

Internet Resources
Advocacy and Inclusion
tash.org

Families and Disabilities Research
Beachcenter.lsi.ku.edu/beach-families

Advocacy and Support for Families
familyvoices.org

Information and Referral
matrixparents.org

Resources for Parents and Kids
kidstogether.org



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Information Resources for Children with Special Needs



NARIC

www.naric.com

Information for parents, educators, and advocates

More than 5 million children and adolescents with disabilities participate in special education programs each year. Two-thirds of those children have either developmental disabilities or emotional/behavioral problems or both. Where can parents turn for information, support, and assistance? The



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federal government provides a variety of community-based services for children with special needs. Programs vary by state. Contact your state's health agency for information on the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Contact your

state's education department for information on early intervention and special education programs. If you cannot locate these numbers, please call NARIC for assistance.

Use this guide to find an organization or agency which can help you and your child to succeed.

These and other resources are also available from our "browse by topic" webpage at www.naric.com!

Statistics from H. S. Kaye (1997), Disability Statistics Abstract 19: Education of Children with Disabilities. Disability Statistics Center, University of California, San Francisco.

Assistive Technology

Center on Technology and Disability

Phone: 202/884-8588

ctdinstitute.org

The Center serves organizations and programs that work with families of children and youth with disabilities. Offers a range of information and services on the subject of assistive technology for organizations, parents, educators, and those interested in education of children with disabilities. Website includes AT reviews, a resource library, member network, and an online discussion forum.

Georgia Institute of Technology Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA)

Phone: 404/894-4960(V/TTY)

catea.gatech.edu

Source for information pertaining to disability and computer access. Provides technology related services to persons with disabilities and distributes information packets upon request.



National Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance and Training (AT3) Center

at3center.net

Provides information about the Assistive Technology Act, State Assistive Technology Programs, and general assistive technology. Find your state AT program here at3center.net/state-program, including information about financing AT devices and device loans, demos, and reutilization. The Explore AT section of the website is a clearinghouse for information and resources on a variety of assistive technologies. It provides links to reputable information sources

on AT devices and services in the areas of education, employment, and community living.

Education

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER)

Toll Free: 800/537-2237; 952/838-9000

pacer.org

The mission of PACER Center is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. Through more than 30 projects, PACER provides individual assistance, workshops, publications, and other resources to help families make decisions about education and other services for their child or young adult with disabilities. PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center provides resources designed to benefit all students, including those with disabilities.



Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

Phone: 704/947-7779

ahead.org

AHEAD is a professional membership organization for people involved in providing services to persons with disabilities in all areas of higher education. They produce a wide variety of publications that address disability challenges and solutions in higher education and beyond and publish the Journal of Post-secondary Education and Disability. Their website includes information for students with disabilities and their parents.

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

Phone: 510/644-2555 (V); 510/841-8645 (TTY)

dredf.org

Dedicated to furthering the civil rights of persons with disabilities. Helps parents secure educational and related services as laws

dictate. Educates lawyers, service providers, government officials, and many others about disability civil rights laws and policies. Web site includes mission statement and ADA related information.

Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Center

Phone: 919/962-2001

ectacenter.org

Provides technical assistance and support to states and territories for early childhood implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Offers publications, research and reference materials, topic-specific resources, and links to state-level special education programs for families and advocates of young children with special needs to help understand their rights under IDEA. The "Families" webpage helps families to connect with other families and find resources related to caring for infants, toddlers, and young children with disabilities.



Information and Support

Parent to Parent USA

Phone: 484/272-7368

p2pusa.org

Parent to Parent of the United States (P2PUSA) programs offer information and emotional support to parents and families of children with special health care needs, disabilities, or mental health issues by matching individuals seeking support with an experienced or trained Support Parent. Find a Parent to Parent program in each state at p2pusa.org/parents.

National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)

Toll Free: 800/232-4636

cdc.gov/ncbddd

Seeks to identify the causes of birth defects and developmental disabilities; help children to develop and reach their full potential; and

promote health and well-being among people of all ages with disabilities. Offers fact sheets and information resources on each of their four focus areas: saving babies, helping children, protecting people, and improving health.

National Easter Seal Society

Toll Free: 800/221-6827

easterseals.com

Easter Seals provides services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in their communities. Services and support are provided through a network of more than 550 sites in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Each center provides innovative services tailored to meet the specific needs of the people they serve. Website lists affiliates by state.



EP (Exceptional Parent)

eparent.com

Online resource for parents of children with disabilities. Publishes an annual resource guide which includes companies, organizations, and state and federal agencies. View the Exceptional Parent magazine for the special needs community, published monthly, here ep-magazine.com.

Through the Looking Glass' (TLG)

Toll Free: 800/644-2666 (V); 510/848-1005 (TTY)

lookingglass.org

TLG is a nationally recognized center that has pioneered research, training, and services for families in which a child, parent or grandparent has a disability or medical issue. Produces and provides materials regarding parenting with a disability. Consolidates and disseminates information from other organizations. Provides training services to parents and service providers. Website includes program description, a list of available reports and related links.