dvr

Coordinator for Transition Services

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Seattle University

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Seattle, WA 98122

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Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Career and Technical Education

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Olympia, WA 98504-7200

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Web: www.k12.wa.us/careerteched

State Mental Health Agency

Mental Health Division

Department of Social and Health Services

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Olympia, WA 98504-5320

(360) 902-0790

Web: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/mh_information.shtml

State Developmental Disabilities Program

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Department of Social and Health Services

Linda Rolfe, Director

P.O. Box 45310

Olympia, WA 98504-5310

(360) 902-8484

Web: www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities Council

Ed Holen, Director

2600 Martin Way East, Suite F

P.O. Box 48314

Olympia, WA 98504-8314

(360) 586-3558; (800) 634-4473 (V/TTY)

E-mail: EdH@cted.wa.gov

Web: www.ddc.wa.gov

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Washington Protection and Advocacy System

Mark Stroh, Executive Director

315 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 850

Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 324-1521; (800) 562-2702

E-mail: info@dr-wa.org

Web: <http://www.disabilityrightswa.org>

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

Jerry Johnsen, Director

2531 Rainier Avenue South

Seattle, WA 98144

(206) 721-5999; (800) 544-2121 (in WA)

(888) 721-6072 (TTY)

E-mail: CAPSeattle@att.net

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Care Needs

Community and Family Health

Department of Health

Maria Nardella, Manager

P.O. Box 47880

Olympia, WA 98504-7880

(360) 236-3573

E-mail: maria.nardella@doh.wa.gov

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

The CHIP Program

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

(877) 543-7669

Web: <http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/CHIP/Index.html>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Department of Services for the Blind

Bill Palmer, Executive Director

P.O. Box 40933

Olympia, WA 98504-0933

(360) 725-3830

E-mail: info@dsb.wa.gov

Web: www.dsb.wa.gov

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Eric Raff, Director

P.O. Box 45300

Olympia, WA 98504-5300

(360) 902-8000 (V/TTY); (800) 422-7930 (V/TTY)

E-mail: rafferic@dshs.wa.gov

Web: www.dshs.wa.gov/hrsa/odhh/index.shtml

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 833-6384 (V)

(800) 833-6388 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 833-6385 (Tele-Braille)

(877) 833-6341 (Speech to Speech)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind

Washington State Services for Children with Deaf-Blindness

Kathee K. Scoggin, Co-Director

Nancy Hatfield, Co-Director

400 SW 152nd Street

Burien, WA 98166-2209

(206) 439-6937 (V/TTY); (800) 572-7000 (in WA) (V/TTY)

E-mail: wsds@psed.org

Web: www.wsdsonline.org

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

Northwest ADA & IT Center

Charles E. Davis, Center Coordinator

Oregon Health & Science University-CDRC

P.O. Box 574

Portland, OR 97207-0574

(503) 494-4001; (503) 418-0296 (TTY)

(800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

E-mail: nwada@ohsu.edu

Web: www.nwada.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

Center on Human Development and Disability

Michael Guralnick, Director

University of Washington

Box 357920

Seattle, WA 98195-7920

(206) 543-7701

E-mail: chdd@u.washington.edu

Web: <http://depts.washington.edu/chdd/>

Technology-Related Assistance

Washington Assistive Technology Alliance

Debbie Cook, Project Director

UWCTDS/University of Washington

P.O. Box 357920

Seattle, WA 98195-7920

(206) 685-4181; (800) 214-8731 (I&R)

(206) 616-1396 (TTY)

E-mail: uwat@u.washington.edu

Web: <http://wata.org>

Eastern Assistive Technology Resource Center

West 606 Sharp

Spokane, WA 99201

(509) 328-9350 (V/TTY); (800) 214-8731 (V/TTY)

E-mail: Spokane@wa.easter-seals.org

Web: <http://wata.org/wata/eatrc/index.htm>

State Mediation System

Sound Options Group, LLC

Greg Abell, Coordinator

197 Parfitt Way, Suite 220

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

(206) 842-2298; (800) 692-2590

E-mail: grega@somtg.com

Web: www.soundoptionsgroup.com

Special Format Library

Washington Talking Book and Braille Library

Gloria Leonard, Director

2021 9th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98121-2783

(206) 615-0400; (800) 542-0866

(206) 615-0419 (TTY)

E-mail: wtbbl@wtbbl.org

Web: <http://www.wtbbl.org/>

Washington—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Washington, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070; (800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

E-mail: mail@add.org

Web: www.add.org

Autism

To identify an autism group in Washington, contact

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3-AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—West

Gil Johnson, Director

111 Pine Street, Suite 725

San Francisco, CA 94111

(415) 392-4845

E-mail: sanfran@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Scott Birdwell, Marketing & Communications Assistant

Community Services for the Blind & Partially Sighted

9709 Third Avenue NE, Suite 100

Seattle, WA 98115-2027

(206) 525-5556, ext. 208

Web: www.csbps.com

Web: www.sightconnection.com (Adaptive Aids Store)

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Washington

16315 NE 87th Street, Suite B-4

Redmond, WA 98052-3537

(425) 895-0047; (800) 523-5438 (in WA)

E-mail: biawa@biawa.org

Web: www.biawa.org

Head Injury Support Group

Wanda Godin

St. Peter Hospital

413 Lilly Road NE

Olympia, WA 98506

Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation

Family Educator Partnership Project

The Arc of Washington State

Susan Atkins and Sue Elliott, Co-Directors

2600 Martin Way East, Suite D

Olympia, WA 98506

(360) 357-3279; (888) 754-8798 (in WA)

E-mail: info@arcwa.org

Web: www.arcwa.org

PROVAIL

Michael Hatzenbeler, CEO

3670 Stoneway North

Seattle, WA 98103

(206) 363-7303; (206) 440-2206 (TTY)

Web: www.provail.org

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation of Washington

Brent Herrmann, President/CEO

2311 N 45th St #134

Seattle, Washington 98103-6905

United States

(206) 547-4551

(800) 752-3509

E-mail: mail@epilepsynw.org

Web: <http://www.epilepsynw.org/>

Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Washington

Lee Kueckelhan, President

7819 159th Place NE

Redmond, WA 98052-7301

(425) 882-0792; (800) 536-2343 (Information and referral, in WA)

(425) 882-0820 (Business Line)

Web: www.ldawa.org

Speech and Hearing

Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Jennette Barrow, President

2150 N. 107th Street, Suite 204

Seattle, WA 98133-9009

(206) 367-8704

E-mail: office@wslha.org

Web: www.wslha.org

Washington—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parents Are Vital in Education (PAVE)

Joanne Butts, Executive Director

6316 S. 12th Street, Suite B

Tacoma, WA 98465

(253) 565-2266 (V/TTY); (800) 572-7368 (V/TTY)

E-mail: wapave9@washingtonpave.com

Web: www.washingtonpave.org

Parent-To-Parent

Washington State P2P Programs

Susan Atkins, Coordinator

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4738 172nd Court, SE

Bellevue, WA 98006

(425) 641-7504; (800) 821-5927

E-mail: statep2p@earthlink.net

Web: www.arcwa.org

Community Parent Resource Center

Parent to Parent Power (serving Pierce, North King County
and vicinity)

Yvone Link, Program Director

1118 S. 142nd Street

Tacoma, WA 98444

(253) 531-2022; (253) 531-1146

E-mail: yvone_link@yahoo.com

E-mail: support@p2ppower.org

Web: <http://p2ppower.org>

Partners in Policymaking

Washington Developmental Disabilities Council

Donna Patrick, Program Director

2600 Martin Way E, Suite F

Olympia, WA 98504

(360) 586-3566

E-mail: donnap@cted.wa.gov

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Washington State PTA

Jean Carpenter, Executive Director

2003 65th Avenue West

Tacoma, WA 98466-6215

(253) 565-2153; (800) 562-3804 (in WA only)

E-mail: wapta@wastatepta.org

Web: www.wastatepta.org

Other Parent Organization

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)

PAVE

Heather Hebdon, Program Coordinator

6316 S. 12th Street, Suite B

Tacoma, WA 98465

(253) 565-2266 (V/TTY); (800) 572-7368 (V/TTY)

E-mail: stomp@washingtonpave.com

Web: www.washingtonpave.org

Washington—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals Washington

Garry Wyckoff, President/CEO

521 Second Avenue West

Seattle, WA 98119

(206) 281-5700 (V/TTY); (800) 678-5708

E-mail: esw@seals.org

Web: www.seals.org

The FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) Family Resource
Institute

Jocie Devries, Director

P.O. Box 2525

Lynwood, WA 98036

(253) 531-2878; (800) 999-3429

E-mail: vicfas@hotmail.com

Web: <http://fetalalcoholsyndrome.org>

Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Program

Washington PAVE

Cassie Johnston, Parent Participation Coordinator

6316 S. 12th Street

Tacoma, WA 98465

(360) 701-7012 (V/TTY); (800) 572-7368

(253) 565-2266 (V/TTY)

E-mail: weecare@olywa.net

Web: www.washingtonpave.org

Summit Assistance Dogs

Sue Meinzingler, Director

5458 W. Shore Road

Anacortes, WA 98221

(360) 293-5609

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VSA Arts of Washington

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305 Harrison Street, Suite 303

Seattle, WA 98109

(206) 443-1843

E-mail: info@vsaaw.org

Web: www.vsaaw.org

Washington State Fathers Network

James May, Executive Director

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16120 NE 8th Street

Bellevue, WA 98008-3937

(425) 747-4004, ext. 4286

E-mail: jmay@fathersnetwork.org

Web: www.fathersnetwork.org

Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) in Washington, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Washington, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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306 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

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Web: <http://rockefeller.senate.gov>

United States Representatives

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Governor

Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin

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1900 Kanawha Boulevard

Charleston, WV 25305

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Web: <http://www.governor.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families (Community Voices)

Elizabeth Lovas, Special Assistant

210 Brooks Street, Lee Building, Suite 300

Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 558-0600

Web: www.state.wv.us

Official State Web Site

Web: www.wv.gov/

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office of Special Programs

Patricia Homberg, Executive Director

1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Building 6, Room 304

Charleston, WV 25305-0330

(304) 558-2696

E-mail: phomberg@access.k12.wv.us

Web: <http://wvde.state.wv.us>

State Coordinator for NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

West Virginia was granted a waiver from the NCLB program.

Gayle C. Manchin, President

West Virginia Board of Education

1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Charleston, WV 25305

Web: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/waiver/>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities under
Part C of IDEA: Birth–3 Years

West Virginia Birth to Three

Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health

Bureau of Public Health

Pamela Roush, Director

350 Capitol Street, Room 427

Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 558-5388; (866) 321-4728

E-mail: pam.s.roush@wv.gov

Web: www.wvdhhr.org/birth23

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Office of Special Education

Ginger Huffman, Coordinator

1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Building 6, Room 304

Charleston, WV 25305-0330

(304) 558-2696

E-mail: vhuffman@k12.wv.us

Web: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Division of Rehabilitation Services

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P.O. Box 50890

Charleston, WV 25305-0890

(304) 766-4601

E-mail: janiceh@mail.drs.state.wv.us

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Coordinator for Transition Services

Shana Clay

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1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

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Charleston, WV 25305-0330

(304) 558-3075

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Web: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/ose/>

Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for
Students With Disabilities

Division of Technical and Adult Education Services

West Virginia Department of Education

Dr. Stanley Hopkins, Assistant State Superintendent of
Schools

1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Building 6, Room B-221

Charleston, WV 25305-0330

(304) 558-2349

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Web: <http://wvde.state.wv.us>

State Mental Health Agency

Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities

Department of Health and Human Resources

Nancy Exline, Acting Commissioner

350 Capitol Street, Room 350

Charleston, WV 25301-3702

(304) 356-4521

Web: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/>

State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

Division of Children's Mental Health Services

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Charleston, WV 25301-3702

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State Mental Retardation Program

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities

Department of Health and Human Resources

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Charleston, WV 25301-3702

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council

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Charleston, WV 25387

(304) 558-0416; (304) 558-2376 (TTY)

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Web: <http://www.wv.gov/>

Protection and Advocacy Agency

West Virginia Advocates

1207 Quarrier Street, 4th Floor

Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 346-0847 (V/TTY); (800) 950-5250 (in WV)

E-mail: WVAinfo@wvadvocates.org

Web: www.wvadvocates.org

Client Assistance Program

West Virginia Advocates

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Charleston, WV 25301

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Web: www.wvadvocates.org

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Specialty Care

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Office of Maternal Child and Family Health

Bureau for Public Health

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

350 Capitol Street, Room 427

Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 558-5388

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Web: <http://www.wv.gov/>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

WV CHIP

(877) 982-2447

Web: www.wvchip.org

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Ruth Ann King, Coordinator

Annette Carey, Coordinator

State Capitol Complex

1900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Building 6, Room 863

Charleston, WV 25305-0330

(304) 558-1675; (866) 461-3578

E-mail: wvcdhh@wvdhhr.org

Web: <http://www.wv.gov/>

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 982-8772 (V)

(800) 982-8771 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 229-5746 (Speech to Speech-English)

(866) 260-9470 (Speech to Speech-Spanish)

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually
Impaired

Department of Education

Annette Carey, Coordinator

Office of Special Education

900 Kanawha Boulevard East

Building 6, Room 304

Charleston, WV 25305-0330

(304) 558-2696; (800) 642-8541 (in WV)

E-mail: acarey@access.k12.wv.us

Web: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/ose/>

Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

ADA and IT Information Center for the Mid Atlantic Region

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Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 217-0124 (V/TTY); (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

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University Center for Excellence in Developmental
Disabilities

West Virginia University Center for Excellence in Disabilities

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Technology-Related Assistance

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(304) 766-4600

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State Mediation System

West Virginia Department of Education

Office of Special Education

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Special Format Library

West Virginia Library Commission

Special Libraries-Blind and Physically Handicapped Cultural
Center

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Charleston, WV 25305-0330

(304) 558-4061; (800) 642-8674

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Web: <http://www.librarycommission.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

West Virginia—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

West Virginia CHADD

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Web: <http://www.chadd.org/Support/Directory-Details/id/7D5A7872-3B2D-E311-B849-0050569C00A7.aspx>

Autism

West Virginia Autism Training Center

Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, Director

Marshall University

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Huntington, WV 25755-2430

(304) 696-2332; (800) 344-5115 (in WV)

Web: www.marshall.edu/coe/atc

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–National Literacy Center

Frances Mary D’Andrea, Director

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2303

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of West Virginia, Inc.

Peggy Brown, Executive Director

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Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of West Virginia

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Mental Health

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Speech and Hearing

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Tourette Syndrome

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West Virginia—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

West Virginia Parent Training and Information Project
(WVPTI)

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Clarksburg, WV 26301

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Web: www.wvpti.org

Parent-To-Parent

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Project

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(304) 263-5717

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers

Jenny Raber, President

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Parkersburg, WV 26103-3557

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Web: www.wvpta.net/

Parent-Educator Resource Center

West Virginia Parent-Educator Resource Center (PERC)
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Web: <http://wvde.state.wv.us>

West Virginia—Other Disability Organizations

Easter Seals West Virginia

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West Virginia Family Support Program

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Independent Living

To find out the contact information for the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC) in West Virginia, contact

Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

Web: www.ilru.org

To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in West Virginia, contact

National Council on Independent Living

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 525-3406; (703) 525-4153 (TTY)

E-mail: ncil@ncil.org

Web: www.ncil.org

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Washington, DC 20510

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Washington, DC 20510

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United States Representatives

To find the contact information for your representative in the House of the U.S. Congress, visit the House's Web site at: www.house.gov, or call (202) 225-3121; (202) 225-1904 (TTY).

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Web: <http://walker.wi.gov/>

Official State Web Site

Web: www.wisconsin.gov/state/home/

Governor's Committee for People With Disabilities

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Malika Monger, Staff Support

One W. Wilson Street, Room 518

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 261-7816

Web: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/gcpd.htm>

State Department of Education: Special Education

Division for Learning Support: Equity and Advocacy

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Web: <http://focus-schools.dpi.wi.gov/>

Programs for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities: Birth–3 Years

Division of Disability and Elder Services

Department of Health and Family Services

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Web: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/birthto3/index.htm>

Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

Division for Learning Support: Equity and Advocacy

Department of Public Instruction

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(608) 267-9172; (800) 441-4563

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Website: http://ec.dpi.wi.gov/ec_ecspedhm

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Workforce Development
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P.O. Box 7852

Madison, WI 53707-7852
(608) 261-0050; (800) 442-3477
(608) 266-0283 (TTY)

Web: www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr

Coordinator for Transition Services

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Web: www.wsti.org

Vocational Education for Students With Disabilities

Division for Academic Excellence

Shiela J. Briggs, PhD, Assistant State Superintendent

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Madison, WI 53707-7841

(608) 266-3361; (800) 441-4563

Web: <http://dae.dpi.wi.gov/>

State Mental Health Agency

Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Division of Disability and Elder Services

Department of Health and Family Services

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Madison, WI 53707-7851

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State Children's Services

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Department of Health and Family Services

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State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth

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Web: <http://www.journeymhc.org/>

State Developmental Disabilities Program

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

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Councils on Developmental Disabilities

Wisconsin Board for People With Developmental Disabilities

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Web: <http://www.wi-bpdd.org/>

Protection and Advocacy Agency

Disability Rights Wisconsin

Dan Idzikowski, Executive Director

131 W. Wilson Street, Suite 700

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 267-0368; (800) 928-8778 (in WI only)

E-mail Web Form: <http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/contact-us/secure-email>

Web: <http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>

Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

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Trade and Consumer Protection

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(608) 224-5070; (800) 362-1290 (in WI)

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Web: www.datcp.state.wi.us/

Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

Children's Special Health Care Needs Supervisor

Peggy Helm-Quest, MEd, MHA

Bureau of Community Health and Prevention

Division of Public Health

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Madison, WI 53701-2659

(608) 267-2945

E-mail: helmqp@dhfs.state.wi.us

Web: www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Wisconsin BadgerCare

P.O. Box 6678

Madison, WI 53716

(800) 362-3002

Web: <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/wisconsin.html>

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Sue H. Enoch, Director

1700 W. State Street

Janesville, WI 53546

(608) 758-6100; (800) 832-9784 (in WI)

Web: www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/index.html

Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind

Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Department of Health and Family Services

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Web: www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov

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Wisconsin School for the Deaf

309 W. Walworth Avenue

Delavan, WI 53115

(262) 728-7120 (V/TTY); (877) 973-3323 (V/TTY)

E-mail: alex.slappey@dpi.state.wi.us

Web: www.wsd.k12.wi.us

Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals Who Are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or With Speech Impairments

(800) 947-6644 (V)

(800) 947-3529 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

(800) 272-1773 (ASCII); (800) 267-8867 (Fast ASCII)

(800) 833-7637 (Speech to Speech)

(866) 833-7813 (Spanish)

State Education Agency Rural Representative

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Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center

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Web: www.adagreatlakes.org

University Center for Excellence in Developmental
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Technology-Related Assistance

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Madison, WI 53707-7851

(608) 266-1794; (608) 267-9880 (TTY)

Web: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech>

Center for Dispute Resolution Education

State Mediation System

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P.O. Box 1881

Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881

(888) 298-3857

Web: www.marquette.edu/wsems

Special Format Library

Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped

Marsha Valance, Librarian

813 W. Wells Street

Milwaukee, WI 53233-1436

(414) 286-3045; (800) 242-8822

(414) 286-3548 (TTY)

E-mail: lbph@mpl.org

Web: <http://talkingbooks.dpi.wi.gov/>

Wisconsin—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Wisconsin, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of Wisconsin

103 W. College Avenue, Suite 709

Appleton, WI 54911-5744

(920) 993-0279; (888) 4-AUTISM (in WI)

Web: www.asw4autism.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind—Midwest

Jay Stitely, Director

401 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 350

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 396-4420

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Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin

Caroline Feller, Executive Director

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Wauwatosa, WI 53222

(414) 778-4144; (800) 882-9282 (Family Helpline, in WI)

E-mail: biaw@execpc.com

Web: www.biaw.org

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin

Judith Britton, Executive Director

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Oshkosh, WI 54903-1241

(920) 424-4071; (800) 261-1895 (in WI)

(920) 424-4076 (TTY)

E-mail: cpmideastwi@vbe.com

Web: www.cpmideastwis.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

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(888) 482-7739

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Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

The Cambridge Office Center

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Milwaukee, WI 53227-4357

(414) 327-3729; (866) 327-3729

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Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Wisconsin

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Mental Health

Mental Health Association in Milwaukee County

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NAMI Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Family Ties

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16 N. Carroll Street, Suite 640

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 267-6888; (800) 422-7145

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Web: www.wifamilyties.org

Mental Retardation

The Arc-Wisconsin Disability Association, Inc.

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600 Williamson Street, Suite J

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 251-9272; (877) 272-8400

E-mail: arcw@chorus.net

Web: www.arc-wisconsin.org

Speech and Hearing

Wisconsin Speech-Language-Pathology and Audiology
Association, Inc.

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Madison, WI 53701-1109

(608) 283-5489; (800) 545-0640

E-mail: wsha@wismed.org

Web: www.wisha.org

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of Wisconsin

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Web: www.sbawi.org

Wisconsin—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Wisconsin FACETS Parent Resource Center

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Milwaukee, WI 53212

(414) 374-4645; (414) 374-4635 (TTY)

(877) 374-4677

E-mail: wifacets@execpc.com

Web: www.wifacets.org

Native American Family Empowerment Center

Great Lakes-Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

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(715) 588-3324; (800) 472-7207

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Parent-To-Parent

MUMS-National Parent to Parent Network

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E-mail: mums@netnet.net

Web: www.netnet.net/mums/

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Independent Living

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Independent Living Research Utilization Project

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research

2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

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(713) 520-0232 (V); (713) 520-5136 (TTY)

E-mail: ilru@ilru.org

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Years

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Programs for Children With Disabilities: 3–5 Years

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

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State Mental Retardation Program

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Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program

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Programs for Children With Special Health Care Needs

UPLIFT (Wyoming Family Voices)

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(307) 777-6921; (800) 438-5795

Web: <http://health.wyo.gov/familyhealth/csh/index.html>

State CHIP Program (health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Kid Care CHIP

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Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of
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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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Special Format Library

Utah State Library Division (serving Wyoming also)

Program for the Blind and Disabled

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(800) 453-4293 (all states, except Utah)

(801) 715-6721 (TTY)

E-mail: blind@utah.gov

Web: <http://www.wyomingtalkingbooks.org/>

Wyoming—Disability-Specific Organizations

Attention Deficit Disorder

To identify an ADD group in Wyoming, contact either of the following organizations:

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070

(800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web: www.chadd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web: www.add.org

Autism

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-0881; (800) 3AUTISM

Web: www.autism-society.org

Blind/Visual Impairments

American Foundation for the Blind–Southwest

Judy Scott, Director

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(214) 352-7222

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Web: www.afb.org

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association of Wyoming

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Mental Health

NAMI Wyoming

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Mental Retardation

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Wyoming—Organizations Especially for Parents

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

Parent Information Center

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Parent-To-Parent

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

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Wyoming—Other Disability Organizations

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Independent Living

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Independent Living Research Utilization Project

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2323 South Sheppard, Suite 1000

Houston, TX 77019

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To find out the contact information for centers for independent living (CILs) in Wyoming, contact

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Additional Resources

BULLYING AND BEHAVIOR ISSUES

Bullying

Preventing Bullying

- Do interventions work to reduce bullying in school?

www.education.unisa.edu.au/bullying/intervention.htm

This 66-page report from the University of South Australia focuses on reducing bullying in preschool and early primary grades. The evaluation examined 13 studies from more than 8 countries. Similarities were noted in how to stop and reduce bullying. The report discusses the successes and failures of these different attempts.

- The lowdown on bullying

www.nmha.org/pbedu/backtoschool/bullying.cfm

What's bullying and what do we do about it? This article from the National Mental Health Association tells the story, quick and to the point.

- Untangling the myths: What the research tells us

www.nwrel.org/request/dec01/untangling.html

Find out what is and isn't true about bullies. Learn how to identify a bully and a bullying victim. Get suggestions on how to stop bullying.

- Want to create an antibullying program at your school?

www.nwrel.org/request/dec01/choosingcreating.htm

Learn how to avoid potential pitfalls when starting a schoolwide antibullying program. Find out how to choose a bullying prevention program that is right for your school. Print out the worksheet on creating an antibullying plan.

- Quick training aids for the prevention of bullying

http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/bully_qt

Planning on giving your staff training on bullying? Check out these talking points for conducting an inservice workshop. You'll find links to various research studies and papers on bullying. Get overviews, factsheets, tools, handouts, model programs, and additional resources. You'll also find overheads to use in your presentation.

- What's a parent to do?

www.pacer.org/publications/bully.htm

Find out, and tell others, with *Is Your Child a Target of Bullying? Intervention Strategies for Parents of Children With Disabilities*, a publication of the PACER Center. It's available on CD-ROM or on overhead color transparencies with a printed script (\$15 CD-ROM / \$165 Color

Transparencies with Script). This link will tell you all about it.

- A discussion and activity kit to use with children

www.thebullybook.com/

“The Bully” tells the story of a character most of our children will recognize. It’s designed to be used to stimulate discussion and problem solving with children. Originally published as an ebook and still available online in that form, it is now also available in print form. Find out more at this link.

- And when youth with disabilities are bullied . . .

www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=1332

Consult this Issue Brief from NCSET (National Center for Secondary Education and Transition), called Bullying and Teasing of Youth With Disabilities: Creating Positive School Environments for Effective Inclusion.

- Newsletter on bullying

www.aboutourkids.org/aboutour/parent_letter/

You won’t want to miss this newsletter from New York University (NYU) Child Study Center. The October 2003 issue is dedicated to “Bullies and Victims: What a Parent Can Do.” It is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.

- Bullying Prevention Initiative

www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/15plus/aboutbullying.asp

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is offering new, online publications that focus on bullying as part of its Bullying Prevention Initiative. The initiative is supported by prime time television, public service messages, and bullying prevention educational materials. This ongoing, multimedia communications initiative is titled 15+ Make Time To Listen, Take Time To Talk . . . About Bullying. Download the publications at this link.

- And last but not least—Take a Stand. Lend a Hand. Stop Bullying Now!

www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp

The team of adults who developed this Stop Bullying campaign worked very closely with members of a youth expert panel made up of 9- through 13-year-olds who made sure the campaign reflected the real life impact of bullying in middle school and beyond. Find a wealth of information and resources on bullying and how to stop it.

Behavior Assessment Plans and Positive Support

Behavior as Communication

- Why does my kid do that?

http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/behaviorprob_qt/assessing_motivation.pdf

This document helps you find the reasons behind misbehavior in children.

- What does defiant behavior mean?

www.pbs.org/parents/issuesadvice/inclusivecommunities/challenging_behavior.html

PBS offers many resources for parents of children with disabilities, including this brief called Challenging Behavior in Children.

- Behavior serves a purpose.

<http://cecp.air.org/familybriefs/>

The Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice (CECP) offers a number of family briefs on behavior, but if you want to know more about how behavior is a form of communication and why some children choose inappropriate behaviors as a way of communicating, try CECP's brief called Functional Communication Training to Promote Positive Behavior. A natural follow-up is CECP's brief called Planned Ignoring as an Intervention Strategy for Parents and Family Members.

- What are children trying to tell us?

<http://csefel.uiuc.edu/briefs/wwb9.pdf>

What Works briefs from the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning summarize effective practices for supporting children's social-emotional

development and preventing challenging behaviors. This 4-page paper talks about functional behavior assessment and how it's used to figure out the purpose or function of a child's problem behavior—in effect, what the child is trying to say.

- More on the function of behavior: Achieving the purpose in appropriate ways

The Early Childhood Behavior Project offers many materials on challenging behavior, including this Introduction. Also extremely interesting—and useful—is the project's page on ways to provide the child with an appropriate communication alternative that will achieve the original purpose of the problem behavior. Find this latter information at <http://ici2.umn.edu/preschoolbehavior/strategies/default.html>

- Is this behavior normal, a phase, a development issue, or something more serious?

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childbehaviordisorders.html

Family members and teachers may see a range of behaviors from children and still not be sure if a particular behavior indicates a childhood behavior disorder. Medline Plus's page connects with various resources to help you decide, including Development and Behavior; You and Your Child's Behavior; Children's Threats: When Are They Serious?; and specific aspects, such as aggressive behavior, children who won't go to school, conduct disorders, fighting and biting, helping the child who is expressing anger, and know when to seek help for your child.

Behavior Assessment

- So what exactly is a functional behavioral Assessment?

www.air.org/cecp/fba/default.htm

This page answers the basic questions of “FBA: What is it?” It covers how to conduct an FBA and how to use the results to create a positive behavioral intervention plan and supports. The information is broken down into digestible sizes and is easy to read and consume.

- Details about the process involved in FBA

www.aboutourkids.org/aboutour/letter/novdec02.pdf

This 6-page newsletter defines the process of FBA. It gives clear descriptions and specific examples. A great, reader-friendly overview!

- Here’s another reader-friendly overview.

<http://www.fape.org/>

FAPE is the Families & Advocates Partnership for Education. Although the project is no longer in operation, its 8-page brief on functional behavioral assessment and positive behavioral interventions is still available online.

- Take a look at this review of research: Functional Analysis of Problem Behavior.

http://www.armstrong.edu/images/psychology/FA_of_prob_beh.pdf?AASUSTID=556f57945edc327c00c5d12179d7486e

This research review was originally published in Applied Behavior Analysis in Summer 2003.

- What is “multimodal behavior analysis”?

<http://mfba.net/index.html>

The Duquesne University School Psychology Program provides a thorough description of the process of conducting a functional behavioral assessment and writing a behavior intervention plan.

- What does “strength-based assessment” mean?

www.air.org/cecp/interact/expertonline/strength/empower/1.htm

This method of assessment empowers children by building on their personal strengths and resources rather than focusing on their problems.

- The IEP team is definitely involved!

The IEP team might find these two resources helpful in understanding FBA and what comes next: (1) An IEP Team’s Introduction To Functional Behavioral Assessment And Behavior Intervention Plans (available at <http://cecp.air.org/fba/problembehavior/main.htm>); and (2) Conducting a Functional Behavioral Assessment (available at <http://cecp.air.org/fba/problembehavior/conducting.htm>).

Behavior Intervention Plans

- What is the link between functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans?

<http://ericec.org/digests/e592.html>

Research has demonstrated that FBAs can lead to the development of effective, proactive BIPs. Find out more in this digest from the ERIC system.

- How do you go about developing a behavioral intervention plan?

[www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/behavior/behavioral_intervention.html](http://ldonline.org/ld_indepth/behavior/behavioral_intervention.html)

This article explains the requirements of IDEA regarding addressing problem behavior. It provides a step-by-step guide to conducting a functional behavioral analysis and writing a behavior plan.

- Writing the plan for school involves the IEP team

<http://cecp.air.org/familybriefs/>

The Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice (CECP) offers a number of family briefs on behavior. Two were mentioned earlier under “Behavior as Communication.” If you’d like to know more about how to write a BIP, read CECP’s Behavioral Planning Meetings, which describes what BIPs are and how parents and the school system work together to write one.

- Suppose the IEP team doesn't know much about behavior, FBA, or BIPs?

<http://cecp.air.org/fba/problembehavior/main.htm>

If the IEP team isn't sure how to address a student's problem behavior, then members might find this CECF resource helpful: Addressing Student Problem Behavior, Part I: An IEP Team's Introduction to Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plans. It's available at this link. Also to the point is Creating Positive Behavioral Intervention Plans and Supports, available at www.air.org/cecp/fba/problembehavior3/main3.htm

Positive Behavior Support

- What exactly is positive behavior support?

www.nau.edu/ihd/positive/ovrvw.html

This excellent, reader-friendly guide to positive behavior support is provided by Institute for Human Development at Northern Arizona University. A Spanish version is available at www.nau.edu/ihd/positive/sumario.html

- What are the components of behavioral support?

www.state.ky.us/agencies/behave/homepage.html

This site offers information on a 3-tier model of behavior support: (a) schoolwide, (b) small group, and (c) individual. It gives information on what all students need to be successful.

- Positive behavior support and functional assessment

<http://eric.ed.gov/>

[?q=positive+behavior+support+&ff1=pubERIC+Digests+in+Full+Text&id=ED484848](http://eric.ed.gov/?q=positive+behavior+support+&ff1=pubERIC+Digests+in+Full+Text&id=ED484848)

This digest from the ERIC system looks at the research on positive behavior support and schoolwide behavior change, then it briefly discusses functional assessment of young children.

- Positive behavioral interventions and supports

[www.ldonline.org/Ld_indepth/behavior/](http://www.ldonline.org/Ld_indepth/behavior/positive_behavioral_intervention.html)

[positive_behavioral_intervention.html](http://www.ldonline.org/Ld_indepth/behavior/positive_behavioral_intervention.html)

This article from LDOnline explains why PBIS is important and outlines key principles of practice.

- More about PBS and its individualized approach to managing challenging behavior

<http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/wwb/wwb10.html>

This What Works brief from the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning summarizes PBS and talks about how it works, factors that will limit its effectiveness, and whether it's really just "giving in" to the child. A Spanish version is available at <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/briefs/wwb10-sp.pdf>

- Tips for parents: How to get behavior supports into the IEP

<https://www.pbis.org/resource/268/tips-for-parents-incorporating-positive-behavior-support-pbs-into-the-iep>

This guide, a collaboration between the Beach Center on Disabilities and the Center for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, contains a wealth of suggestions for parents.

- Need training materials for parents on positive behavioral interventions?

<http://www.fastfamilysupport.org/fasttraining/index.asp>

These training materials, subtitled What Every Parent Needs to Know. The set is also available in Spanish.

Yet More Resources

- There's a center focusing exclusively on PBIS

<http://www.pbis.org/>

The Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to provide information, training, support, and guidance to the nation on addressing behavior problems in research-based and effective ways. They offer information in English and in Spanish.

- Check out this one-stop shop on behavior!

www.bridges4kids.org/PBS/PBS.html

This site has info for both families and teachers on FBAs, behavior intervention plans, bullying, and discipline issues.

- Don't forget to check out the other NICHCY A-Z pages on behavior.

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/nichcy-resources/>

They're listed and linked at the beginning of this resource, and they offer quick connections and resources on other behavior-related issues.

Behavior at Home

Using Positive Methods for Change at Home

- Help your children develop self-control.

<http://www.aboutourkids.org/>

Using real-life stories, this Web site (from the New York University Child Study Center) illustrates the warning signs of problem behavior, do's and don'ts of discipline, and references to related articles and books.

- How might you address your child's challenging behavior?

www.pbs.org/parents/issuesadvice/inclusivecommunities/challenging_behavior.html

This reader-friendly site is well organized. It has facts about all aspects of working with children who have challenging behavior. Links to information on assessment and special

education are provided. The information is also available in Spanish, at www.pbs.org/parents/issuesadvice/inclusivecommunities/challenging_behavior_sp.html

- More on teaching kids self-control skills

www.naspcenter.org/pdf/behavior%20template.pdf

Written by the National Association of School Psychologists, this 4-page document gives ways to help children identify their feelings and learn to recognize the connection between feelings and behaviors. It also offers specific techniques to teach your child how to handle anger.

- Yet more on teaching children to manage their own behavior

http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/what_works.html

What Works briefs from the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning summarize effective practices for supporting children's social and emotional development and preventing challenging behaviors. This 4-page paper describes practical strategies for helping children learn to manage their own behavior and provides references to more information. A Spanish version is available at <http://csefel.uiuc.edu/briefs-sp/wwb7.html>

- Get behavior in shape at home

<http://www.pbis.org/>

How do you create a positive behavioral support system in your home? This Web site gives easy-to-implement suggestions. Learn the reasoning behind different techniques and how to use them to achieve your behavior goals. Specific examples include eating dinner, asking for things while grocery shopping, and budgeting to teach children the value of money. (Also available in Spanish at www.pbis.org/files/behshapespanish.doc)

- Learn practical solutions to common behavior problems.

<http://cecp.air.org/familybriefs>

This Web page links to 12 different publications on various topics, including promoting resilience in children, encouraging good behavior, and how to get your children involved in addressing their own challenging behaviors.

- Your parent-friendly guide to functional assessment and support

www.uoregon.edu/~ttobin/parent.pdf

This 21-page guide describes what a functional assessment is and what it can do to help your child. Parents can use this information to help children at home and also work with school staff to put plans into place at school.

- Functional behavioral assessment (FBA) and positive interventions:

What parents need to know

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/discipl.fba.jordan.pdf>

This publication will help you find out what is causing your child's problem behaviors. After you find the cause, you can create a game plan to support and encourage the behaviors you want and get rid of the ones you don't want. Also available in Spanish and Hmong.

Improving Family Life

- Why does my kid do that?

http://www.beachcenter.org/resource_library/default.aspx

Want to know why your child engages in problem behavior? Check out this guide to family-friendly resources from the Beach Center. Find out how to determine why a person with a disability engages in problem behavior and ways to support the individual in learning other ways to act. Read articles, personal stories, tip lists, and find out about other Web sites, books, manuals, and reports on solving behavior problems.

- Fact sheets! Get your fact sheets here!

<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/faqs>

This site is a fact sheet treasure chest. You'll find information on a wide range of topics such as anxiety disorders, bullying, ADHD, and autism. Also get tips for making transitions back to school after vacations go smoothly.

- How to get help for your child

www.uoregon.edu/~ttobin/Finding.htm

Having trouble getting what your child needs? This reader-friendly site offers communication tips to use when seeking help. You'll learn techniques for keeping things in perspective, focusing on the problem at hand, and what info you should be prepared to provide when you are asking for help. Plus you can print out a handy checklist to help keep track of the information you gather.

- How to get help for yourself

www.conductdisorders.com/

This link leads you to a group of parents who are raising challenging children. They invite you in and offer their site as a “soft place to land for the battle-weary parent.”

- Mental Health Fact Sheets

www.aacap.org/publications/factsfam/index.htm

This Web site has 87 fact sheets on various issues, including ADHD, depression, conduct disorders, oppositional defiance disorder, and violent behavior. These up-to-date, well-written publications are available in English, Español, Deutsch, Français, Polish, and Icelandic.

- Learn what really works!

<http://cecp.air.org/familybriefs/>

This Web page links to 12 different research-based publications on various topics, including promoting resilience in children, encouraging good behavior, and ways to get children involved in addressing their own challenging behaviors.

- What's temperament and personality got to do with it?

http://familyfun.go.com/raisingkids/child/skills/feature/FGP_personality/FGP_personality.html

This 4-page excerpt from the Field Guide to Parenting by Shelley Butler and Deb Kratz discusses temperament and behavior. Bonus: This Web site is rich in links to many parenting tips and other Web sites.

- More about temperament and its affect on behavior

<http://www.greatschools.org/special-education/health/788-temperament-traits.gs?content=788>

Schwab Learning introduces you to 9 temperament traits: activity level, sensitivity, regularity, approach/withdrawal, adaptability, mood, intensity, persistence, and distractibility. Find out how to pinpoint your child's traits and how they can affect behavior.

- Working with your child's temperament

<http://www.greatschools.org/parenting/behavior-discipline/tips-for-handling-problematic-temperament-traits.gs?content=787>

Get ideas on helping children in ways that match their natural tendencies. This site offers suggestions for managing extreme behaviors. Click on the link to the Parent to Parent message board to read tips from other parents.

Behavior at School

Using Positive Methods for Change in the Classroom

- Don't miss this quick training on behavior problems in school.

http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/behaviorprob_qt

You'll love the brief overviews on topics such as "Behavior Problems. What's a School to do?" Check out the fact sheets on behaviors like oppositional defiance disorder (ODD), and conduct disorder. You'll also find tools and handouts, model programs, and additional resources.

- Teachers! Arm yourself with this knowledge and stop problem behaviors before they start!

<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/rhythms.pdf>

This 65-page guide helps teachers anticipate common problems throughout the year and plan prevention and early intervention to minimize them. Suggestions are provided on a monthly basis.

- Play at being good: The good behavior game

www.colorado.edu/espv/publications/factsheets/blueprints/FS-BPP01.html

This is one fun way to involve the whole class in supporting positive behavior. It's especially good for elementary students demonstrating early high-risk behavior.

- Time-outs

<http://www.ky.gov/agencies/behave/bi/to.pdf>

This guide helps teachers, educators, and other practitioners implement time-out procedures appropriately and effectively.

- Discipline: What works, what doesn't

www.naspcenter.org/factsheets/effdiscip_fs.html

This guide discusses the failure of punitive disciplinary practices and promotes supportive discipline strategies. It provides great tips on research-based approaches to positive behavior change.

- Dodging the power struggle trap: Ideas for teachers

<http://www.interventioncentral.org/behavioral-intervention-modification>

A conflict requires two people. If a teacher remains cool and calm, a conflict can often be avoided. This guide offers practical advice for disengaging, interrupting, and deescalating problem behavior and gives specific examples of how to react in different scenarios.

- Tips for classroom management

http://www.pbis.org/common/cms/files/pbisresources/B8_Newcomer.pdf

Here you'll find ideas for developing classroom systems of positive behavioral support. These are tried and true management practices that have proven effective over years of use.

- A LOT on classroom management

<http://edglossary.org/classroom-management/>

The Classroom Management at the Glossary of Education Reform points to exemplary, free, and fee-based digital content on research-based classroom management practices that can help administrators, policy makers, and educators plan for and implement programs that result in effective learning and teaching.

- More on teaching children to manage their own behavior

<http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/briefs/wwb7.pdf>

What Works briefs from the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning summarize effective practices for supporting children's social and emotional development and preventing challenging behaviors. This 4-page paper describes practical strategies for helping children learn to manage their own behavior and provides references to more information. A Spanish version is available at <http://csefel.uiuc.edu/briefs-sp/wwb7.html>

- What about early childhood settings and the social development of young children with their peers?

http://www.wbpress.com/index.php?main_page=product_book_info&cPath=75&products_id=231

This research synthesis from the Research and Training Center (RTC) on Early Childhood Development tells early childhood practitioners what types of toys and play materials are most associated with young children's social play with peers.

Behavior and Specific Disabilities

- Creating a behavior plan? Need some ideas?

www.albany.edu/psy/autism/pbsplan.html

Check out this sample behavioral support plan template. It is clearly written, well thought out, and easy to follow.

- Watch out for these behavior plan pitfalls.

www.schoolbehavior.com/Files/pitfalls.pdf

This 3-page guide gives descriptions of 12 common mistakes in implementing behavior plans, then offers solutions.

- Do you have a moody student?

www.schoolbehavior.com/Files/tips_mood.pdf

Read about accommodations for medication side-effects, sleep disturbances, impaired concentration, focus, memory, testing, homework and more.

- Behavior and students with AD/HD

www.chadd.org

If you have a student with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD), you'll find a lot of useful info at CHADD (Children and Adults with AD/HD), especially this fact sheet on managing and modifying behavior.

- Behavior and students with learning disabilities

www.ldonline.org/Ld_indepth/behavior/behavior_modification.html

This article, available at LDOnline, comes from the book published by Paul H. Brookes, titled Learning Disabilities and Challenging Behaviors: A Guide to Intervention and Classroom Management.

- Working with students with ODD/conduct disorder

http://www.beachcenter.org/resource_library/search_beach_resources.aspx

This site provides real-life stories and tip lists for encouraging cooperation from students with ODD and conduct disorders.

- Students with autism

<http://www.autism-society.org/living-with-autism/autism-through-the-lifespan/school-age/>

From the Autism Society of America, learn more about children with autism.

- What does the research say about pivotal response training (PRT) for young children with autism?

<http://www.hindawi.com/journals/aurt/2012/709861/>

This research synthesis focuses on the effectiveness of Pivotal Response Training (PRT) as a behavioral intervention for young children with disabilities.

- Students with autism, MR, or other developmental disabilities

<http://daddcec.org/ArticleDetails/tabid/76/ArticleID/18/Books-DADD-Prism-Volume-1-Within-Our-Reach-Behavior-Prevention-and-Intervention-Strategies-for-Learners-with-Mental-Retardation-and-Autism.aspx>

Within Our Reach: Behavior Prevention and Intervention Strategies for Learners with Mental Retardation and Autism, the first book in the DDD Prism Series, provides practical ways to resolve behavioral concerns of students with mental retardation, autism, and other developmental disabilities and focuses on responding to the communicative intent of various behavior problems. (Product #D5250, \$11.95/CEC Members \$9.00.) To order, call toll-free 1.888.232.7733.

- Down syndrome and behavior

<http://www.ndsccenter.org/about-ndsc/position-statements/>

This “Position Statement on the Management of Challenging Behaviors” from the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) identifies key features consistent with quality programs for individuals with Down syndrome. Presented as guidelines, the statement is derived from several sources: (a) the research literature on behavior management, (b) model programs that implement state-of-the-art procedures and deliver effective services for people with disabilities, and (c) values about the rights of individuals with disabilities and their place in society.

What Does the Law Require of Schools?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) has well-specified requirements of how schools must address behavior issues with respect to students with disabilities. Find out more about those requirements via the following resources:.

- Start at NICHCY

<http://www.specialed.us/discoveridea/idealist.htm>

This link leads you to what we call the “vetted” list—meaning, publications reviewed and approved by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on the IDEA and its regulations. Click on “Behavior/Discipline,” and you’ll jump to authoritative documents on what IDEA requires when disciplining students with disabilities.

- Disciplining students with disabilities: A very thorough overview from NASP

http://www.nasponline.org/publications/booksproducts/hchs3_samples/s4h18_discipline.pdf

Visit all the bases in this article from the National Association of School Psychologists: positive learning environments, the IEP as a vehicle to manage behavior problems, addressing and preventing challenging behaviors, weapons and drugs, and an explanation of what IDEA requires schools to do.

- What are the school's obligations?

http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/ltrs/behavior_obligate.htm

Wrightslaw answers questions from school personnel about obligations to “students who may be dangerous to us.”

- Discipline: Suspensions, expulsions, and IEPs

www.wrightslaw.com/info/discipl.suspend.crabtree.htm

Parent attorney Bob Crabtree describes the school's responsibilities under IDEA, including provision of FAPE, alternative educational placements, functional behavioral assessments, and behavior intervention plans.

Using Positive Methods for Change in the Whole School

- Good behavior for the whole school

<http://www.specialed.us/discoveridea/topdocs/schoolwidebeh.pdf>

This family-friendly guide gives a quick overview on why positive behavior programs work even better when implemented on a schoolwide basis. Contact information on further resources is provided.

- Schoolwide positive behavior support helps individual students with disabilities.

http://www.beachcenter.org/research/FullArticles/PDF/PBS19_Blueprint%20for%20Schoolwide%20PBS.pdf

This 26-page how-to guide provides a case study of an eighth grader with autism and gives concrete examples of how to implement PBS at the universal, group, and individual levels. Implementing PBS on a schoolwide basis positively affected this student with autism, on an individual level.

- What challenges do urban schools face when applying schoolwide positive behavior supports?

www.beachcenter.org/research/FullArticles/PDF/PBS23_Urban%20applications.pdf

This high-level publication discusses the unique issues that urban, lower socioeconomic areas deal with when implementing schoolwide positive behavior plans and the lessons that have been learned through trial and error. In addition to the general discussion, this publication highlights a particular student and follows him through several years of school.

- Positive behavioral support and the whole school

<https://www.pbis.org/resource/713/school-wide-positive-behavior-support-implementers%E2%80%99-blueprint-and-self-assessment>

This publication breaks down the process of developing a schoolwide PBS system, giving specific examples of how these systems are designed and implemented. It answers FAQs regarding schoolwide PBS systems and provides links to other sites. A Spanish version is also available at www.pbis.org/Spanish/default.htm

- A whole-school model of behavior reform

www.ldonline.org/Ld_indepth/behavior/special_edge_behavior.pdf

This article describes a proactive approach to schoolwide discipline, the differences between behavior management and behavioral support, and the individual behavior support planning required by federal law, illuminating the discussion with real-life examples.

- What Works! Interventions for chronic behavior problems

<https://www.supportforfamilies.org/disabilitypackets/interventionschronicbehavior.pdf>

This publication gives an overview on what research says about promising interventions for students with a history of behavior problems. Plus it's chock full of resources for further information.

- Principals! Don't miss this! Defusing Violent Behavior in Young Children: An Ounce of Prevention

www.naspcenter.org/pdf/violent_handout.pdf

This excellent 4-page document from the National Association of School Psychologists addresses how to handle violent outbursts in young elementary students.

- Fight hate and promote tolerance!

www.tolerance.org

This site has sections for teachers, parents, teens, and kids.

- Enhancing school staff understanding of mental health and psychosocial concerns

<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/enhancingschoolstaff.pdf>

This 73-page publication offers ways to address barriers for all students. It has been written by the UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools.

- Hear ye! Hear ye! Read all about it!

www.specialednews.com/behavior/behavior.html

The best part of this site is the news list. You'll also find links to behavior-related news articles, a reading list on behavior materials, and links to other behavior-related Web sites.

- Especially for elementary and middle schools

www.emstac.org/resources/social_skills.htm

Don't miss this site! It is dedicated to social skills and discipline. Check out the links to information, organizations, and other Web sites.

Behavior Expertise

Centers and Projects

Researchers are hard at work trying to pinpoint the reason or reasons for a problem behavior and how to provide a resolution. The following groups' primary purpose is helping students improve their behavior.

- The Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

www.pbis.org/english

This site is great for administrators and school personnel who are working to put a schoolwide system in place for dealing with disciplinary issues. You'll find info on functional behavioral assessment (FBA), schoolwide support, classroom support, individual support, family support, conferences, presentations, newsletters, tools, and links to further info. Truly a great site, it is also available in Spanish from the home page. Check it out!

- Beach Center on Disability

<http://www.beachcenter.org/>

Want to know why your child engages in problem behavior? Check out this guide to family-friendly resources from the Beach Center. Find out how to determine why a person with a disability engages in problem behavior and ways to support the individual in learning other ways to act. Read articles, personal stories, tip lists, and find out about other Web sites, books, manuals, and reports on solving behavior problems.

- Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies

www.behavior.org/

Did you know that the number and quality of words children hear in the early years of life have a tremendous impact on the development of their brains? Vocabulary development is closely tied to early language experiences and to the ability to think rationally, solve problems, and reason abstractly. Wow! This site can teach you how to help improve your child's language abilities. Specific information is available on autism, applied behavioral analysis (ABA), behavior in everyday life, and parenting.

- Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice

<http://cecp.air.org/>

This site has a “mini Web site” on FBA, Prevention Strategies that Work, Prevention and Early Intervention, Promising Practices in Children's Mental Health, and Strength-Based Assessment. You'll find numerous publications. Some are also available in Spanish.

- The Center for Evidence-Based Practice: Young Children With Challenging Behavior

<http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu>

The mission of the Center is to promote the use of evidence-based practice to meet the needs of young children who have, or are at risk for, problem behavior. Find research syntheses on effective intervention procedures, presentation and workshop materials, training opportunities, and a wide variety of useful links.

- The Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD)

www.ccbd.net/

This site offers monthly updates on legislation affecting children with behavioral disorders. It offers publications, message boards, an advocacy section, links to other sites, and a quarterly newsletter (available online, free of charge). CCBD is a membership organization, composed of educators, parents, mental health personnel, and a variety of other professionals.

- Kentucky Behavior Page

www.state.ky.us/agencies/behave/homepage.html

To help a child make a change in behavior for the better, you first need to identify the causes of the misbehavior. Check out the Behavior Home Page Discussion Forum to see what experts in the field are saying. Get resources for supporting

behavior on the schoolwide, group, and individual levels. Check out links to state and federal legislation. Read about professional resources.

- Mental health

<http://www.samhsa.gov/>

Take a good look at this site. It has info on children's mental health, a mental health dictionary, a listing of Indian mental health resources, and a toll-free number to call for help and information. You'll also find pubs on autism, ADD, anxiety, depression, conduct disorder, anger management, and more. Selected publications are in Spanish.

- National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI)

www.nami.org/

You'll find a ton of info on this site. Check out the reader-friendly overview on mental illness. Join an online discussion group for family members. Read personal stories of children and teens with mental illness. Print out fact sheets, brochures, and reading lists. Follow links to other children and adolescent sites. Some resources are available in Spanish.

- Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health (RTC)

<http://rtc.pdx.edu/>

The RTC's activities focus on improving services to children and youth who have mental, emotional, or behavioral

disorders. This friendly, well-organized Web site hosts monthly online family discussions. Keep up to date on relevant political and policy news. Browse through dozens and dozens of recent publications.

- SchoolBehavior.com

www.schoolbehavior.com

This site is run by Leslie E. Packer, PhD, a psychologist who treats children and adolescents with Tourette's syndrome and its associated conditions. Read succinct overviews of different disorders, including Tourette's syndrome, Asperger's syndrome, attention deficit disorder, mood disorder, depression, sleep disorders, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder. Read classroom tips on how to deal with various behavior issues.

- School Violence Prevention Initiative

http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/samhsa-school-violence-resources-national_0.pdf

Families, communities, and schools need to work together to conquer disruptive behavior disorders. This site offers tips for dealing with anger, managing conflict, and dealing with bullies. Learn the warning signs for violence. Read about successful research-based programs that build resilience to behavior disorders.

Behavior Journals

These journals publish peer-reviewed articles about behavior research. Some content is available online at no charge. Other content requires a paid subscription.

- From AAMR

<http://www.aamr.org/Periodicals/index.shtml>

The AAMR publishes (1) The American Journal on Mental Retardation, a scholarly research journal; (2) Mental Retardation, a practitioners' journal of research, reviews, and opinions; and (3) AAMR FYI, an online newsletter, published 6 times a year.

- Behavior Modification

www.sagepub.com/journal.aspx?pid=152

Formerly titled the Behavior Modification Quarterly, this journal is for researchers, academics, and practitioners in clinical psychology. It covers a wide range of topics, including problem behavior, learning disabilities, and phobias. Check out a sample issue.

- Behavioral Interventions

www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/jhome/24375

Get a sample copy of this journal for clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses, therapists, and researchers. It reports research and practices of the use of behavior techniques.

- British Journal of Developmental Psychology

www.bps.org.uk/publications/jDP_1.cfm

This journal publishes discussion papers and brief reports on all aspects of developmental psychology. You can order it online.

- British Journal of Educational Psychology

www.bps.org.uk/publications/jEP_1.cfm

This journal publishes research on the understanding and practice of education.

- Child Development

www.srkd.org/cd.html

This bimonthly journal covers topics in child development, from the fetal period through adolescence.

- Developmental Psychology

www.apa.org/journals/dev/description.htm

This journal publishes articles that advance knowledge and theory about human development across the life span. View the current and past table of contents online.

- Journal for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

www.jrnldbp.com

Written for physicians, clinicians, psychologists, and researchers, this journal covers developmental and psychosocial aspects of pediatric health care. Topics include learning disorders; developmental disabilities; and emotional, behavioral, and psychosomatic problems.

- Journal for the Education of Students Placed at Risk (JESPAR)

www.csos.jhu.edu/jespar/past.htm

JESPAR publishes literature and report reviews, research articles on promising reform programs, and case studies on “schools that work.” Selected articles are available free of charge. Read the table of contents for the current issue as well as issues back to 1996.

- Journal for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior

<http://seab.envmed.rochester.edu/jeab>

- Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis

<http://seab.envmed.rochester.edu/jaba>

- Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders

www.kluweronline.com/issn/0162-3257

Get a free issue of this journal. View table of contents of past journals back to 1997. Read abstracts. View PDFs of articles.

- Journal of Behavior Therapy and Experimental Psychiatry

www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00057916

View abstract, full text, and links of articles in current issue and all issues back to 1970.

- Journal of Behavioral Education

www.kluweronline.com/ISSN/1053-0819

Get a free issues of this journal. View articles from the current issue and past issues back to 1997.

- Journal of Positive Behavioral Interventions

www.education.ucsb.edu/autism/jpbi.html

This journal publishes research articles, discussions, literature reviews, and conceptual papers on programs and practices, family support and family perspectives, and reviews of published materials. Read table of contents and abstracts on issues back to 1999.

- Journal of School Psychology

www.elsevier.com/locate/jschpsyc

In this journal, you'll find original articles on empirical research and practice relevant to the development of school psychology as both a scientific and an applied specialty.

- The Behavior Analyst

www.abainternational.org/tbajournal

You can order this online. View the table of contents of the current issue and previous issue. Search journal abstracts. Read selected article reprints.

Professionals Who Can Help

Teachers

- American Federation of Teachers

555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

(202) 879-4400 (phone)

online@aft.org (e-mail)

www.aft.org/ (Web)

- National Education Association

1201 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

(202) 833-4000 (phone)

(202) 822-7974 (fax)

www.nea.org/ (Web)

Psychologists

- American Psychological Association

750 First Street, NE, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20002-4241

(202) 336-5500 (phone)

www.apa.org/ (Web)

- National Association of School Psychologists

4340 East West Highway, Suite 402, Bethesda, MD 20814

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(301) 657-4155 (tty)

nasp@naspweb.org (e-mail)

www.nasponline.org/index2.html (Web)

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- American Academy of Pediatrics

141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

(847) 228-5005 (phone)

www.aap.org/ (Web)

- American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children

Child Welfare League of America, 440 First Street, NW, 3rd Floor

Washington, DC 20001-2085

(202) 942-0295 (phone)

www.cwla.org/ (Web)

- American Psychiatric Association

1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 682-6220 (phone)

www.psych.org (Web)

- American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry

P.O. Box 570218, Dallas, TX 75357-0218

(972) 686-6166 (phone)

(972) 613-5532 (fax)

info@adolpsych.org (e-mail)

www.adolpsych.org/ (Web)

- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Child, Adolescent and Family Branch Center for Mental
Health Services

5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18-49, Bethesda, MD 20857

(301) 443-1333 (phone)

(800) 789-2647 (toll-free phone)

www.mentalhealth.org/child (Web)

www.aacap.org/ (Web)

- Center for the Advancement of Children's Mental Health

Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Columbia University

(212) 543-6066 (phone)

(212) 543-5260 (fax)

www.kidsmentalhealth.org/ (Web)

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sswaa@aol.com (e-mail)

www.sswaa.org/ (Web)

- American School Counselor Association

1101 King Street, Suite 625, Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 683-ASCA; (800) 306-4722 (toll-free phone)

(703) 683-1619 (Fax)

E-mail: asca@schoolcounselor.org

Web: www.schoolcounselor.org/

- American Counseling Association

5999 Stevenson Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304

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(800) 473-2329 (Fax)

Web: www.counseling.org/

What Do They Mean By . . . ?

Need help understanding all of those jargony terms you're encountering as you delve more deeply into behavior concerns? With these glossaries, dictionaries, and cheat sheets, you can sound like an expert yourself.

- Behavior terms

www.coedu.usf.edu/abaglossary/main.asp

This online database houses over 2,000 behavior-related terms. Whew! Who would've thought there could be so many?

- More behavior terms

www.thecol.org/guide/glossary.html

This site provides a well-written glossary of general behavior terms.

- Behavioral health terms

www.uihealthcare.com/depts/uibehavioralhealth/patiented/glossary.html

This behavioral health glossary gives definitions of mental health conditions, particularly personality disorders.

- Behavior intervention terms

www.usu.edu/teachall/text/behavior/BEHAVglos.htm

This glossary, from Utah Students at Risk, covers behavioral intervention terms. At the bottom of each defined term is a PDF link to more information regarding that behavioral intervention.

- Treatment descriptions

www.aacap.org/publications/factsfam/continuum.htm

Read these brief descriptions of different programs, settings, or treatments that children with mental illness may receive.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION
IMPROVEMENT ACT (IDEA) AND INDIVIDUALIZED
Education Programs (IEPs)

Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of
2004

The Law Itself

- The “slip law” is the Public Law (PL) print of P.L. 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004. It’s available in PDF format and is 162 pages long. The PDF file is available online through NICHCY, at http://www.parentcenterhub.org/wp-content/uploads/repo_items/PL108-446.pdf
- And a text-only version of the law can be accessed at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c108:h.1350.enr>:

From the Feds

From Congress:

- IDEA: Guide to Frequently Asked Questions discusses key definitions, new provisions with respect to highly qualified teachers, funding, private schools, charter schools, new state policies, IEPs, procedural safeguards, discipline, and monitoring and enforcement. Find the guide on the U. S. House of Representatives Web site at <http://edworkforce.house.gov/issues/109th/education/idea/ideafaq.pdf>
- Issues page provides links to such documents as the Bipartisan House-Senate Conference Report on H.R. 1350; a summary of the bill; and four fact sheets on the bill, titled (a) Special Education Reform: Supporting Teachers & Schools, Providing New Choices for Parents & Students; (b) Making Special Education Stronger for Students & Parents; (c) Reducing Unnecessary Lawsuits and Litigation in Special

Education; and (d) Building on Historic Funding Increases for Special Education. Find the issues page at <http://edworkforce.house.gov/issues/>

From OSERS and OSEP:

For authoritative input on the law, look to the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) and the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), both within the Department of Education. These are the agencies within the federal government responsible for overseeing IDEA's implementation. They've established a dedicated IDEA 2004 page, at www.ed.gov/policy/special/speced/guid/idea/idea2004.html

OSERS and OSEP have also made the following 1-page summaries available on changes from the IDEA 97 to IDEA 2004:

- Alignment with the No Child Left Behind Act

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/special/speced/guid/idea/tb-nclb-align.pdf>

- Changes in Initial Evaluations and Reevaluations

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/special/speced/guid/idea/tb-init-eval.pdf>

- Children Enrolled by Their Parents in Private Schools

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/special/speced/guid/idea/tb-priv-school.pdf>

- Discipline

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-discipline.pdf>

- Disproportionality and Overidentification

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-overident.pdf>

- Early Intervening Services

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-early-intervent.pdf>

- Highly Qualified Teachers

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-qual-teachers.pdf>

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)

http://idea.ed.gov/object/fileDownload/model/TopicalBrief/field/PdfFile/primary_key/10

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team Meetings and Changes to the IEP

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-iep-meetings.pdf>

- Local Funding

[https://www.google.com/
url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0
local-
fund.doc&ei=r2FqVPWzCoqNuASSiID4Bg&usg=AFQjCNF_tFirnQ8Nkh](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0local-fund.doc&ei=r2FqVPWzCoqNuASSiID4Bg&usg=AFQjCNF_tFirnQ8Nkh)

- Part C Option: Age 3 to Kindergarten Age

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-partc-opt.pdf>

- I. Procedural Safeguards Regarding Surrogates, Notice and Consent

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-safeguards-1.pdf>

- II. Procedural Safeguards Regarding Mediation and Resolution Sessions

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-safeguards-2.pdf>

- III. Procedural Safeguards Regarding Due Process Hearings

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-safeguards-3.pdf>

- Secondary Transition

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/tb-second-trans.pdf>

- Statewide and Districtwide Assessments

<http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/idea/reauth/1pagers/assessments.pdf>

General Summaries

It goes without saying, or surprise, that reauthorization of a law of IDEA's incredible power would generate a multitude of comments, analyses, and summaries. What's new? What's different? What's the same? Here is a long list of what has already hit the streets for all of us to use to understand the new law's requirements.

- IDEA 2004: Overview, Explanation & Comparison

www.wrightslaw.com/idea/idea.2004.all.pdf

Courtesy of Wrightslaw, this 56-page article describes the substantive changes to the five key statutes of IDEA 2004 by section and subsection. Text added to IDEA 2004 is in italics. Text deleted from IDEA 97 has been struck through.

- IDEA: Analysis of Change Made by P.L. 108-446

www.cec.sped.org/pp/docs/CRSAnalysisofNewIDEAPL108-446.pdf

The Congressional Research Service, the part of the Library of Congress that serves as the research arm of Congress, has published a 47-page analysis of the new IDEA law.

- A User's Guide

www.c-c-d.org/IdeaUserGuide.pdf

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) offers this 63-page guide on additions and deletions to IDEA brought about by the 2004 reauthorization. It includes

relevant information from the Conference Report, which articulates Congressional intent.

- More from Wrightslaw

www.wrightslaw.com/idea/index.htm

Wrightslaw also makes available a number of other articles on IDEA 2004, including How Will IEPs Change Under IDEA 2004?; IDEA 2004: IEP Team Members & IEP Team Attendance; Requirements for Highly Qualified Special Ed Teachers, and Transition Services for Education, Work, Independent Living.

- And from the Thompson Publishing Group

IDEA: New Expectations for Schools and Students is hot off the press at Thompson. For a mere \$149 introductory offer (with discounts for multiple copies), this book is designed as a tool for educators, administrators, school attorneys, school board members, and parents seeking to understand and implement the new law. Call 1.(800) 964-5815 to order, or read about the book online at

www.thompson.com/libraries/education/idea/index.html

- Summary of the 2004 IDEA

www.ndsccenter.org/events.asp#summary

Courtesy of the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC), this summary looks at the IEP process, due process, and discipline.

- Summary of the new IDEA provisions www.napas.org/publicpolicy/

[Brief_Summary_of_Individuals_with_Disabilities_Education_Improvement](#)

This summary is provided courtesy of NAPAS, the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc.

- Summary of the new law

<http://www.nationalparentcenters.org/idea/summary.htm>

This one is offered courtesy of the National Committee of Parents and Advocates Organized to Protect IDEA.

- CEC's summary

www.cec.sped.org/pp/IDEA_120204.pdf

And this one is available through the courtesy of the Council for Exceptional Children.

- Let's go section by section

www.copaa.org/news/idea04.html

Take a look at the Comparison of H.R. 1350 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004) and IDEA '97, courtesy of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA). You can download the entire comparison in PDF format or look at individual comparisons of Parts A, B, C, or D of the law and the new provisions for the National Center for Special Education Research.

- A side-by-side analysis of transition requirements

ncset.org/publications/related/ideatransition.asp

provided courtesy of NCSET, the National Center on Secondary Education and Transition, this side-by-side analysis identifies major changes between IDEA 1997 and H.R. 1350 (IDEA 2004) concerning transition services for youth with disabilities.

- And 200 pages from NASDSE

www.nasdse.org/

NASDSE, the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, offers a 200-page side-by-side version that compares current law to the amended law signed by President Bush on December 3, 2004. Individual copies are \$15 each; bulk orders of 100 copies or more receive a 15% discount. To order your copy, send a check or purchase order to NASDSE, 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 320, Alexandria, VA 22314, Attention: C. Burgman. The document is not available in electronic format.

Individualized Education Programs

IDEA and the IEP

- Want a brief description of the IEP process under IDEA?

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/lg1/>

Try NICHCY's Questions Often Asked by Parents about Special Education Services. For the same information in Spanish, read Preguntas Comunes de los Padres sobre los Servicios de Educación Especial at <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/lglsp/>. You can also read The Arc's brief question and answer on the subject at <http://thearc.org/faqs/qa-idea.html>

- How about a more detailed description?

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/qa2/>

Questions and Answers About IDEA tells you what the IEP must contain, who must be on the IEP team, and much more. For the same information in Spanish, read Preguntas y Respuestas sobre IDEA, at

- The Federal regulations and official Federal guidance on IEPs

<http://www.ldonline.org/article/6337/>

NICHCY's Individualized Education Programs is a verbatim reprinting of (a) federal regulations about IEPs, and (b) Appendix A (formerly Appendix C) to IDEA '97, a series of questions and answers about IDEA's requirements on the IEP.

- More official IEP guidance from the Feds

www.ed.gov/parents/needs/speced/iepguide/index.html

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), at the U.S. Department of Education, issued A Guide to the Individualized Education Program in 2000 as a resource for parents and teachers.

- Did you know the IDEA may be changed in the near future?

The Congress is currently discussing amending the IDEA. When this happens, there will likely be changes in IEPs. Keep on top of the emerging story through NICHCY's reauthorization page, at <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/reauth-esea/>

Especially for Parents

- Want to be a full participant in developing your child's IEP?

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/pa12/>

Take a look at NICHCY's Developing Your Child's IEP and learn how to effectively work with schools to meet the needs of your child. For the same information in Spanish, read Desarrollando el IEP de su Hijo, at http://www.parentcenterhub.org/wp-content/uploads/repo_items/spanish/pa12sp.pdf

- And your child can be involved, too!

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/st1script/>

NICHCY offers a Student's Guide to the IEP, a booklet designed to help students become active participants in their own IEP development. This is especially important when the IEP team focuses on transition planning. The guide comes with an audiotape or CD of students with disabilities talking about how they've been involved. There's also a guide for parents and school personnel, called Helping Students Develop Their IEPs, available online at <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/ta2script/>

- What to do before the meeting

www.nolo.com

Nolo: Law for All offers Preparing for the IEP Meeting: What you need to know before you meet with the representatives of your school district. From the home page, search using the term "IEP." This brief will be among the results. (You'll find other resources you'll probably like, too.)

- Want to know more about what to do before, during, and after the IEP meeting?

www.fape.org/pubs/index.htm

Planning Your Child's Individualized Education Program (IEP): Some Suggestions to Consider offers suggestions for the IEP meeting. This publication from FAPE (Families and Advocates Partnership for Education) is also available in Spanish at the link provided.

- What do you say when THEY say . . . ?

www.nclid.unco.edu/HVoriginals/Advocacy/Popup/popup.html

The IEP Pop-Up gives you responses to common “hurdle talk” (words and attitudes that keep an IEP meeting from being successful).

- And don’t forget to talk about the “special factors” IDEA mentions.

www.ericec.org/digests/e578.html

New IDEA ’97 Requirements: Factors to Consider in Developing an IEP looks only at the “special factors” you may need to consider when working on your child’s IEP.

- Need more information on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)?

www.ericec.org/minibibs/eb27.html

ERIC offers a minibibliography on IEPs that will lead you to yet more resources on this important topic.

Especially for Professionals

In addition to parents, many school professionals will be involved on the IEP team developing a student’s IEP. This includes administrators, educators, special educators, and, often, related services personnel.

- IEP basics and the importance of the IEP team

www.ericsec.org/digests/e600.html

Creating Useful Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) takes a brief look at why it's so important for the professionals on the IEP team to understand what the IEP is all about.

- What's the role of the regular education teacher on the IEP team?

www.ed.gov/policy/speced/leg/idea/brief3.html

The Office of Special Education Programs, at the U.S. Department of Education, answers this critical question by looking at what IDEA has to say on the subject.

- How to get parents involved in the IEP process

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/ta2script/>

Learn how to work effectively with parents in creating the IEP, during the IEP meeting, and in times of disagreement.

- How to get students involved in the IEP process

www.nichcy.org/stuguid.asp

Helping Students Develop Their IEPs, available at this link, is a guide for school personnel and parents to help support student involvement in IEP development. The guide comes as a set and includes A Student's Guide to the IEP and an audiotape or CD program featuring students with disabilities talking about this very subject.

Transition and the IEP

- What's transition planning, and why is it important?

IDEA emphasizes that students with disabilities are to be prepared for employment and independent living and that specific attention is to be paid to planning how they will transition from secondary school to the adult world. Learn what IDEA requires in terms of transition planning, who is involved, and what types of activities and services are important, in

- Designing Individualized Education Program (IEP) Transition Plans

<http://ericec.org/digests/e598.html>

- IDEA 1997 Transition Issues: The IEP for Transition-Aged Students

www.ncset.org/publications/default.asp#parent

- Transition Requirements: A Guide for States, Districts, Schools, Universities and Families

<http://interact.uoregon.edu/wrrc/trnfiles/trncontents.htm>

- How to involve all the resources in communities, not just the agencies that have traditionally been involved

<http://ecac-parentcenter.org/userfiles/PTI/Resource%20pages/Transition%20to%20Adulthood/Transition%20Planning%20A%20Team%20Effort%20NICHCY.pdf>

NICHCY's Transition Planning: A Team Effort has a wealth of useful ideas about who to involve and what role they might play.

- And the students themselves should be involved!

resource not transferred to CPIR but audio transcript available
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/st1script/>

NICHCY's Student Guide to the IEP set, which includes Helping Students Develop Their IEPs, was mentioned earlier and is particularly appropriate for students planning their transitions to the adult world.

- Here's another resource for helping students take part in transition planning.

www.ericec.org/digests/e593.html

Planning Student-Directed Transitions to Adult Life helps teachers with skills students need to know to participate in transition planning.

Resources from Commercial Publishers

- What Every Parent Needs to Know about Special Education

www.lrp.com

Available from LRP Publications; order online or call 1 (800) 341-7874.

- The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for Your Special Education Child

www.nolo.com

Available from Nolo Press; order online or call 1 (800) 728-3555.

- My Future My Plan: A Transition Planning Resource for Life After High School

www.myfuturemyplan.com

This resource includes a 30-minute video, video discussion guide, a planning and resource notebook for students, and a guide to the notebook for family members and teachers. It's available from State of the Art, Inc., 4455 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite B-200, Washington, DC 20008, (202) 537-0818.

- Guide to Writing Quality Individualized Education Programs: What's Best for Students with Disabilities?

www.ablongman.com/

Order this Allyn & Bacon book from www.amazon.com

- Better IEPs: How to Develop Legally Correct and Educationally Useful Programs

Order this book from www.amazon.com

Other Resources of Interest

- The IEP: A Synthesis of Current Literature Since 1997

www.nasdse.org/forum.htm

This is available online at Project FORUM, a project of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE).

- The IEP: A Tool for Realizing Possibilities

www.peakparent.org

These training materials are used to teach parents how to take an active role in their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP). The tool kit includes a complete script, a video, and a book that discusses all the components of an IEP. The video and book are also available in Spanish, *El IEP: Un Instrumento Valioso para Realizar las Posibilidades*, and *Planes de Educación Individuales: Padres Activos y Efectivos*. Both are available from: PEAK Parent Center, Inc., 611 North Weber Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, (719) 531-9400, 1(800) 284-0251 (Hotline), info@peakparent.org

INCLUDING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN STATE AND DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

What's Required—and Why?

- Frequently asked questions—and answers

www.education.umn.edu/nceo/TopicAreas/Participation/participation_FAQ.htm

The participation of students with disabilities in state and district assessments is a special topic area of the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO). If this topic is new to you, you'll want to start your investigation with NCEO's FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). What do you want to know? NCEO tries to answer the questions most people start with.

- All Kids Count: Including students with disabilities in statewide assessment programs

<http://fcsn.org/peer/assess.htm>

The guide you'll find at this link is a product of the PEER Project, a technical assistance project formerly funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. All Kids Count is intended as a basic primer on the participation of students with disabilities in statewide assessment systems. Its purpose is to give parents, parent leaders, professionals, and other interested parties basic guidelines and points of reference for participating in discussions around policies and practices related to the inclusion of students with disabilities in large-scale assessment programs.

- Assessing students with disabilities: Issues and evidence

www.cse.ucla.edu/reports/TR587.pdf

This 2003 report discusses major issues raised by the inclusion of students with disabilities in large-scale assessments and summarizes pertinent research.

- Any guidance from the feds?

www.dssc.org/frc/fed/OSEP01-06.FFAssessment.pdf

Guidance on Including Students With Disabilities in Assessment Programs is available from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), U.S. Department of Education. Find the family version at this link. The same information, prepared for state directors of special education, is available at

www.dssc.org/frc/AssessmentQ%26A.html

- What are the positive aspects of including students with disabilities in assessment programs?

www.education.umn.edu/nceo/OnlinePubs/Synthesis51.html

When investigators document the consequences of high-stakes assessments for students with disabilities, many negative consequences are cited. The National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO) examined both empirical and anecdotal evidence for positive consequences of large-scale high-stakes assessments for students with disabilities. This report synthesizes their findings.

Test Accommodations

- Accommodations: Making it possible for students to show you “what they got”

www.education.umn.edu/nceo/TopicAreas/Accommodations/Accom_topic.htm

And we're back at the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO), because they're the experts. Check out their resources on testing accommodations, which are "changes in testing materials or procedures that enable students to participate in assessments in a way that allows abilities to be assessed rather than disabilities." This NCEO special topic area includes, among other things, an Introduction to Accommodations (at this link) and an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). Find out what accommodations are, what categories they fall into, and when you'd want to make one (or two . . .) for a student with a disability.

- When you make a change to the test, what happens?

www.ihdi.uky.edu/msrrc/PDF/Tindal&Fuchs.pdf

If you make an accommodation, does it make the student's test results any less valid? This 1999 summary addresses the issue of validity with primary consideration on using this research to implement sound testing practices and to make appropriate educational decisions.

- A summary of research on test changes

<http://education.umn.edu/nceo/onlinepubs/Technical34.htm>

This 2002 paper, titled A Summary of Research on the Effects of Test Accommodations: 1999 through 2001, summarizes research on the effects of test accommodations, including: type of assessment, content area assessed, number of research participants, types of disabilities included in the sample, grade level of the participants, research design,

research findings, limitations of the study, and recommendations for future research.

- Try the Online Accommodations Bibliography.

<http://education.umn.edu/nceo/AccomStudies.htm>

The Online Accommodations Bibliography, at the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO), allows users to search a compilation of empirical research studies on the effects of various testing accommodations for students with disabilities. Convenient, eh? The research you'll find is the same as what's summarized in the article cited and linked in the previous item, plus additional research studies presented or published in more recent years.

- Need a tool kit or staff development tool on assessment accommodations?

www.cec.sped.org/bk/catalog2/assessment.html

Making Assessment Accommodations: A Toolkit For Educators 2000 [and Videotape] is a product of the ASPIRE and ILIAD IDEA Partnership Projects, formerly funded by OSEP. An introductory section provides an overview of the tool kit. A 15-minute videotape looks at commonly used assessment accommodations from the perspectives of practitioners, policymakers, administrators, and parents. The "Practitioner's Guide" section briefly describes the most commonly used accommodations in five areas: timing, scheduling, setting, presentation, and response. The "Administrator's Guide" section includes a discussion of implementation along with examples of schools that have

made assessment accommodations for students with disabilities. A pamphlet to share with family members is also included in this section. The final section presents suggestions and ideas for using the tool kit in staff development sessions for small study groups. To order, call The Council for Exceptional Children, 1 (888) 232-7733, or e-mail service@cec.sped.org

- State policies: Assessment and accommodations

www.education.umn.edu/nceo/TopicAreas/Accommodations/StatesAccomm.htm

Want to know what your state's policy is about including students with disabilities in standardized assessments? Take a look at this link, courtesy of the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO), which has been tracking and analyzing state policies on participation in assessments and accommodations for more than a decade now.

- And then you include the scores of students with disabilities in the state's accountability system, right? No matter what they are?

www.education.umn.edu/nceo/OnlinePubs/Technical33.htm

States want to have good scores on their tests, just like any student does. If the students in the state do well on these large-scale tests, that means the state's education system is working. But what if the scores turn out lousy? No one wants to hear that bad news! Nonetheless, states have to tell us how students are doing (and, by extension, how the state's system is doing). But are they really including students with

disabilities in the overall performance picture? This study, “Are We There Yet? Accountability for the Performance of Students With Disabilities,” identifies and describes the accountability systems that states are using and discusses the degree to which publicly available documents clearly articulate whether students with disabilities are included in accountability calculations.

- Want more resources? Try NICHCY’s TA&D Resource Library

<http://www.tadnet.org/pages/513-products>

This link provides a list of all the publications and products available on the subject that are available from the TA&D (Technical Assistance and Dissemination) network funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the U.S. Department of Education.

Alternate Assessments

- What we know and need to know about alternate assessment

http://journals.sped.org/ec/archive_articles/VOLUME70NUMBER1Fall2003_EC_Browder70-1.pdf

This 2003 journal article appeared in *Exceptional Children*, Vol. 70, No. 1, pp. 45-61.

It reviews promises, practices, and provisos of using alternate assessments to measure progress of students with disabilities in statewide assessment programs.

- Alternate assessment: Q & A

www.usu.edu/mprrc/infoserv/pubs.cfm#aa

This document was created as a tool for state staff, local educators, and other stakeholders who have vested interests in creating an alternative assessment process for states and local districts. Alternative assessment is defined and examples are offered.

- Here's a ton of info on alternate assessment—all in one place.

http://education.umn.edu/nceo/TopicAreas/AlternateAssessments/alt_assess_topic.htm

You'll notice how often this A-Z page takes you to the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO)—that's because they're the experts! They offer a gratifying number of resources on alternate assessment, which is “designed to measure the performance of students who are unable to participate in general large-scale assessments used by districts and states.” This NCEO special topic area includes, among other things, an Introduction (at this link), an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), and connection to resources on the subject.

- What are your state's alternate assessment policies?

<http://education.umn.edu/nceo/TopicAreas/AlternateAssessments/StatesAltAssess.htm>

If you want to know what your state is up to, take a look at this link, again courtesy of the National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO), which has been tracking and analyzing state policies on participation in assessments and accommodations for more than a decade now.

- A standard setting method for alternate assessments for students with significant disabilities.

www.education.umn.edu/NCEO/OnlinePubs/Synthesis47.html

Exploration of the rationale and design of the alternate portfolio assessment.

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<http://www.tadnet.org/pages/513-products>

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LEARNING DISABILITIES

Quick Intros to Learning Disabilities

- Want a quick overview?

http://www.ccisd.net/docs/special-education-services-documents/learning_disabilities.pdf?sfvrsn=0

Read NICHCY's 4-page fact sheet on LD.

- LD at a glance

www.ld.org/LDInfoZone/InfoZone_FactSheet_LD.cfm

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) is an excellent source of information. Read about LD in this fact sheet: how to tell if someone has a learning disability, what causes LD, how common LDs are, and what can be done.

- If you're new to LD . . .

http://www.lidaamerica.org/new_to_ld/index.asp

. . . then the Learning Disabilities Association of America has written this intro for you.

- The ABCs of LD

www.ldonline.org/abcs_info/articlesinfo.html

You'll find LD Online a rich source of info. Start here for a quick intro.

- Definitions and overviews

www.schwablearning.org/resources.asp?g=1&s=1&t=1

Schwab Learning will give you LD fast facts, an overview, and definitions.

Diagnosing LD

The diagnosis of learning disabilities is often a sticky issue. Of particular concern are the various methods used to test children suspected of having learning disabilities and the differing eligibility criteria that states apply to decide whether or not a child qualifies for special education and related services. A lot rides on those decisions. Depending on the diagnostic process used, the resulting picture may vary as to the child's abilities and difficulties. And based upon the picture that emerges of the child, decisions are made about the education and special assistance that the child will receive (or not) and the resources that the state will commit to provide the child with special education (or not).

- What's the primary approach to diagnosing LD? Here's an overview of the discrepancy approach.

Fletcher, J. M., Francis, D. J., Shaywitz, S. E., Lyon, G. R., Foorman, B. R., Stuebing, K. K., Shaywitz, B. A. (1998, Fall). Intelligent testing and the discrepancy model for children with learning disabilities. *Learning Disabilities Research & Practice*, 13(4), 186-203.

This article isn't available online, but it's worthwhile pursuing at a library, resource room, or from the publisher itself. It reviews the historical basis and rationale for identifying children as learning disabled on the basis of a discrepancy between scores on measures of intelligence and achievement. In addition to a historical perspective, recent

studies that address the validity of classifications of children with LD according to the presence or absence of discrepancies between IQ and achievement are reviewed.

“Throughout this article, the role of IQ testing in the designation of children as learning disabled for research and public policy is addressed. The authors conclude that IQ tests have limited utility for the identification of children with LD. Alternative approaches to classification that incorporate the idea of a discrepancy between aptitude and achievement are discussed.” (ERIC: Authors)

- What else is possible? Alternate approaches

Torgesen, J. K., & Wagner, R. K. (1998, Fall). Alternative diagnostic approaches for specific developmental reading disabilities. *Learning Disabilities Research & Practice*, 13(4), 220-232.

“Research on reading disabilities conducted within the . . . two decades [prior to the article’s publication] provides evidence in support of new approaches to the diagnoses of reading disabilities in children and adults. This article summarizes recently acquired information about a specific set of linguistic-cognitive markers for reading disabilities, and it also describes efforts to develop measures of these markers in the areas of phonological awareness, rapid automatic naming, and verbal short-term memory. In addition, implications of this new information for the diagnosis of reading disabilities are considered.” (ERIC: Authors)

- The official policy of the Educational Testing Service (ETS)

Office of Disability Policy, Educational Testing Service. (1999, June). Policy statement for documentation of a learning disability in adolescents and adults (Rev.). Princeton, NJ: Author. Available online at www.ets.org/disability/ldpolicy.html

This document provides individuals, schools, professional diagnosticians, and service providers with a common understanding and knowledge base of those components of documentation that are necessary to validate a learning disability and the need for reasonable accommodations for candidates seeking to register with various Educational Testing Service testing programs.

- What the states use: The situation in 2000

Schrag, J. A. (2000, October). Discrepancy approaches for identifying learning disabilities (Quick Turn Around). Alexandria, VA: Project FORUM. Available online at www.nasdse.org/FORUM/PDF%20files/identifying_learning_disabilities.pdf

This report is a brief review of recent trends, issues, and changes within the states related to the use of discrepancy formulas and other approaches for determining eligibility of students with LD for special education and related services. This document was reviewed by the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs for consistency with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997.

- Where to go from here? Recommendations from the National Center for Learning Disabilities

National Center for Learning Disabilities. (2004). Keep kids learning: A new model to identify students with learning disabilities before they fail. Available online at www.ld.org/Advocacy/kids_learning.cfm

This document provides background on the use of the discrepancy approach to diagnosis, summarizes what we know from research and practice, and makes policy recommendations about where we need to go from here.

- And last but not least . . . the Center's that looking into it all

<http://nrclld.org/index.html>

The National Research Center on Learning Disabilities (NRCLD) has been funded by OSEP to address the complex issues surrounding the proper identification of students with LD who need special education services. Specifically, the Center is analyzing existing methods of identifying students with learning disabilities. It is also studying state and local policies to determine factors that explain the differences in the number and characteristics of students identified with learning disabilities from state to state, from district to district within a state, and even from school to school within a district. On NRCLD's Web site, you can access the results of these efforts, including

- Reschly, D. J., Hosp, J. L., & Schmied, C. M. (2003, August). And miles to go . . . State SLD requirements and authoritative recommendations. Nashville, TN: National Research Center on Learning Disabilities. This paper focuses on the major events leading to the widespread rejection of the

discrepancy criterion and an analysis of current state specific learning disabilities (SLD) requirements in relation to proposed changes in SLD classification criteria. Possibilities for and barriers to change are addressed in this analysis. Available online at <http://nrclld.org/html/research/states/index.html>

- Symposium on responsiveness to intervention. (2003, December). NRCLD hosted a 2-day symposium focusing on issues regarding responsiveness to intervention (RTI). (RTI refers to individual, comprehensive student-centered assessment models that focus on applying a problem-solving framework to identify and address a student's difficulties. For an overview of RTI's core concepts, visit <http://nrclld.org/html/research/rti/concepts.html>.) The assembled speakers, discussants, and participants represented the wide diversity of individuals with a vested interest in LD determination issues. Sessions were organized around critical questions, ranging from "How should screening for secondary intervention occur?" to "What are alternative models to LD identification other than RTI?" To access the papers presented during the symposium, PowerPoint presentations used by the presenters, and videos of the symposium sessions, when available, visit

<http://nrclld.org/html/symposium2003/index.html>

LD in More Detail

- While you're at NICHCY, might as well read the longer piece on reading and learning disabilities.

<http://www.ldaofky.org/Reading%20&%20Learning%20Disabilities.pdf>

NICHCY offers a 16-page paper on reading and learning disabilities that talks in greater depth about LD in children, what to do if you're an adult who suspects you might have a learning disability, and how parents can help their children with LD at home and in school. Find lists of reading materials for families, for adults, and for educators and connect with LD organizations, government agencies, and literacy groups.

- LD Online takes a deeper look.

www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/resource-guide.html

LD OnLine is the official Web site of the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities. This link leads you its “LD in Depth” page, where you can select the topic you want to go deeper into—adult issues, behavior, giftedness, the IEP, parenting . . . it's up to you. There's lots of detail here.

- Delve into the treasure chest at LDA.

www.ldaamerica.org/index.asp

LDA stands for the Learning Disabilities Association of America. From their home page (at this link), you can pick the type of information you need on LD. Are you a parent? A teacher? A professional needing to understand the characteristics of LD and associated conditions, such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), in order to provide effective services and assistance? Are you an adult with LD? Pick your pleasure and go straight to tailored info on LD.

- And find treasures at NCLD.

<http://www.ld.org/LDInfoZone/index.cfm>

Visit the InfoZone at NCLD (National Center for Learning Disabilities). It's divided into 3 sections: resource locator, fact sheets, and research news.

- Use the Resource Locator to find organizations in your state.
- Go to Research News if you're interested in seeing the results of the 1999 Summit on Research in Learning Disabilities.
- Go to Fact Sheets if you want information about specific learning disabilities, such as dyslexia (learning disabilities in reading), dysgraphia (writing), dyscalculia (math), dyspraxia (motor skills), information processing disorders (including the different types of auditory and visual processing disorders), visual processing disorders, or AD/HD.
- And while we're on the subject of dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia . . .?

www.schwablearning.org/resources.asp?g=1&s=1&t=1

If you scroll down this page at SchwabLearning, you'll find overviews of each of the "dys" aspects of LD. You'll also find info on auditory processing disorder and central auditory processing disorder and a discussion of whether or not they're the same thing.

- LDA also offers quick overviews of dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia.

www.ldaamerica.org/index.asp

At the home page of LDA (Learning Disabilities Association of America), the first paragraph states, “Typical learning difficulties include dyslexia, dyscalculia, and dysgraphia.” Each “dys” is linked to a list of the signs and symptoms of that disorder and a quick list of strategies to use to offset its effects.

- And for the authoritative specialist on dyslexia . . .

www.interdys.org

The International Dyslexia Association’s name speaks for itself.

National Organizations That Can Help

The organizations that offer the previously listed publications are the same ones that offer a wide range of other information, assistance, and services. But to make life a little easier, here’s a quick, consolidated list in alphabetical order:

- Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)

www.cldinternational.org

- Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD)

www.dldceec.org

- International Dyslexia Association

www.interdys.org

- LDOonline

www.ldonline.org

- Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)

www.ldaamerica.org

- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

www.nasponline.org

- National Center for Learning Disabilities

www.ld.org

www.getreadytoread.org

- Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

www.rfbd.org

- Schwab Learning

www.schwablearning.org

Find an LD Group in Your State

Several of the national groups just listed have chapters throughout the United States. You can often find out where your state chapter is located by visiting online. And often, the state chapter can put you in touch with local chapters. We've

provided the names and links of organizations that offer this type of info, support, and connection:

- Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)

Find your regional CLD chapter at

www.cldinternational.org/c/@rmLS9PNUGukig/Pages/chapters.html

- International Dyslexia Association

www.interdys.org/jsp/branch/structure.jsp

- Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)

www.ldaamerica.org/state_chapters/index.asp

- National Center for Learning Disabilities

www.ld.org/LDInfoZone/InfoZone_ResourceLocator.cfm

- Schwab Learning

Confession: Schwab doesn't really have state or local chapters, per se, but you can use their online resources page to make state and local connections of all kinds. For example,

- Using a drop-down menu, you can select your state and be given the contact info for a wide variety of groups and agencies in that state addressing issues related to learning disabilities.

www.schwablearning.org/resources.asp?g=4&s=5

- If you're looking to discuss concerns and experiences of parenting a child with a learning or attention problem, try their Parent to Parent message board at www.schwablearning.org/resources.asp?g=3

- Before you leap into a message board, though, you might want to read an interesting article about Online Parent Groups at www.schwablearning.org/articles.asp?r=62&g=3

LD Research

- Summarizing LD research

Lyon, R. (1997). Report on learning disabilities research. Adapted from testimony given by Dr. Reid Lyon before the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 10, 1997. Available online at www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/reading/nih_report.html

At the time of this testimony, Dr. Lyon was the Acting Chief of the Child Development and Behavior Branch at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH). His testimony begins with a summary of what is known about how children learn to read, including understanding how sounds are connected to print, how reading fluency develops, and how meaning is constructed from print, as well as other factors that influence learning to read. Next, an overview is provided on why so many children are having difficulty learning to read (deficits in phoneme awareness and developing the alphabetic principle, deficits in acquiring reading

comprehension strategies and applying them to the reading of text, deficits in developing and maintaining the motivation to learn to read, limitations in effectively preparing teachers). The testimony also includes a summary of what we can do help children learn to read.

- What have we learned from the last two decades of the 20th century of LD research?

Two Decades of Research in Learning Disabilities: Reading Comprehension, Expressive Writing, Problem Solving, Self-Concept. Keys to Successful Learning: A National Summit on Research in Learning Disabilities. (1999). (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 430 365)

This document presents four brief papers that review and synthesize the research on intervention with students who have LD:

- “Can School-Based Interventions Enhance the Self-Concept of Students With Learning Disabilities?” (Elbaum, B., & Vaughn, S.). This review finds that school-based interventions of either the skill development or skill enhancement types can lead to beneficial changes in students’ self-perceptions and that middle school students appeared most responsive to such interventions. Executive summary is available at www.ld.org/research/nclld_self_concept.cfm
- “Reading Comprehension Instruction for Students With Learning Disabilities” (Gersten, R., & Baker, S.). Findings indicated the effectiveness of reading comprehension interventions, instruction in self-monitoring techniques, and peer-assisted learning strategies. Continuing difficulties with

teaching students to generalize new skills were also found. Executive summary is available at www.ld.org/research/nclld_reading_comp.cfm

- “Teaching Expressive Writing to Students With Learning Disabilities” (Gersten, R., & Baker, S.). Instructional writing interventions were found to lead to significant improvements in students’ writing and that common features of successful instruction included explicit instruction in the phases of writing, teacher demonstration, and teacher and/or peer feedback. Executive summary is available at www.ld.org/research/nclld_writing.cfm

- “Intervention Research for Adolescents With Learning Disabilities” (Swanson, H. L.). “This paper reports on a meta-analysis of 58 interventions. It found that direct instruction and strategy instruction were the most effective techniques.” (ERIC: DB) Executive summary is available at www.ld.org/research/nclld_high_order.cfm

- Instructionally, what works with students with LD? More from the National Summit on Research Improving Instruction for Students with Learning Disabilities: The Results of Three Research Syntheses. Keys to Successful Learning: A National Summit on Research in Learning Disabilities. (1999). (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 430 367)

This booklet presents three brief papers that summarize three meta-analytic research syntheses of instruction for students with learning disabilities:

- “Intervention Research for Students With Learning Disabilities” (Swanson, H. L.). Findings that resulted from a

review of 272 studies are grouped into those on most effective forms of instruction, subject areas most affected by different instructional strategies, and other factors that influence achievement. Executive summary is available at www.ld.org/research/osep_swanson.cfm

- “The Effect of Instructional Grouping Format on the Reading Outcomes of Students With Disabilities” (Elbaum, B., Vaughn, S., Hughes, M., Moody, S. W., & Schumm, J. S.). This analysis of 20 studies presents conclusions on results of students tutoring each other; effects of small group instruction; the outcomes of multiple grouping formats; and effects of length of time during which alternative formats are implemented. Executive summary is available at www.ld.org/research/osep_reading.cfm

- “Effective Instruction for Learning Disabled or At-Risk English-Language Learners?” (Gersten, R., Baker, S., Marks, S. U., & Smith, S. B.). “Recommendations address components of an effective English-language development program, the value of adapted forms of the instructional approaches identified in the effective teaching research with this population, and effective ways to merge content area instruction with English-language development instruction.” (ERIC: DB) Executive summary is available at www.ld.org/research/osep_at_risk.cfm

- Findings from 13 studies about expressive writing: A meta-analysis

Baker, S., & Gersten, R. (2001, January). Teaching expressive writing to students with learning disabilities: A meta-analysis. *Elementary School Journal*, 101(3), 251-72.

(An article by the same title, but a publication date of 1999, is available through the ERIC system, EDRS Reproduction Service No. ED 439 532, and online at www.ericdigests.org/2000-4/writing.htm)

The 2001 article: “Presents analysis of 13 studies designed to teach students with learning disabilities to write better expository or narrative text. Notes the success of these interventions and details three components for any comprehensive instructional program: instruction in writing process, critical dimensions of different writing genres, and structures for feedback.” (ERIC: JPB)

The 1999 article: “Summarizes research on effective instruction in writing for students with learning disabilities. It finds that three components stand out as methods that reliably and consistently lead to improved outcomes in teaching expressive writing to these students. These components are: (1) adhering to a basic framework of planning, writing, and revision; (2) explicitly teaching critical steps in the writing process; and (3) providing feedback guided by the information explicitly taught. The paper also notes two specific teaching methodologies that incorporate these three principles: first, self-regulated strategy development, which involves self-directed prompts, and second, cognitive strategy instruction in writing, which focuses on prewriting strategies. Emerging issues in writing instruction are identified, including the mechanics versus the content of writing, dictation as a means of eliminating mechanical difficulties of expressive writing, and transfer of writing skills and related strategies to other subject-matter areas.” (Contains 10 references.) (ERIC: DB)

- The Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR) model, the Strategic Instruction Model (SIM), and high school students..

Bremer, C. D., Clapper, A. T., & Kachgal, M. M. (2000). Never too late: Approaches to reading instruction for secondary students with disabilities. Research to Practice Brief: Improving Secondary Education and Transition Services through Research. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 466 913) (Available online at www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=274)

“This research brief discusses two reading instruction models for teaching secondary school students with disabilities. The first, Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR), is designed specifically for students with learning disabilities and students who are at risk of reading failure. This strategy adapts reciprocal reading and incorporates cooperative learning. CSR utilizes four strategies: preview, click, and clunk (students identify parts of a passage that are hard to understand, then using four ‘fix-up’ strategies, get the gist and wrap up). Students are also taught to use the following cooperative group roles: leader, clunk expert, gist expert, announcer, and encourager. The second strategy, Strategic Instruction Model (SIM), consists of a package of components for use by students with learning disabilities, as well as instructional tools for use by teachers. The reading strategies portion of SIM includes: paraphrasing, self-questioning, visual imagery, and word identification. The Content Enhancement Routines in SIM help teachers manage and present the content of their classes in ways that help all students learn. A concept anchoring table is presented. The article closes with a description of other approaches and

suggestions for selecting and implementing the appropriate model.” (Contains 19 references.) (ERIC: CR)

Find out in detail about the SIM at www.ku-crl.org/iei/sim/index.html. You may also be interested in another Research to Practice Brief at NCSET, “Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR): Improving Secondary Students’ Reading Comprehension Skills,” by Bremer, C. D., Vaughn, S., Clapper, A. T., & Kim, A.-H. Find it at www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=424

What About School?

- Look up—at the section on LD research

The section just prior, on LD research, connects you with what research has to say about teaching students with LD. Take a look, if you haven’t already—and put these research insights into practice when you’re looking for interventions that work.

- What is dysgraphia? What to do when children have trouble with writing.

www.vtpic.com/Dysgraphia.pdf

This 2-page paper, available online at PIC (the Vermont Parent Training and Information Center), concisely discusses what kinds of accommodations and adjustments at school help children with writing difficulties.

- Help students learn to strategically process what they read.

www.ericdigests.org/2001-4/reading.html

Williams, J. P. (2000). Strategic processing of text: Improving reading comprehension of students with learning disabilities (ERIC/OSEP Digest #599). (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 449 596). This digest, based on a book of the same title, summarizes relevant research and promising practices in the strategic processing of text, both narrative and expository, by students with learning disabilities. The digest stresses the importance of training teachers in strategy instruction.

- Visit the Teacher's Homepage at LD Online.

www.ldonline.org/teaching/index.html

This page showcases ideas and strategies for teaching students with learning disabilities from outstanding and experienced teachers. Find out what to do if you suspect a student has a learning disability; how to handle assessment issues, inclusion, and parent conferences; and what teaching strategies and techniques work.

- Working with paraeducators

www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/teaching_techniques/work_with_paraeducator.html

- Check out LDA's materials for teachers.

www.ldaamerica.org/aboutld/teachers/index.asp

- Schwab Learning has a boatload of info on managing LD in the school setting.

www.schwablearning.org/index.asp

Behavior, assistive technology, learning strategies, homework . . . roam around Schwab's site, use the "select a topic to search" drop-down menu at the top, or enter a keyword and search, or click on the tabs "managing" or "connecting" to find the info on school you're looking for.

- Current Practice Alerts

www.teachingld.org/ld_resources/alerts/default.htm

Click this link, and you'll access a library of previous alerts about research in learning disabilities. The Alerts series is a joint initiative sponsored by two divisions of the Council for Exceptional Children: the Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD) and the Division for Research (DR). Alerts provide timely and informed judgments regarding professional practices in the field. Based on the adequacy of the current knowledge base and practice experience, each Alert makes a recommendation of "Go For It" (practices for which there is solid research evidence of effectiveness), or "Use Caution" (practices for which the research evidence is incomplete, mixed, or negative).

What About Home?

- Check out LDA's materials for parents.

www.ldaamerica.org/aboutld/parents/index.asp

- Parents, LD, and designing educational services for your child

http://nclld.org/LDInfoZone/InfoZone_FactSheetIndex.cfm

NCLD (National Center for Learning Disabilities) offers 2 separate guides to help parents and guardians get help and services if they believe their preschool or school-aged child has a learning disability. Scroll down the page until you see “LD Advocacy.” You’ll find the links to the guides there.

- “I have homework . . .”

www.vtpic.com/Homework.pdf

Homework can be a constant source of trouble for parents and students alike. If you’re finding it so, this 2-page brief was written for you! It’s available online, courtesy of VPIC (the Vermont Parent Training and Information Center).

- Homework tool kits for parents

www.ldonline.org/article.php?id=1040&loc=89

- More on homework—and four basic principles for enhancing study skills

www.ldonline.org/article.php?max=20&id=832&loc=15

- Assistive technology and learning disabilities

www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/technology/technology.html

Find out what assistive technology may help your child with learning disabilities.

- Enhancing self-concept: What works

Elbaum, B., & Vaughn, S. (2003, March/April). For which students with learning disabilities are self-concept interventions effective? *Journal of Learning Disabilities*, 36(2), 101-108. (Note: This article is drawn from the same work that resulted in an article noted in the Two Decades of Research document listed under “LD Research” above. An executive summary for that article can be found at www.ld.org/research/nclld_self_concept.cfm)

“This meta-analysis looked at outcomes of school-based interventions aimed at enhancing the self-concept of students with learning disabilities, specifically effect sizes in relation to students’ self-concepts prior to the intervention. Results indicated that only students with documented low self-concept benefited significantly from intervention. For these students effect sizes were quite large.” (Contains references.) (ERIC: Author/DB)

- SparkTop.org is not just for anybody.

www.sparktop.org/intro.html

SparkTop.org—where no two brains spark alike—is for 8-12 year-olds who learn differently. If that’s you, you might want to go there to learn about your LD, recognize strengths, showcase your creativity, and connect with other kids who have LD.

- For students themselves: Being your own advocate

http://ncld.org/LDInfoZone/InfoZone_FactSheetIndex.cfm

NCLD (National Center for Learning Disabilities) pairs its 2 parent guides (noted earlier) with one called “Being Your Own Advocate.” This introductory guide is designed to help teens and adults with learning disabilities become familiar with the rights and responsibilities they have in school, college, and the workplace. Scroll down the page until you see “LD Advocacy.” You’ll find the links to the guide there.

- Going on to postsecondary schooling, financial aid, and more

www.heath.gwu.edu/FactSheets.htm

Visit the HEATH Resource Center—it’s not a college, and it doesn’t offer financial aid itself, but you can learn about both there. HEATH is the national center on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. At this link, you’ll find publications such as “Financial Aid for Individuals with Learning Disabilities” and “Selecting A College for Students With Learning Disabilities or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).”

Ongoing Sources of Research Info

- Annals of Dyslexia

www.interdys.org/jsp/member/index.jsp

Annals of Dyslexia is an interdisciplinary peer-reviewed journal published by The International Dyslexia Association. Articles appearing in Annals are written by researchers, scientists, educators, and clinicians concerned with dyslexia and related language disabilities. Annals is a benefit of membership in IDA. Read more about it and subscribe via this link. To learn more about Annals and view the list of contributors to the journal, visit www.interdys.org/bs/web-cart_default1.asp?prod_type=IDA&cat=Annals+of+Dyslexia

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- Intervention in School and Clinic

Includes hands-on tips, techniques, methods, and ideas from top authorities for improving the quality of assessment, instruction, and management. Published five times a year, it's a publication of Pro-Ed, 8700 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin,

TX 78757-6897. Telephone: (800) 897-3202; (512) 451-3246.
Web: www.proedinc.com/journals.html

- Journal of Learning Disabilities

www.sagepub.com/journal.aspx?pid=251

The Journal of Learning Disabilities provides information about best practice and research, in learning disabilities. Read more about it and subscribe via this link.

- Another Journal of Learning Disabilities? Yes.

www.proedinc.com/jld.html

This Journal of Learning Disabilities provides in-depth coverage of specific topics or issues in the field of learning disabilities, extensive literature reviews, theoretical papers, position papers, reports of empirical research, intervention articles, and overviews of successful interventions that can be replicated with other individuals with learning disabilities. Read more about it and subscribe via this link.

- Journal of Special Education

The Journal of Special Education is a research journal in the field of special education for individuals with disabilities ranging from mild to severe. Published quarterly, it's a publication of Pro-Ed, 8700 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, TX 78757-6897. Telephone: (800) 897-3202; (512) 451-3246.
Web: www.proedinc.com/journals.html

- Learning Disabilities—A Multidisciplinary Journal

A publication of the Learning Disabilities Association of America, 4156 Library Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234, it's published twice yearly. (412) 341-1515. Web: www.ldaamerica.org

- Learning Disabilities Research & Practice

The Learning Disabilities Research & Practice journal presents current research in the field of learning disabilities and disseminates information important to practitioners in the field. Members of the Division for Learning Disabilities (a special interest division of the Council for Exceptional Children) receive the Journal series as part of their membership. To find out how to join DLD, visit www.teachingld.org/become/default.htm

- Learning Disability Quarterly

The Learning Disability Quarterly reports research on the many facets of learning disabilities. It's published 4 times per year by the Council for Learning Disabilities. Membership in the Council for Learning Disabilities includes a complimentary subscription, but a subscription is also available without membership. To subscribe, visit www.cldinternational.org/c/@nbz2w2jsbn8KE/Pages/ldqinfo.html

- Reading & Writing Quarterly—Overcoming Learning Difficulties

This journal provides critical information to improve instruction for regular and special education students who have difficulty learning to read and write, for university-based

instructors and researchers, learning consultants, school psychologists, and teachers. It's published quarterly by Taylor & Francis, Inc., 325 Chestnut Street, Suite 800, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Web: www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10573569.asp

- Remedial and Special Education

This journal emphasizes interpretation of research and specific recommendations for practice. It's a bimonthly publication of Pro-Ed, 8700 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, TX 78757-6897. Telephone: (800) 897-3202; (512) 451-3246. Web: www.proedinc.com/journals.html

Information on Specific Disabilities

- NICHCY offers disability fact sheets on the following disabilities at

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/specific-disabilities/>

AD/HD, autism/PDD, cerebral palsy, deafness/hearing impairments, Down syndrome, emotional disorders, epilepsy, learning disabilities, mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorders (PDD), severe/multiple disabilities, speech/language impairments, spina bifida, traumatic brain injury (TBI), visual impairments.

- How does your state define these disabilities?

www.nasdse.org/FORUM/PDF%20files/disability_categories.pdf

Find out your state's policies in Project FORUM's report, Disability Categories: State Terminology, Definitions & Eligibility Criteria (2004), available at this link.

- Information in Spanish?

Yes!. Visit the disability information page in Spanish, located at <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/lista-espanol/>. Also visit the 2 new Spanish-language resource pages that'll connect you to Spanish materials about (a) specific disabilities and (b) disability topics. These pages are available in both English and Spanish.

- Didn't find what you were looking for?

If you're looking for information on a disability NOT covered by one of the fact sheets, please do write (malizo@spannj.org) or call in English or in Spanish. There is a lot of information to share on other disabilities.

- Looking for information on a rare disorder?

Contact

- the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) at 1 (800) 999-6673, and www.rarediseases.org
- the Office of Rare Disorders at the National Institutes of Health at <http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/index.html>
- the Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center, which is a part of the Office of Rare Disorders and which answers questions from the general public, including patients and their

families, health care professionals, and biomedical researchers. Call toll-free at 1 (888) 205-2311 (Voice), 1 (888) 205-3223 (TTY).

- DiseaseInfoSearch, for information on specific genetic conditions at www.geneticalliance.org/ws_display.asp?filter=diseases

Disability Organizations

- Looking for an organization focusing on a specific disability?

Visit the “Quick Find/NICHCY Resources” page at <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/nichcy-resources/#> to see if there’s an organization specializing in that disability. (Hint: If you can’t find one, give a call at 1 (800) 695-0285.)

- Just want to know what’s out there?

There’s a National Resources list to help you find disability information and disability organizations. It can be accessed from <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/nichcy-resources/#>

- Try the government’s resource list.

DisabilityInfo.gov is the comprehensive federal Web site of disability-related government resources. You can find out about government disability programs and benefits, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the 2002 Red Book on Work Incentives and Employment Supports, Career One-Stops, Employment, Education, Housing, Transportation,

Health, Income Support, Technology, Community Life, and Civil Rights.

The TA&D Network—at Your Service!

The TA&D Network refers to the Technical Assistance and Dissemination network funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). There are more than 40 information centers set up to offer assistance on special education and disability topics.

NICHCY is one such center. Others focus on early childhood, special education finance, learning disabilities, mediation, minorities, outcomes, transition, IDEA, and on and on.

- Would a fast guide to the TA&D centers help?

The Federal Resource Center on Special Education (FRC) has a list of all the centers, their contact information, and Web site addresses. Find this handy guide online at www.dssc.org/frc/oseptad.htm

- Publications, publications, publications!

NICHCY offers online access to the TA&D resource library, with descriptions of all TA&D publications, CDs, videos, research articles, and disability briefs. Search the library at <http://www.tadnet.org/pages/513-products>

Disability Awareness

- What do parents experience?

http://www.familyvoices.org/admin/work_caring/files/nd20.pdf

NICHCY offers a 16-page publication called *Parenting a Child With Special Needs*. A Spanish version, called *Cómo Criar un Niño con Necesidades Especiales*, is also available. The publication is written primarily for parents new to the disability experience and shines a light upon emotional reactions that parents may experience and the lessons others have learned. You don't have to be a parent of a child with disabilities, though, to find this document illuminating. If you're working with parents, this publication opens a window into what it means to have a child with a disability.

- Need others to be more aware of what it means to have a disability?

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/awareness/>

Classrooms, day care centers, scout troops, clubs—any place children come together may benefit from this resource. NICHCY's Disability Awareness can connect you with curriculum, books, children's books, videos, and posters or other merchandise developed specifically to foster disability awareness.

Accessibility

- Key concepts of accessibility

www.nod.org/

The National Organization on Disability (NOD) sheds light on the many dimensions of accessibility: economic, social, medical/health care, religious, political, housing—these are just a few areas of concern to individuals with disabilities.

- What does the ADA require?

The ADA is the Americans with Disabilities Act, a law which requires that persons with disabilities have access to public accommodations, including hotels, restaurants, theaters, retail stores, parks, zoos, transportation terminals, and other facilities open to the public. The 10 regional centers on the ADA exist to provide information about the law and its accessibility requirements. These are known as DBTACs: Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers. Enter the DBTAC network with a phone call to 1 (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY) or visit www.adata.org/index.html

- Removing physical barriers to accessibility

The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 requires that facilities designed, constructed, or altered with federal funds comply with certain accessibility standards. Find out more by visiting the Access Board at www.access-board.gov

- Addressing barriers to employment

If you're an employer and need information on the practical steps employers can take to make accommodations for the functional limitations of employees and applicants with disabilities, you'll love JAN, the Job Accommodations Network. JAN's services are free and numerous and very helpful. Visit JAN at www.jan.wvu.edu

- Access to educational curriculum and learning

Heard of the universal design for learning (UDL)? If not, take the Universal Design for Learning Web Tour, brought to you by the National Center on Accessing the General Curriculum. The tour's available at www.cast.org/ncac

- A research synthesis on Universal Design for Learning

"What is All the Buzz about Universal Design for Learning?" is available online at www.ihdi.uky.edu/msrrc/PDF/UDL%20Synthesis.pdf

- Web site accessibility

What makes a Web site accessible to visitors with disabilities? How is an accessible Web site created and maintained? Learn from the experts, the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), whose Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) includes substantial resources and guidance online. Go to: www.w3.org/WAI/about.html

- Section 508

The W3C is a great place to begin, but there's more to the story (naturally). Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, requires that federal agencies' electronic and information technology is accessible to people with disabilities. You'll need to know Section 508 requirements and strategies for compliance, which you can easily find out at the official 508 Web site: www.section508.gov

- Bobby, the helpful accessibility cop

Bobby is a free online service that allows you to test Web pages and identify and repair barriers to accessibility within existing accessibility guidelines, such as Section 508 and the W3C. Go under Bobby's scrutiny at <http://bobby.watchfire.com/bobby/html/en/index.jsp>

- There are so many types of access!

This list of connections to accessibility information and strategies could go on and on and on. Here are a few last, quick links, for accessibility to . . .

- . . . higher education: The Association on Higher Education And Disability (AHEAD) exists to upgrade the quality of services and support available to persons with disabilities in higher education. Take advantage of their resources and services at www.ahead.org
- . . . housing: Visit HUD, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at www.hud.gov/groups/disabilities.cfm
- . . . information technology in education: Visit the National Center on Accessible Information Technology in Education (AccessIT) at www.washington.edu/accessit/index.php
- . . . recreation: Visit the National Center on Accessibility, which promotes access for people with disabilities in recreation, at www.ncaonline.org/index.shtml
- . . . transportation: Who better than the U.S. Department of Transportation to tell you about accessible transportation, at www.dot.gov/citizen_services/disability/disability.html

- . . . worship: Benefit from the Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability (NOD), described at www.nod.org/religion/index.cfm. Download a 50-page guide, called Accessible Faith: A Technical Guide for Accessibility in Houses of Worship, from www.rrf.org/noteworthy/accessible.html#47

Parent Groups

- Wondering what kind of parent groups are out there?

https://ia802608.us.archive.org/27/items/ERIC_ED370272/ERIC_ED370272.pdf

Here's a quick read on the subject: Accessing Parent Groups, and its Spanish version, Acceso a los Grupos de Padres.

- Sometimes only another parent can help.

To talk with another parent whose child has the same disability as yours, let Parent to Parent connect you. Find them at www.p2pusa.org. (Wondering what Parent to Parent is? Read Parent to Parent Support and find out what this program has to offer. In Spanish, this publication is called Apoyo Padre a Padre. Both can be accessed from: <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/parentgroups/>

- Looking for a nearby parent group on your child's disability?

There are lots of parent groups organized around specific disabilities. If you're looking for one in your neck of the

woods, take a look under “Disability-Specific Organizations” in the state resource sheets at www.nichcy.org/states.htm

- The special expertise of your state’s PTI is at your fingertips.

Give your state’s PTI (that stands for Parent Training and Information Center) a call when you want to (a) find out about education rights in your state, (b) learn how to advocate for your child, (c) find local resources, or (d) get expert advice on parenting a child with a disability. Find your state’s PTI by looking at the state resource sheets or by checking out the PTI listings on the central PTI site at the Alliance at www.taalliance.org/Centers/PTIs.htm. And read all about what PTIs do for parents and children in the publication, Parent Training and Information Centers, at http://www.twu.edu/downloads/family-sciences/Parent_Training_and_Information_Centers.pdf

- How about the PTA?

The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) offers both information and local organizations to help parents stay involved in the lives of their children—those with disabilities, too! To find your state’s PTA, visit the national site at www.pta.org or look at the state resource sheets under “Organizations Especially for Parents.”

- For adoptive parents, there’s . . .
 - the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse at <http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm>

- the National Adoption Center at www.adopt.org
- the National Resource Center on Special Needs Adoption at www.spaulding.org/nrc/index.htm

Groups for Kids

- Electronic connections

Try NICHCY's Zigawhat! site, where children with disabilities can learn about their disability (and others), connect with other kids, read tips just for them, have fun and play games, and tell their stories. Zig into Zigawhat at www.nichcy.org/kids/index.htm

- Sibling support

Kids who have brothers and sisters with special needs have needs of their own. Want to know more?

- Read about sibs' special needs in the ERIC Clearinghouse's Siblings of Children With Disabilities at <http://ericec.org/faq/siblings.html>
- And then there's Soda Pop Online, which stands for: Siblings of Disabled (Kids) and Peers Offering Promise. This online space is made for kids and teenagers who have a sibling or friend with a disability. Take a sip at www.sodapoponline.org/
- Visit the Arc's Sibling Support Project page. The Sibling Support Project is a national program dedicated to the interests of brothers and sisters of people with special health

and developmental needs. Find out more about holding a Sibshop and search the database of over 350 existing Sibshops and other sibling programs across the United States, Canada and beyond, all at www.thearc.org/siblingsupport/

Disability Stats

Looking for statistics related to disability? Here are some sources!

- For general disability statistics

Contact the Disability Statistics Rehabilitation, Research and Training Center (DSRRTC) at (415) 502-5210, distats@itsa.ucsf.edu, or visit their Web site at www.dsc.ucsf.edu

The DSRRTC has the most recent published sources of statistical data on disability, including such products as Disability Statistics Reports and Disability Statistics Abstracts. Data cover demography; epidemiology; health services use, costs, and coverage; employment and earnings; and social services and benefits. Data are also available on the following national programs: vocational rehabilitation; Medicaid and Medicare; veterans programs; Social Security (SSDI and SSI); and special education.

- For health statistics

Here are two resources: (a) The National Center for Health Statistics, which offers “fast stats” on disability at www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/disable.htm and (b) the Maternal and Child Health Information Resource Center (MCHIRC) at

(202) 842-2000, mchirc@hsrnet.com, www.mchirc.net. For statistics on many child-related topics, go to “View Child Health USA 2002” at www.mchirc.net/HTML/CHUSA-02/

- For disability-related education statistics

Every year, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), prepares a report for Congress on the implementation of the nation’s special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. These reports always come with impressive data tables about the numbers of students with disabilities served under IDEA, their disabilities, their educational placements, their teaching staff, and so on. Find OSEP’s annual reports to Congress online at www.ed.gov/about/reports/annual/osep/index.html

- For diverse education statistics

The National Center for Education Statistics collects and analyzes data related to education in the United States. This includes children with disabilities. Visit the NCES site at <http://nces.ed.gov/> and search using the term “disability,” for example. Search results will include how many children with disabilities are being served under federal disability programs, how many exit from high school, the numbers that enroll in postsecondary education, and more.

- For statistics on the participation of people with disabilities in American life

The National Organization on Disability (NOD.), in cooperation with the Harris Poll, is a source of timely survey

research data on people with disabilities in American life. Visit the “stats” part of NOD’s site at www.nod.org/stats/

TEACHING STRATEGIES AND MATERIALS

Curriculum

General Education Curriculum Web Sites

- Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (Free)

www.ed.gov/free/

This site lists resources from the U.S. government for various age levels and subject areas

- The Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM)

www.thegateway.org/

This is a searchable database of general education curriculum materials sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

- The Educator’s Reference Desk

www.eduref.org/

This database of lesson plans (formerly known as the AskERIC Lesson Plans) is searchable by grade, subject area, and keyword. The lessons are mainly from the general curriculum, but many can be adapted for children with disabilities.

- E-subjects: Curriculum and Lesson Plans

www.esubjects.com/

The site is broken into areas for students, parents, and teachers. Some materials can only be accessed with a subscription to the site.

- DiscoverySchool.com

<http://school.discovery.com/>

DiscoverySchool.com provides innovative teaching materials for teachers and is constantly reviewed for educational relevance by practicing classroom teachers in elementary school, middle school, and high school. You can browse lesson plans by grade and by subject. The Curriculum Center also offers activities, worksheets, puzzles, quizzes, and more to help you teach science.

- Sites for Teachers

www.sitesforteachers.com/

Sitesforteachers.com provides only links to sites that contain teacher's resource and educational material. Sites are ranked by popularity.

- A to Z for Teachers

www.atozteacherstuff.com/

A to Z Teacher Stuff provides access to thousands of lesson plans through theme and lesson plan pages, as well as Lesson [Planz.com](#).

Special Education Curriculum Web Sites

- [About.com](#)'s Links to Special Education Lesson Plans

<http://specialed.about.com/education/specialed/cs/lessonplans/index.htm>

- [About.com](#)'s Links to Mainstreaming/Inclusion Information & Strategies

<http://7-12educators.miningco.com/msub81mainstreaming.htm>

- Instructional Strategies on the Internet

<http://interact.uoregon.edu/wrrc/InstStrat.htm>

This site links to curriculum and teaching technique sites reviewed by the Western Regional Resource Center.

- Intervention Techniques

<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/cise/ose/information/interventions.html>

Special education majors at the UVA review journal articles on teaching techniques for students with disabilities.

- Preschool Zone: Resources for Early Childhood Special Education

www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/pep/pz.html

- Teachers Helping Teachers

www.pacificnet.net/~mandel/SpecialEducation.html

This site has available Special Education lesson plans submitted by teachers.

- [TeacherVision.com](http://www.teachervision.com) Search Engine

www.teachervision.com/tv/tvsearch.php

Searching under the word “Curriculum,” “Disabilities,” or the phrase “Special Education” brings up a list of articles and Web resources on that subject, broken down into subtopics.

Books and Articles

- Curricular accommodations can really help students with disabilities.

<http://www.csus.edu/indiv/b/brocks/Courses/EDS%20245/EDS245%20Outline%20Folder/bib1.pdf>

Learn more about curricular accommodations in this NICHCY document, Resources You Can Use, on making adaptations for students with disabilities.

- What does the research have to say about useful enhancements or adaptations to curriculum for students with disabilities?

www.cast.org/ncac/

The National Center on Accessing the General Curriculum (NCAC) offers, among other valuable resources, several in-depth articles on effective classroom practices, based upon a review of the literature. Read online what research reveals about explicit instruction, differentiated instruction, curriculum-based evaluations, and peer-mediated instruction and intervention.

- Universal design for learning

Universal design for learning is a way of building curricular adaptations into teaching tools that draws on new brain research and new media technologies to respond to individual learner differences. Find out more about universal design for learning (UDL) in the topical brief, A Curriculum Every Student Can Use: Design Principles for Student Access, and Research Connections in Special Education on universal design (RC#5) at www.ericec.org/osep-sp. Visit the National Center on Accessing the General Curriculum (NCAC) Web site, where extensive materials on universal design are offered at www.cast.org/ncac/WhatisUDL372.cfm

- LD Online

http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/teaching_techniques/strategies.html

LD Online provides a wealth of materials for and about students with learning disabilities. You'll find articles about specific instructional strategies and techniques for this population, including

- General classroom instruction accommodations
- Teaching phonological awareness, reading
- Teaching spelling
- Teaching oral and written language
- Teaching organization, active reading and listening, and study skills
- Teaching mathematics
- Teaching social behavior skills
- ERIC EC Digests (Available at least until December 31st, 2006)

<http://ericec.org/digests/prodfly.html>

A variety of digests are available at this site with information on curriculum and adaptations divided into the following subcategories: Cultural Diversity, Early Childhood, Gifted, Instruction & Management, Learning Disabilities/Attention Deficit Disorder, and Other Disabilities.

Foreign Language Materials

- Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)
Early Childhood Research Institute

www.clas.uiuc.edu/

The CLAS Early Childhood Research Institute collects and describes early childhood/early intervention resources that have been developed across the United States for children with disabilities and their families and the service providers who work with them.

- The Foreign Language Teacher's Guide to Learning Disabilities

www.fln.vcu.edu/ld/ld.html

This Web address links to sites and articles with information pertaining to teaching foreign languages to students with various disabilities. Some information is specifically on curriculum, adaptations, and activities, but most of the information is on general resources.

- NCELA, the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Educational Programs

www.ncela.gwu.edu

NCELA provides links to state-by state policies and resources as well as compiled information on meeting the educational needs of linguistically and culturally diverse students in the United States. Curriculum standards, information on accommodations for statewide assessments, and state policy

information available in foreign languages are linked to if available.

Research Basics

- Visit NIFL, an authoritative source for literacy information.

www.nifl.gov/nifl/index.html

NIFL is the National Institute for Literacy, and its site overflows with resources. Search NIFL's national database of literacy programs to find one in your neck of the woods. Access NIFL's many publications, including a 58-page teacher's guide for using the findings of the National Reading Panel in the classroom (called Put Reading First: The Research Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read); a Parent's Guide called Helping Your Child Learn to Read; and a series of adult literacy publications titled Bridges to Practice.

- What does the research have to say about what works in literacy?

www.ciera.org/index.html

Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement (CIERA) offers technical reports that have the latest research findings of different literacy studies. You'll also find publications on reading, appropriate for both teachers and parents. Don't miss the series of instructional resources.

- And then there's the National Reading Panel and its research reports

www.nationalreadingpanel.org/Publications/publications.htm

In April 2000, the National Reading Panel (NRP) released its research-based findings in two reports and a video titled, Teaching Children to Read. The first report is an excellent resource for anyone interested in learning about reading instruction research. The second report (a more technically written document) reviews the reports of subgroups that assessed the status of research-based knowledge on the effectiveness of various approaches to teaching children to read.

- What has NICHD found out about reading development, reading disorders, and reading instruction?

www.ld.org/research/keys99_nichd.cfm

During the past 33 years, scientists at NICHD (the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development) have studied the reading development of 34,501 children and adults. This includes 12,641 individuals with reading difficulties, many of whom have been studied for as long as 12 years. This link leads to a synthesis online at the National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) and authored by Reid Lyon, which is derived from an analysis of over 2,500 publications generated by NICHD scientists since 1965.

- What do we know about preventing reading difficulties in young children?

stills.nap.edu/html/prdyc/

Teachers and researchers may wish to read this 1998 report of the National Research Council that synthesizes the research on early reading development. It paints an integrated picture of how reading develops and how reading instruction should be provided.

- What about the Reading First program?

www.nasdse.org/FORUM/reading_first.pdf

The Reading First program is a focused effort to improve reading skills of students in kindergarten through the third grade. This link connects you to Project FORUM's synthesis of information shared by the Department of Education at the Reading Research Symposium for the Council of Great City Schools, in March 2002.

- What types of parent involvement help children learn to read?

www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/fine/resources/digest/literacy.html

This Research Digest investigates (a) what types of parenting practices are related to children's early literacy in reading, math, and general knowledge performance at the end of the kindergarten year, and (b) how does the relationship between parent involvement and early literacy vary for children from different racial/ethnic and income backgrounds?

- And for parents—here’s something written just for you about the research on reading.

www.reading.org/pdf/1055.pdf

The International Reading Association offers *What is Evidence-based Reading Instruction?* to help parents understand the research in reading, including how to identify literacy instruction methods that are likely to lead to high student achievement. Download the brochure at this link.

- More about the research base on reading—and PowerPoint slides!

www.nichd.nih.gov/crmc/cdb/approach.pdf

In 28 pages, find out about *Reading: A Research-Based Approach*, available online (at this link) at the NICHD, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health. You may also be interested in NICHD’s PowerPoint slides on the subject at www.nichd.nih.gov/crmc/cdb/reading/index.htm

- Summarizing the knowledge base

<http://www.ncrel.org/litweb/knowlb.htm>

NCREL (the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory) provides summaries, syntheses, and links to literacy resources on its site.

- Research-based literacy materials from the U.S. Department of Education and the projects it funds

<http://pplace.org/Litguidepage.html>

See our federal tax dollars at work! Download the Literacy Resource Guide for Families and Educators, and connect with current research-based literacy resources available through the U.S. Department of Education and its funded projects. The guide lists whether the resources are available in print, online, CD-rom, or videotape. The description of each item also includes information about cost (many are free!), ordering (including bulk copies), and the relevance for specific audiences (e.g., older students, students with disabilities, and English-language learners).

- To teach phonics or not?

Here are two resources addressing this question.

www.aera.net/pubs/rer/abs/rer7132.htm

Systematic Phonics Instruction Helps Students Learn to Read: Evidence from the National Reading Panel's Meta-Analysis is a 2001 article appearing in Review of Educational Research (Vol. 71, No. 3, 393–447). This link takes you to the article's abstract.

www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/nrp/report.htm

The National Reading Panel's report Teaching Children to Read includes reports of the Panel's subgroups. This link will lead you to the Table of Contents for the subgroups' reports. Chapter 2 focuses on Alphabetics and includes closer looks at phonemic awareness and phonics instruction.

NCLB and Reading

- The law speaks to reading improvement.

www.NoChildLeftBehind.gov/

This Web site includes an easy-to-read overview of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), tips for helping children learn to read, school reform news, lists of state education contacts, FAQs on reading, testing, accountability, safe schools, and much more.

- Find helpful materials on the NCLB Web site.

www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml

Parents, caregivers, teachers, and others will find useful publications on the NCLB Web site. Check out: School-Home Links Reading Kit, A Compact for Reading Guide, the READ*WRITE*NOW series, Helping Your Child Become a Reader, and many more! Some are available in Spanish, too.

Teaching Reading—Is it Rocket Science?

- Yes, it is! See why in this report.

www.aft.org/edissues/rocketscience.htm

Teaching Reading IS Rocket Science: What Expert Teachers of Reading Should Know and Be Able to Do reviews the reading research. It also describes the knowledge base essential for teacher candidates and practicing teachers to master if they are to be successful in teaching all children to

read well. Finally, the report makes recommendations for improving the system of teacher education and professional development.

- Interested in an online workshop?

www.cec.sped.org/pd/reading.html

The Council for Exceptional Children offers this online workshop in Beginning Reading Instruction. Educators, paraeducators, administrators, and teachers-in-training can take the online course whenever it best fits their schedule. The workshop focuses on research-based strategies to strengthen students' phonemic awareness, decoding, fluency, word recognition, and comprehension skills.

- To the point: A quick read

www.sedl.org/pubs/sedl-letter/v14n03/welcome.html

The Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL) focuses an edition of its SEDL Letter on Putting Reading First. Find out about 10 myths of reading instruction, the importance of phoneme awareness, and activities teachers can use in their classrooms.

- What teaching strategies help?

www.vanderbilt.edu/CASL/outreach.html

Teachers! You'll find reports on teaching strategies on this Web site of the Center on Accelerating Student Learning (CASL). Topics include reading, writing, handwriting, math,

spelling, phonological awareness, and reading comprehension. Also available are CASL newsletters, manuals, and videotapes.

- Looking for instructional materials?

www.teachers.net/4blocks/

The Four Blocks Literacy Center provides information and support to teachers and parents based upon the Four Blocks Literacy program. You can find instructional materials, books, and information on training seminars on this site.

- More on teaching strategies

cela.albany.edu/publication/ilu.htm

Visit the site Improving Literary Understanding Through Classroom Conversation. Teachers will find their publications on literacy and teaching strategies very useful.

- NCITE is the National Center to Improve the Tools of Educators.

idea.uoregon.edu/~ncite/programs/read.html

Visit NCITE's site to get an information kit, principles for learning to read, tips for teaching reading to children with learning disabilities, and tips for parents on how to strengthen reading skills.

- Attend a teacher prep and professional development conference virtually.

www.connectlive.com/events/learningsummit/

Watch the video from the 1999 conference, the National Summit: Revealing Keys to Learning Success for All Children. Focusing on teacher preparation and ongoing professional development, this conference highlighted successful examples of teachers incorporating research into practice—in particular, taking learning disability research findings and applying them to teaching methods for all students.

- Useful information if you're training teachers

www.texasreading.org/utcrcla/default.asp

Anyone who is involved with training teachers will find lots of useful information at the site of the Texas Center for Reading and Language Arts (TCRLA). Read about research efforts, get a booklet on coteaching, and access a series of professional development guides. TCRLA is developing a national training model for kindergarten through second-grade teachers in effective early reading instruction.

- Read, write, think: Free standards-based lesson plans and online resources

www.readwritethink.org/

The Read-Write-Think Web site connects theory to practice and was developed by the International Reading Association in partnership with NCTE (the National Council of Teachers of English). A wide range of lessons are available to help

teachers work with students to learn language, learn about language, and learn through language.

Beginning Reading Instruction

- What are the developmental milestones for reading and writing?

www.ed.gov/pubs/CheckFamilies/

Read Checkpoints for Progress in Reading and Writing for Families and Communities to find out the developmental milestones for kids from birth through Grade 12. Also find out what most children will be able to read and write within those milestone periods. Print out the reading suggestions for each age group to take with you to the library. Read about strategies and resources parents can use to assist their children.

- Building early literacy skills of preschool children

getreadytoread.org/index.html

The Get Ready to Read site is friendly, colorful, and chock-full of ideas for building the early literacy skills of preschool children. Information is broken down into helpful categories for parents, educators, health care professionals, and advocates. Use the 20-question, easy-to-use, research-based screening tool to determine your child's progress in building the skills needed to learn to read and write.

- Dynamic indicators of early literacy skills

idea.uoregon.edu/

The acronym is IDEA but on this Web site, it stands for the Institute for the Development of Educational Achievement. Educators, this site is especially for you! You'll find lots of useful reading and literacy materials. Don't miss the links to Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills and Big Ideas in Beginning Reading.

- Check out the Early Literacy Network.

<http://literacy.edreform.net/>

The Early Literacy Network at the Education Reform Network connects you to resources promoting early literacy. The materials are organized by the following categories: phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, writing, motivation, family literacy, struggling readers, English language learners, professional development, and instructional approaches.

- Match the books you use to the literacy goals you have.

www.uth.tmc.edu/circle/

Visit the Center for Improving the Readiness of Children for Learning and Education (CIRCLE). There, you'll find a terrific list of children's books (in both English and Spanish) categorized by different literacy goals (e.g., "Motivation to Read" "Phonological Awareness"). Don't miss the fun activities to help children learn letters, sounds, and more. Also available is a list of publications produced from research studies.

- Try this early childhood learning kit.

www.ed.gov/inits/americanreads/RSRkit.html

Ready Set Read! was developed to help every child in the United States read well, on their own, by the end of the third grade. The kit includes activity guides for families and caregivers, a growth chart, and an activity calendar filled with helpful tips and special activities to promote reading and language skills for young children. A Spanish version is also available.

- Getting children started on the right track

bob.nap.edu/readingroom/books/sor/

Starting Out Right: A Guide to Promoting Children's Reading Success is reader-friendly. It explains how children learn to read and how adults can help them. It provides realistic tips and ideas that parents, educators, policy makers, and others can use to help young children get on the right track for reading.

- For parents

A Child Becomes a Reader: Proven Ideas for Parents from Research-Birth to Preschool: This booklet offers advice for parents of children from birth to preschool on how to support reading development at home and how to recognize preschool and day care activities that start children on the road to becoming readers. It's available online at www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/publications/pdf/low_res_child_reader_B-K.pdf. A separate booklet looks at

kindergarten through Grade 3, available at www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/publications/pdf/low_res_child_reader_K-3.pdf

- A cautionary note about applying research findings

www.aera.net/pubs/er/arts/29-06/taylor01.htm

Discretion in the Translation of Research to Policy: A Case From Beginning Reading. sounds the caution bell about how research can be misapplied or misinterpreted when it comes time to make policy. Offered as an example of this unfortunate possibility is one recent, and uncommonly influential, reading methods study that the authors claim has been overly promoted by the media and misused by some policy makers and educational leaders to support a simple solution to the complex problem of raising the literacy of young children in high-poverty neighborhoods. As a counterpoint to this caution, you may also wish to read a response to the article, called Response to Taylor et al.: Misrepresentation of Research by Other Researchers, at www.aera.net/pubs/er/arts/29-06/forman01.htm

Reading With Older Children

- Adolescent literacy workshops

www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/adolescent/

A series of workshops was held to review and summarize the critical issues relevant to adolescent literacy. Results are summarized on the Partnership for Reading's Web site at this link, and they include a Video Summary of the Second

Adolescent Literacy Workshop: Practice Models for Adolescent Literacy Success.

- Need high interest/low reading level materials?

www.accessiblebookcollection.org/default.htm

Try the Accessible Book Collection. Here you can find age-appropriate reading materials for students reading below their grade level (often called high interest/low reading level materials). Qualified students can borrow digital copies or e-books from the vast collection. These are great for students who are prevented from reading standard print due to visual, perceptual, or physical disability, such as blindness, physical disability, visual impairment, learning disabilities, and dyslexia.

- For middle schoolers and up

www.literacymatters.org/

The goal of the Literacy Matters project is to improve the literacy development of middle grade and secondary school students, especially those students who are struggling to succeed. Find helpful resources for teachers, parents, and students themselves. Electronic workshops are available, too!

- When secondary students struggle

www.sedl.org/pubs/sedl-letter/v14n03/5.html

The Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL) offers insight into and suggestions for addressing reading instruction with students in high school.

- For 15 elements of effective adolescent literacy programs

www.all4ed.org/publications/ReadingNext/

Written by five of the nation's leading researchers, *Reading Next: A Vision for Action and Research in Middle and High School Literacy*, charts an immediate route to improving adolescent literacy.

- Adolescent Literacy Learning Link

www.med.unc.edu/ahs/clds/projects.html

Called ALL-Link, Adolescent Literacy Learning Link is a field-initiated research and development project. Currently being field tested by adolescents with severe speech and physical disabilities across the country, ALL-Link is a comprehensive, integrated, Web-delivered set of reading and writing instructional materials at the beginning levels. Spanish is coming soon, according to the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies (CLDS).

- Heard of the SIM, the Strategic Instruction Model?

www.ku-crl.org/index.html

The University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning has developed the SIM, which is a comprehensive approach to adolescent literacy that addresses the need of students to be

able to read and understand large volumes of complex reading materials as well as to be able to express themselves effectively in writing. Visit the Center (use this link) and take a look at their available materials on the SIM—and more!

Don't-Miss Resources

- Reading Is Fundamental—a Web site, an organization, and a statement of fact

www.rif.org/

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) offers guides that parents love on how to start the habit of reading in your family. Teachers can use the variety of book lists, Internet resources, articles, teacher tips, and student activities. In addition, you can find out general information about RIF and how to start a program in your area.

- Reading Rockets—more than a TV program

www.readingrockets.org/

This friendly site has reading information for both parents and teachers. Keep up on reading and literacy issues through the world news headlines (updated daily). Chat with others on the two lively online bulletin boards: “Reading with Your Child” and “Teaching Reading.” Spanish information is available, too.

- It's all online

www.readingonline.org/

Reading Online is a journal of K–12 practice and research published by the International Reading Association. Visit the “Electronic Classroom” for ideas and information about applying technology in literacy instruction, find out about literacy practices all over the world, and read peer-reviewed articles about all aspects of literacy.

- Connecting to literacy through your doctor

www.reachoutandread.org/

Reach Out and Read (ROR) promotes early literacy by making books a routine part of pediatric care. ROR trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric check-ups from 6 months to 5 years of age, with a special focus on children growing up in poverty. Currently, there are more than 1,800 program sites based on the ROR model, all located at clinics, hospitals, office practices, or other primary care sites. To find where programs exist in your area, visit www.reachoutandread.org/about_find.html

- Volunteering to help children learn to read

<http://nationalservicerresources.org/>

The National Service Resource Center (NSRC) can connect you with resources related to community service and volunteering. The NSRC’s online publications include connections to such literacy topics as tutoring (student to student and cross-aged tutoring), guidebooks, volunteer tutor programs, and more. See what’s available at

http://nationalserviceresources.org/resources/online_pubs/#literacy

- It's a family thing

www.barbarabushfoundation.com/

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Reading works to promote literacy within the family and to break the intergenerational cycle of illiteracy.

Literacy and Children With Disabilities

- Ever tried accessible books?

In addition to the Accessible Book Collection mentioned earlier under “Reading with Older Students,” there are a number of notable sources of materials specially designed for individuals with reading or physical disabilities that impede their use of print text. Try:

- the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped at the Library of Congress at www.loc.gov/nls
- Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic at www.rfbd.org
- bookshare.org, a Web-based system supplying accessible books in digital formats designed for people with disabilities at www.bookshare.org
- A ground-breaking center working on literacy and children with disabilities

www.med.unc.edu/ahs/clds/

The Center for Literacy and Disabilities Studies (CLDS) promotes literacy learning and use for individuals of all ages with disabilities. This site describes their ongoing literacy projects and connects you with upcoming events in your area.

- Need to know about Braille and literacy?

www.afb.org/

Visit the American Foundation for the Blind and find an overview of literacy, Braille literacy resources for parents, resources for teachers of Braille, discussions of electronic books, a newsletter on Braille literacy, a Braille e-mail discussion group, and more.

- Looking for embossed Braille resources?

www.bookshare.org

Braille books originating from the [bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)'s digital Braille files can be ordered in embossed Braille form and mailed directly to you or as a gift.

- For children with learning disabilities

The materials available on literacy for children with LD are a splendid resource for all of us. The problem is—where to begin? Here is an obviously short list that will lead you into a universe of more . . .

- LDonline at: www.ldonline.org/

- National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) at www.ld.org, and its generous sister-site at www.getreadytoread.org

- the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) at www.ldaamerica.org/

- For deaf and hard of hearing children

ncam.wgbh.org/cornerstones

Cornerstones: A New Approach to Literacy Development for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children has a great tool for teachers of children who are deaf and hard of hearing: A Cornerstones teaching unit based on an episode of “Between the Lions,” the award-winning PBS literacy series for beginning readers. Included are clear lesson plans as well as supportive material.

- For children with Down syndrome

www.woodbinehouse.com

Woodbine House makes available Teaching Reading to Children With Down Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Teachers. For more information about the book, its cost, and how to order, visit this Web site.

- For children with mental retardation

www.cec.sped.org/bk/catalog2/autism.html

This link connects you to the Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC) catalog. Scroll down until you reach the description of The Quest for Literacy: Curriculum and Instructional Procedures for Teaching Reading and Writing to Students with Mental Retardation. Order this 80-page book online by calling CEC's toll-free number, 1 (888) 232-7733, or by e-mail at service@cec.sped.org

Reading and English Language Learners

- What works with students learning English as a second language?

www.csos.jhu.edu/crespar/techReports/Report66.pdf

Off the press in December 2003, Effective Reading Programs for English Language Learners: A Best-Evidence Synthesis is available from the Center for Research on the Education of Students Placed at Risk (CRESPAR).

- What works with adults learning English?

www.cal.org/nclereadingbib/

Find out in Research on Reading Development of Adult English Language Learners: An Annotated Bibliography, available at this link from NCLE, the National Center for ESL Literacy Education.

Teaching Students With Rett Syndrome

- Lots of education-related info and guidance on IRSA's site

www.rettsyndrome.org/main/toc-education.htm

The International Rett Syndrome Association (IRSA) offers a lengthy table of contents on education issues that will take you to individual articles. Find out about inclusion, accessing the general education curriculum, finding the right school placement, testing methods, and scads of info on how to design an IEP for a student with Rett's.

- The importance of the IEP

www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=IEP

The Individualized Education Program (IEP) is a written document that outlines a child's education. For students with autism, it's a cornerstone of the educational services they will receive and needs to be carefully planned. Parents and teachers alike will find this article on the IEP helpful.

- If you want to know more about special education, IEPs, and educational rights under the law, be sure to take a look at NICHCY's materials.

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/>

NICHCY publications are now available for free on their affiliate, CPIR's Web site. You can also call at 1 (800) 695-0285 for copies or to talk over personal questions and concerns.

- IRSA also offers, for low cost, a book for parents, teachers, and therapists.

[www.rettsyndrome.org/main/
understanding_rett_syndrome.htm](http://www.rettsyndrome.org/main/understanding_rett_syndrome.htm)

Find out more about Understanding Rett Syndrome: A Practical Guide for Parents, Teachers and Therapists at the International Rett Syndrome Association (IRSA). The foreword of the book is written by Dr. Andreas Rett, the discoverer of the syndrome.

Again, from the perspective that Rett Syndrome is a disorder on the autism spectrum, the following autism-related information may be useful to you.

- Educating Children With Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorder

www.autismweb.com/education.htm

Courtesy of Autism Web.

- Educating Children With Autism

www.nap.edu/catalog/10017.html

The Committee on Educational Interventions for Children With Autism, National Research Council, offers Educating Students With Autism, which examines the scientific knowledge underlying educational practices, programs, and strategies for children with this disability. Read the book online, order online, or call 1 (888) 624-8373.

- A special resource: The Professional Development in Autism Center

<http://depts.washington.edu/pdacent/>

The Professional Development in Autism Center (PDA) provides training and support for school districts, families, and communities to ensure that students with ASD have access to high-quality, evidence-based educational services in their local school districts. Visit online or call (206) 543-4011.

Spanish Materials

- El Síndrome de Rett, a fact sheet from NINDS, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

www.ninds.nih.gov/health_and_medical/pubs/el_sindrome_de_rett.htm

- Translate IRSA's site.

www.rettsyndrome.org/

On the top left menu of the International Rett Syndrome Association's Web site, you'll see a tab titled "Translate." Babel Fish is used to render the site into Spanish, 150 words at a time!

- For low cost, you can buy The Rett Syndrome Handbook in Spanish.

www.rettsyndrome.org/main/rett_syndrome_handbook.htm

The Rett Syndrome Handbook is written by IRSA founder and President, Kathy Hunter, and covers all areas of Rett

Syndrome you can think of. It's available in Spanish. Find out more and order it online via this link.

- The Spanish version of When your child is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder

www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca/fspanish.html

Quando su niño/niña es diagnosticado con alguno de los desórdenes en la gama del autismo is the Spanish title of this publication from the Indiana Resource Center for Autism.

- Looking at the genetics of autism (in Spanish), including Rett's

www.exploringautism.org/spanish/autism/evaluation.htm

- ¿Qué es el Síndrome Rett?, from the Rett Syndrome Association of Argentina

www.rett.com.ar/sindrome_rett.htm

- Síndrome de Rett: Revisión y actualización de conceptos, from Venezuela

http://ceril.cl/P41_s_rett.htm

SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES

General

Camps 2005: A Directory of Camps and Summer Programs
for Children and Youth With Special Needs and Disabilities
in the Metro New York Area

Resources for Children With Special Needs

Publications/Department B

116 E. 16th Street, 5th Floor

New York, NY 10003

(212) 677-4650

E-mail: Info@resourcesnyc.org

Web: www.resourcesnyc.org

\$33.00 including shipping and handling (available in English
& Spanish)

Easter Seals Camping and Recreation List

Easter Seals-National Office

230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800

Chicago, IL 60606

(800) 221-6827; (312) 726-6200 (Voice)

(312) 726-4258 (TTY)

E-mail: info@easterseals.com, or rgarza@easterseals.com

Web: www.easterseals.com

Free (some “camperships” are available)

Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools (29th edition)

Porter Sargent Publishers, Inc., c/o IDS

300 Bedford Street, Building B, Suite 213

Manchester, NH 03101

(800) 342-7470

E-mail: info@portersargent.com

Web: www.portersargent.com

\$45.00 hard-cover; \$27.00 soft-cover (plus shipping and handling)

Guide to ACA Accredited Camps 2004

American Camping Association (ACA), Inc.

5000 State Road 67 North

Martinsville, IN 46151-7902

(800) 428-2267; (765) 342-8456

E-mail: bookstore@acacamps.org

Web: www.acacamps.org

\$12.95 (includes shipping and handling)

(You can search ACA's database of camps online free of charge.)

National Camp Association, Inc.

610 Fifth Avenue

P.O. Box 5371

New York, NY 10185

(800) 966-CAMP (2267); (212) 645-0653

E-mail: info@summercamp.org

Web: www.summercamp.org

(CampQuest, an online camp selection guide, is available on the NCA Web site.)

Summer Opportunities for Kids & Teenagers

Peterson's

Princeton Pike Corporate Center

2000 Lenox Drive

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

(800) 338-3282

E-mail: info@petersons.com

Web: <http://e-catalog.thomsonlearning.com/326>

\$29.95 (plus shipping and handling)

Disability-specific

Camp List for Children With Cancer

The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation

National Office

P.O. Box 498

Kensington, MD 20895-0498

(301) 962-3520; (800) 366-2223

E-mail: info@candlelighters.org

Web: www.candlelighters.org/supportcamps.stm

Camps for Children With Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association of America

4590 MacArthur Boulevard, NW, Suite 250

Washington, DC 20007-4226

(800) 621-3141; (202) 944-3285

E-mail: sbaa@sbaa.org

Web: www.sbaa.org

Call for a state-by-state listing.

Web Sites

- Association of Independent Camps: Summer Camp Directory & Resource

www.independentcamps.com/intercamp

- Brave Kids: Camps and Resources for Children With Chronic, Life-threatening Illnesses or Disabilities

www.bravekids.org

- Camp Channel: Bringing Summer Camps to the Internet

www.campchannel.com/docs/campsearch.html

- The CampPage Guide to Summer Camps

www.camppage.com

- The Camp & Conference Homepage

www.camping.org

- Camps for Children With Diabetes

www.childrenwithdiabetes.com/camps

- CampResource.com: Special Needs Camps

www.campresource.com/camps/spec_needs_camps.cfm

- Camp Search: The Search Engine for Camps

www.campsearch.com/

- Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association (CHASA)

www.chasa.org/summercamps.htm

- Children's Oncology Camping Association

www.coca-intl.org

- Diabetes Camping Association: Diabetes Camp Directory—U.S. Camps

www.diabetescamps.org/uscamps.html

- Grown-Up Camps

www.grownupcamps.com

- Kids' Camps

www.kidscamps.com

- National Center on Physical Activity & Disability (NCPAD) Summer Camps Fact Sheet

www.ncpad.org/fun/fact_sheet.php?sheet=88&view=all

- Special Needs Camps

www.mysummercamps.com/camps/Special_Needs_Camps/index.html

- Summer Camps for Amputees and Children With Limb Differences

www.amputee-coalition.org/fact_sheets/Kidscamps.html

- Summer Camps for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/142.html>

- Summer Camps for Kids With Learning and Attention Problems

www.schwablearning.org/camp/index.asp

- Summer Camp Search

<http://summercamps.com/cgi-bin/summercamps/search.cgi>

- Thomson & Peterson's Listing of Special Needs Summer Programs

www.petersons.com/summerop/select/t004se.html