Toys for Children with Special Needs

http://www.ableplay.org
AblePlay
National Lekotek Center
2001 N. Clybourn Ave
Chicago, IL 60614
Phone: 773-528-5766 x401
AblePlay, a program of National Lekotek Center, rates toys for children with special needs, including physical, sensory, communicative, and cognitive disabilities. The site also includes reviews of various toys.

http://store.americangirl.com/agshop/html/item/id/184680/uid/275
American Girl: Berry Wheelchair for Dolls
American Girl’s doll-sized wheelchair features an Inner Star graphic on the seat back, plus wheels that really turn, adjustable footrests, and a side pocket to hold necessities.

B Independent, Inc.
921 Northlake Drive
Richardson, TX 75080
Phone: 913-390-0247
E-mail: customercare@bindependent.com
B Independent sells dolls of different races and ethnicities that can be bought with disability accessories like crutches, wheelchairs, and service dog and cane.

http://www.disabilityresources.org/TOYS.html
Disability Resources: Toys for Kids with Disabilities
This site lists resources for locating toys that are specially developed for kids with physical, cognitive, and sensory impairments; adapting conventional toys for kids with disabilities; and selecting off-the-shelf toys.

http://www.disabilityworld.org/June-July2000/Children/Toys.htm
Disability World: Internet Resources on Toys for Children With Disabilities
This article from the June-July 2000 edition of Disability World lists and describes toy-related Internet resources. The sites are organized into three categories: articles about building or adapting toys, information about public or charitable resources, and information about commercial sites (toy vendors).
Glabeebers
7839 University Ave, Suite 107
La Mesa, CA 91942
Phone: 619-306-8031
Glabeebers makes SarahBear, a teddy bear with a prosthetic leg.

Lakeshore Learning’s Adaptive Equipment for Dolls with Special Needs – Complete Set has 6 small dolls with disabilities (including mobility, visual, and hearing impairments). The company also sells larger dolls to fit in various equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches and walkers.

Lekotek operates 19 accessible play and learning centers in the United States that offer family play sessions, toy lending libraries, computers and other activities. The site offers a variety of resources to help people choose toys for children with special needs.

Pattycake Dolls’ Special Needs: Dolls & Toys section has toys for children with special needs including Down syndrome and autism. Doll accessories include service dogs, walkers and wheelchairs.
E-mail: sew-dolling@cox.net
Sew Dolling’s Sew ABLE dolls have a variety of special needs, including prostheses. The Physical Therapy line includes a variety of accessories such as wheelchairs, crutches, and physical therapy equipment.


10 Considerations When Buying Toys for Children with Disabilities
This article discusses the National Lekotek Center’s recommendations of 10 things to consider when buying toys for children with disabilities. There are also links to other resources.

http://letsplay.buffalo.edu/index.html
University at Buffalo Center for Assistive Technology: Let’s Play! Projects
322 Kimball Tower
Buffalo, NY 14214
Phone: 716-829-3141
Email: info@letsplayprojects.com
The Lets Play Projects provide ideas and strategies to promote play through better access to play materials, and use assistive technology to give the children this critical access.

http://www.broadenedhorizons.com/products/accessible-game-controls
Broadened Horizons: Accessible Video Gaming
9025 Burton Ct, NW
Rice, MN 56367
Phone: 612-851-1040, 855-276-2336 (Toll-free), 855-446-7432 (Toll-free)
E-mail: sales@broadenedhorizons.com
Broadened Horizons’ unique video game controllers allow anyone regardless of ability or disability to play video games competitively.

Please see our Adaptive Video Gaming factsheet for more on adaptive video gaming.

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