


[Privacy Policy](#)
[HOME](#) | [SEARCH](#) | [CONTACT US](#) | [ABOUT US](#) | [SITEMAP](#)
[WWW.NARIC.COM](http://www.naric.com)

Public

[Find Resources](#)
[Ask Me](#)
[NARIC Publications](#)
[Ready Reference](#)

Researchers

[Search Databases](#)
[Search Tools Collection](#)
[Rehabdata Connection](#)

NIDRR

[NIDRR Home](#)
[For Officers Only](#)
[For Current Grantees](#)
[For Prospective Grantees](#)

[Join REHABDATA Connection](#)

[Get NARIC's monthly alerts!](#)
[Subscribe today!](#)

Searching NARIC Database: A tutorial.

Step 1: Choose the right information tool.

We've developed two ways to access the resources collected in NARIC's databases. You may choose to browse your way through by subject or dive in and search using your own key words:

Browse by Topic and Librarian's Picks.

If you're not sure where to start, try the browse by topic pages. Choose a topic from the select menu. The next page will guide you through NARIC's database by running targeted searches in the topic you've selected. We've designed the queries to search for many possible keywords for each topic. The Librarian's Picks are hand-picked resources (agencies, organizations, and websites) we use to assist our patrons in finding the help they need.

Search by keyword.

NARIC has three databases to choose from for your search. Which one should you use?

Document Abstracts. Use this database if you are looking for documents indexed available from the NARIC collection. REHABDATA contains more than 60,000 abstracts of documents on disability and rehabilitation. This database contains records for documents published after 1996. For older documents, select REHABDATA 1956-1996 from the *Advanced Options* menu.

Research Projects. Use this database if you are looking for current research projects funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. NIDRR funds more than 300 projects per year covering a wide array of disability and rehabilitation issues. Each record lists contact information, funding, and an abstract. For NIDRR funded literature, select NIDRR Research from the *Advanced Options Menu* to search the NIDRR Compendium.

Organizations, Journals, & Bookmarks. Use this database to find organizations, journals, and Web pages related to disability and rehabilitation.



Select a data type, enter your keywords, and click SEARCH. For help is choosing keywords, or expanding or narrowing

your search go to [Step 2: Using keywords](#)

NARIC is a project of the **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research** under contract number ED-05-CO-0007.

[HOME](#) | [SEARCH](#) | [CONTACT US](#) | [ABOUT US](#) | [SITEMAP](#)

[WWW.NARIC.COM](#)


[Privacy Policy](#)
[HOME](#) | [SEARCH](#) | [CONTACT US](#) | [ABOUT US](#) | [SITEMAP](#)
[WWW.NARIC.COM](http://www.naric.com)

Public

[Find Resources](#)
[Ask Me](#)
[NARIC Publications](#)
[Ready Reference](#)

Researchers

[Search Databases](#)
[Search Tools Collection](#)
[Rehabdata Connection](#)

NIDRR

[NIDRR Home](#)
[For Officers Only](#)
[For Current Grantees](#)
[For Prospective Grantees](#)

Join REHABDATA Connection

**Get NARIC's
monthly alerts!**
Subscribe today!

Keywords: Find what you're looking for!

For quick searches, a word or two will generate the results you need. For example:

thoracic outlet

results in 16 abstracts from [Document abstracts \(REHABDATA\)](#).

spinal cord injury

results in 143 listings of [Research projects \(NIDRR Projects database\)](#).

bipolar

results in 3 resources from [Other resource \(Knowledgebase\)](#).

The all-in-one quick search looks for all of the words in your phrase, but not necessarily in that order. In the case of *spinal cord injury*, it looks for all records that include the words *spinal*, *cord*, and *injury*. To look for an exact phrase, use quotes (" "). Using the SCI example above:

spinal cord injury (143)

"spinal cord injury" (136)

Here's another example:

attention deficit disorder (393 from REHABDATA)

"attention deficit disorder" (113 from REHABDATA)

Try your search again from the [All-in-one search page](#).

To expand or narrow your search, try combining terms using the advanced search screens for each database. For more information on advanced search strategies, proceed to [Step 3: Advanced search strategies](#).

NARIC is a project of the [National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research](#) under contract number ED-05-CO-0007.

[HOME](#) | [SEARCH](#) | [CONTACT US](#) | [ABOUT US](#) | [SITEMAP](#)
[WWW.NARIC.COM](http://www.naric.com)


[Privacy Policy](#)
[HOME](#) | [SEARCH](#) | [CONTACT US](#) | [ABOUT US](#) | [SITEMAP](#)
[WWW.NARIC.COM](http://www.naric.com)

Public

[Find Resources](#)
[Ask Me](#)
[NARIC Publications](#)
[Ready Reference](#)

Step 3: Advanced Search Strategies.

Each database has its own advanced search screen (see the direct links at the end of this page). These specially-designed interfaces will help you focus your search to get exactly the resources you need.

Researchers

[Search Databases](#)
[Search Tools Collection](#)
[Rehabdata Connection](#)

Each advanced search screen allows you to specify which terms to search and/or which fields to search.

NIDRR

[NIDRR Home](#)
[For Officers Only](#)
[For Current Grantees](#)
[For Prospective Grantees](#)

All of the words

The database will look for all of the words entered in this field, but not necessarily in that order. This is similar to the all-in-one search blank. Entering *spinal cord injury* will result in records containing the terms *spinal*, *cord*, and *injury*.

Exact phrase

The database will look for all of the words entered exactly as they appear. *Deaf and blind* will produce different results than *blind and deaf*. This is a good choice if you're looking for a specific project, organization, or document title.

At least one

The database will return results with one or more of the words entered. Entering *bipolar or manic depression* will return records with either *bipolar* or *manic* or *depression* or any combination thereof. This is a good way to broaden your search to return as many results as possible.

[Join REHABDATA
Connection](#)

[Get NARIC's
monthly alerts!](#)
[Subscribe today!](#)

Without the words

The database will exclude records containing terms entered here. Use this field in combination with one of the other options. For example, you may want to focus on those who have *hearing loss* but are not *deaf*. Enter *hearing loss* as an **exact phrase** and *deaf* as an **excluded term**.

Try combining terms in fields to expand or narrow your search.

Wildcards (*)

Use an asterisk to create a wildcard search. For example, to search for research on employment, you could use *employ**. The database will find records that include *employ*, *employer*, *employee*, *employment*, *employing*, and *employs*. This is very useful for date searches or to look for all of one type of grant number (e.g. H133*).

You also have the option to select specific fields to search. You may choose up to four fields to search from. (Note: Each database has different fields and, therefore, different choices in each list). For example: In REHABDATA, you may want to look for articles on spinal cord injury by Whiteneck. You would select **Author** and enter *Whiteneck* and select **Descriptors** and enter *spinal cord injury*. In the NIDRR Projects database, you may want to search for projects from a particular investigator like *Rosenthal*.

Each advanced search page features additional criteria to help you limit your search. Here's a sample search from REHABDATA for any abstracts which mention vocational rehabilitation as a phrase, published between 2000 and 2008, from any NIDRR grantees (all NIDRR grant numbers begin with H133). When this search was run on 4/21/2008, 399 abstracts were available. Try the search yourself on [REHABDATA's advanced search page](#).

Find Results with **all** of the words

with the **exact phrase**

with **at least one** of the words

without the words

Where

contains **And**

contains **And**

contains **And**

contains **And**

Year of Publication **between** **and**

Only return documents whose full text is available online?
 Yes No

Only return documents that are available through NARIC's [Document Delivery Service](#)?
 Yes No

Go to the advanced search page for:

- [REHABDATA Index of Disability and Rehabilitation Literature](#)
- [NIDRR Projects Database](#)
- [Knowledgebase of Disability and Rehabilitation Resources.](#)

For more information on keywords used to index NARIC resources, visit the [REHABDATA Thesaurus](#).

NARIC is a project of the [National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research](#) under contract number ED-05-CO-0007.

[HOME](#) | [SEARCH](#) | [CONTACT US](#) | [ABOUT US](#) | [SITMAP](#)

[WWW.NARIC.COM](#)