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GRAND RESOURCES

A Resource Directory for
Grandparents and Other Relatives
Raising Children with Disabilities

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Introduction

This resource directory serves as a companion piece to the Generations United publication *Grand Resources: A Grandparent's and Other Relative's Guide to Raising Children with Disabilities* (available at www.gu.org). It provides a detailed list of the quality services, resources, information, and advocacy tools vital for children with disabilities. The purpose is to equip the caregivers, including those that provide full and part time care to relative children, with the national resources they need to help their children thrive, now and in the future. This guide does not contain every resource available, however, it will be updated periodically to include new resources.

If you have additional resources that you would like to add please send the information to gu@gu.org.

For more information regarding grandfamilies raising grandchildren, you can visit Generations United's National Center on Grandfamilies at: <http://www.gu.org/OURWORK/Grandfamilies.aspx>.

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Definitions of Description Areas

Health and Mental Health:

An individual might need health or mental health resources when they are not in a state of emotional, psychological, or physical well-being and are not able to use cognitive and emotional capabilities, function in society, or meet the ordinary demands of everyday life.

Respite:

Respite resources provide access to services that give caregivers a chance for rest and relief.

Financial:

Financial resources help caregivers prepare budgets and obtain access to programs that help lighten the financial weight of caregiving.

Child Welfare:

These resources help caregivers navigate the child welfare system (Foster Care, Child Protective Services) and are used to make sure every child has access to a happy, healthy, and prosperous life.

Education:

Educational resources help inform caregivers about important enrollment, retention, and in school service information. They provides information regarding children with disabilities rights in school and how to make sure your child is getting what they need to succeed.

Art:

Art resources provide information on art activities to do at home, and organization that facilitate art programs as therapeutic exercises.

Social Supports:

Social Supports provide assistance and resources for caregivers and the children they're raising. These forums may share advice, service information or tips on how to raise a child with disabilities.

Legal:

Legal resources provide hotlines, legislation factsheets, and information on what to be aware of when navigating the caregiver and disability legal systems.

Transition to Adulthood/Employment:

Transition and Employment resources provide information on disability employment and how to transition a child from relative care to independent adulthood.

Advocacy:

Advocacy resources provide information and recommendations on what kinship and disability issues are important to advocate for and how to engage in the advocacy process.

General Support for Children with Disabilities:

General Support resources cover information and organizations that assist children with any disability.

Supports for Children with Specific Disabilities:

Specific Disability resources cover information and organizations that assist children with specific disabilities. This section is organized according to type of disability.

Additional Resources:

Additional Resources include books and legislation that may be helpful to caregiver raising children with disabilities.

Information and Referral/ 211

The 211 Resource Line is a great way to find local resources in your area. They provide free and confidential information that can help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more. 211 has 100% coverage in 39 states, however, all states have at least partial coverage. Visit <http://www.211.org/> and type in your zip code or dial 211 on your phone for more information.

Health and Mental Health

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	The Academy is the professional organization for child and adolescent psychiatrists. Their website has information sheets on many different mental health topics. “Facts for Families” are available in English, Spanish, German, and French.	Facts for Families page: http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts_for_families/facts_for_families	Children and Families	3615 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016 202-966-7300 www.aacap.org
The Children Defense Fund	CDF provides research on children’s survival, protection and development in all racial and income groups and independent analyses of how federal and state policies affect children, their families and their communities. Information for public on how effectively their elected officials stand up for children. They also provide Mental Health fact sheets.	Link to Mental Health policy page: http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/mental-health-factsheet.pdf Caregiver’s Guide to Health Insurance for Children: http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/healthy-ties-guide-to-health-insurance.pdf Grandparent’s Guide to Raising Children with Disabilities: http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/grandparents-relative-caregivers-guide-raising-children-with-disabilities.html	Children	http://www.childrensdefense.org

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health coverage to nearly 8 million children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, but can’t afford private coverage. Signed into law in 1997, CHIP provides federal matching funds to states to provide this coverage.	<p>State by State Information: http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP/CHIP-State-Program-Information.html</p> <p>CHIP Program Information: http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/childrens-health-insurance-program-chip/childrens-health-insurance-program-chip.html</p>	Children	7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244 http://www.medicaid.gov
Families USA	Families USA is a national nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans. They provide information on CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program) for those not eligible for Medicaid.	<p>Medicaid Factsheet: http://familiesusa.org/issues/medicaid/</p> <p>Children’s Health Insurance Program Factsheet: http://www.familiesusa.org/issues/childrens-health/about-chip/</p>	Children and Families	www.familiesusa.org
Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health	The Federation is a national organization run by and for families whose children and grandchildren have mental health problems. They have chapters in most states. Chapters have staff and members who are raising children with mental, emotional, and behavioral problems. They understand what you face and can discuss	Find a state chapter: http://www.ffcmh.org/find-local-chapter	Children with mental health needs	http://www.ffcmh.org/

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Healthfinder.gov	ways for you to get help. Healthfinder.gov has topics and tools to help children and families stay healthy.		Everyone	http://www.healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/
Health Resources and Services Administration- Maternal and Child Health	Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health programs provided a foundation for ensuring the health of the Nation’s mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.		Children	http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/titlevgrants/index.html
Insure Kids Now	Insure Kids Now provides information about Medicaid and CHIP services for families who need health insurance coverage. These programs are designed to be affordable for families who are not able to purchase health insurance coverage in the private market or do not have coverage available to them.		Children and Families	1-877-Kids-Now (1-877-543-7669) http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/
Mental Health America (MHA)	MHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans through advocacy, education, research, and service. They provides information and referrals for individuals seeking help for themselves, family members, or friends through the Mental Health Information Center. They have pamphlets on many topics, including children’s mental health.		Individuals with mental health disorders	2000 North Beauregard Street, 6 th Floor Alexandria, VA 22311 703-684-7722 1-800 969-NMHA (6642) 800-433-5959 (TTY) www.mentalhealthAmerica.net

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National Center for Learning Disabilities	NCLD connects parents and others with essential resources, provides educators with evidence-based tools, and engages advocates in public policy initiatives.		Parents, Teacher, Advocates	http://www.nclid.org/
National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health	The Federation is a national parent and caregiver-run organization to address the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families. A list of state and local chapters that you can call in your area is available on webpage.	List of state and local chapters: http://www.ffcmh.org/find-local-chapter	Children with mental disorders and their families	9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 280 Rockville, MD 20850 240-403-1901 E-mail: ffcmh@ffcmh.org www.ffcmh.org
National Institute of Health	NIH provides health information regarding Children and teens, Seniors, men, women, minorities, wellness and lifestyles. It is also a source for research, trainings, funding and grant opportunities.	<p>Child and Teen Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category/ChildTeenHealth</p> <p>Senior Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category/SeniorsHealth</p> <p>Men's Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category/MensHealth</p> <p>Women's Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category/WomensHealth</p> <p>Minority Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category/MinorityHealth</p> <p>Wellness and Lifestyle: http://health.nih.gov/category</p>	Everyone	www.nih.gov

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		/WellnessLifestyle		
National Institute of Mental Health	NIMH provides information, resources, and statistics about older adults and mental health.	<p>Statistics: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/statistics/index.shtml</p> <p>Mental Health and Older Adults: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/older-adults-and-mental-health/index.shtml</p>	Everyone	http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml
National Partnership for Women and Families	The Partnership provides information about laws and policies for health care, work, and family issues.		Women and Families	<p>1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 650 Washington, DC 20009 Phone: 202-986-2600 E-mail: info@nationalpartnership.org www.nationalpartnership.org</p>
Office for Civil Rights, US Department for Health and Human Services (HQ)	The Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) enforces federal laws that prohibit discrimination by health care and human service providers that receive funds from HHS. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex or religion, by those who receive funds from HHS, you may file a complaint with OCR.	To file a complaint: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/complaints/index.html	Everyone	<p>Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 509F 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201 1-800-368-1019 1-877-696-6775 Toll Free 1-800-877-8339 TDD/TTY E-mail:OCRMAIL@hhs.gov www.hhs.gov/ocr</p>
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	SAMHSA provides substance abuse and mental health information, resources, and grants.	Center for Mental Health Services' (CMHS): http://www.samhsa.gov/about/cmhs.aspx	Everyone	http://www.samhsa.gov/
TASH	TASH provides parents, educators, advocates, organizations and members of		Everyone	http://tash.org/

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	the media, resources and information regarding disability advocacy and inclusion of people with disabilities.			
US Department of Health and Human Services	The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the United States government’s principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. Get information on the health of infants, children, teens, adults, seniors, veterans, caregivers, individuals with disabilities, and travelers.	Locate health care providers and facilities at: http://www.hhs.gov/children/index.html	Everyone	200 Independence Ave SW Washington, District of Columbia 20201 (202) 690-7000 http://www.hhs.gov/
Women, Infant, Children Program (WIC)	WIC can help eligible families, including relative caregivers, meet nutrition needs of children they raise under age 5. Children must have certain types of health conditions to qualify.		Children	www.fns.usda.gov/wic/

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ARCH Respite-National Respite Network	The National Respite Locator Service helps caregivers find respite services in their area.	Family Care Navigator State-by-State Help for Family Caregivers: www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/fcn_content_node.jsp?nodeid=2083 Respite Factsheets: http://archrespite.org/products/publications/arch-factsheets#FS2	Caregivers	800 Eastowne Drive, Suite 105 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 919-490-5577 1-800-773-5433 (Call weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST) 919-490-4905 Fax http://www.respitelocator.org
Administration for Community Living	ACL brings together the efforts and achievements of the Administration on Aging, the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and the HHS Office on Disability to serve as the Federal agency responsible for increasing access to community supports, while focusing attention and resources on the unique needs of older Americans and people with disabilities across the lifespan.	National Family Caregiver Support: http://www.aoa.gov/aoaroot/Press_Room/Products_Materials/fact/pdf/Natl_Family_Caregiver_Support.pdf	Older Adults and disabled individuals	http://acl.gov/About_ACL/Index.aspx
Brookdale Foundation Group	The Brookdale National Group Respite Program awards seed grants to organizations to develop and implement social model group respite programs. In addition they feature key resources frequently used by		Human Service Organizations	http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/Respite/respiteprogram2008.html

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GrandFact Sheet	the organizations they serve. The American Association of Retired People (AARP) along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
Generations United	Generations United is a national membership organization that helps seniors, children, and youth through intergenerational strategies, policies and programs. They also provide respite information on their website.	Respite information and resources: http://www.gu.org/OURWORK/PublicPolicy/SocialSupports/LifespanRespite.asp	Caregivers	1331 H. St NW Washington, DC 20005 www.gu.org

Financial

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Additional Child Tax Credit	The Additional Child Tax Credit may help if a caregiver doesn't owe enough taxes. Unlike the child tax credit, this tax credit is refundable. They will get a refund check with the IRS.		Grandfamilies and other caregivers	http://www.irs.gov/publications/p972/ar02.html#en_US_2012_publink100012090
Adoption Tax Credit	The Adoption Tax Credit can help if grandfamilies that have adopted their grandchild. It can give them a credit for the money they spent to adopt. The Affordable Care Act made the credit refundable for 2010 and 2011, so if they adopted during those years, they could file an amended tax return and potentially receive a refund check.			www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html
AARP	The AARP Foundation has information and resources about finances and income for seniors.	<p>Benefits Quick Link: https://www.benefitscheckup.org/cf/index.cfm?partner_id=22</p> <p>Grand Factsheets: http://www.aarp.org/relations/hips/friends-family/grandfacts-sheets/</p> <p>Grandparents Tool: http://www.aarp.org/relations/hips/friends-family/info-08-2011/grandfamilies-guide-resources.html</p>	Older adults	http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/our-work/income.html

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Cambridge Credit	Cambridge Credit Counseling is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency offering credit counseling, housing counseling, reverse mortgage counseling, and bankruptcy counseling services. They are a national organization providing assistance for a wide-range of financial issues. They offer a short helpful financial video for grandparents raising grandchildren.		Grandparents and other caregivers raising children	Link to video <i>Help for Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren</i> : http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irnrdaDNO0g
Child Dependent Tax Credit	The Child Dependent Tax Credit may help a grandfamily if they've hired someone to help care for the child so they could work or look for work. They may be able to claim up to \$3,000 in expenses per child.		Grandfamilies and other caregivers	http://www.irs.gov/uac/Ten-Things-to-Know-About-the-Child-and-Dependent-Care-Credit
Child Tax Credit	Grandfamilies and other caregivers may be eligible for the Child Tax Credit if their grandchild is dependent on them and under age 17. They can claim up to \$1,000 per child. But, this is not refundable. So, if they don't owe enough taxes, it won't help.		Grandfamilies and other caregivers	www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0%2C%2Cid=106182%2C00.html
Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC)	ECTAC provides information about the early intervention and preschool grant programs funded by the federal		Families with children in preschool	Campus Box 8040, UNC-CH Chapel Hill, NC 27599 919-962-2001 E-mail: ectacenter@unc.edu

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	government.			http://www.ectacenter.org
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	EITC is a refundable tax credit that caregivers may be eligible for. To qualify, your grandchild must have lived with you for more than half the year. This tax credit will apply until your grandchild turns 19 (or 24 if a full time student). If your grandchild is totally and permanently disabled, there is no age requirement.		Grandfamilies and other relative caregivers	www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96406,00.html
Generations United	Generations United is a national membership organization that helps seniors, children, and youth through intergenerational strategies, policies and programs. They also provide financial information on their website.	The benefits of Social Security for Children: http://www.gu.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=xFkEa96KGM%3d&tabid=157&mid=606 The benefits of Social Security for Grandfamilies: http://www.gu.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Vi04p7fvMdl%3d&tabid=157&mid=606	Everyone	1331 H. St. NW Washington, DC 20002 202-289-3979 www.gu.org
GrandFact Sheet	The American Association of Retired People (AARP) along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center	Grandfamilies.org provides information on state and federal policies, bills and laws on financial assistance available for grandfamilies.	http://www2.grandfamilies.org/FinancialAssistance.aspx	Grandfamilies	www.grandfamilies.org
Possibilities: a financial resource for parents of children with disabilities	Possibilities provides resources and financial information for parents who are raising disabled children.		Parents raising disabled children	http://www.pacer.org/publications/possibilities/your-disability-insurance/120-sources-of-disability-

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The Social Security Administration	The Social Security Administration is the federal office that Administers Social Security Benefits including Disability Benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).	<p>Frequently Asked Questions and information about applying for SSI: http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/ http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/disability.htm -</p> <p>Frequently Asked Questions and information about applying of Disability Benefits: http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/survivors.htm</p> <p>Frequently Asked Questions and information about applying for Survivors Benefits: http://www.benefits.gov/ssa</p> <p>Benefit eligibility screening tool helps you find out if you could get benefits based on your answers to the questions: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability/child.htm</p> <p>Apply for disability benefits-child: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10026.pdf</p> <p>Benefits for children with Disabilities: www.Socialsecurity.gov</p> <p>National and State resources</p>	Seniors and children	insurance.html www.ssa.gov

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
		<p>concerning frequently asked questions about benefits: www.disability.gov</p> <p>Social Security Disability Help: http://www.disability-benefits-help.org/</p> <p>Social Security Income Eligibility Planner: www.ssa.gov/d&s1.htm</p>		
Special Needs Planning	Special Needs Planning works with families to help create a life plan. They focus on the individual with special needs and what resources they would benefit from most.	Financial Life Plan: http://specialneedsplanning.net/services/comprehensive-special-needs-financial-life-plan/	Children with special needs and their families	http://www.specialneedsplanning.com/
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) <i>Formally known as the Food Stamp Program</i>	SNAP provides low income families with funds to get the proper nutrition they need.	<p>How to Apply for Benefits: http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant_recipients/apply.htm</p> <p>Eligibility for benefits: http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant_recipients/eligibility.htm</p> <p>How to use SNAP: http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant_recipients/using_foodstamps.htm</p>	Low income families	www.fns.usda.gov
TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	The TANF programs provides financial assistance for families in need	<p>The TANF/SSI connection: http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v66n4/v66n4p21.html</p> <p>Frequently asked questions/policy guidance: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilr</p>	Low income families	http://www.tanf-benefits.com/

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
		ights/resources/specialtopics/tanf/index.html		

Child Welfare

Organization	Description	Resources	Population Served	Contact
Child Welfare Information Gateway	The Child Welfare Information Gateway has information if someone wants to adopt or has adopted a child. The focus is on adopting children from the foster care system, but it includes other types of adoptions as well.		Grandfamilies and other caregivers that want to adopt or have adopted a child	https://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/
Child Welfare League of America	CWLA provides data and research, publications, advocacy, and trainings about children in the child welfare system.	Kinship Care Factsheet: http://www.cwla.org/programs/kinship/factsheet.htm	Children and families	http://www.cwla.org/
Children's Defense Fund	The Children's Defense Fund provides advocacy, information, and publications about child welfare. They also have state by state data.	State Specific data: http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/us-state-child-data.html	Children and families	http://www.childrensdefense.org/
First Focus	First Focus is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions. First Focus leads a comprehensive advocacy strategy, with its hands-on experience with federal policymaking and a commitment to seeking policy solutions.		Children and families	www.firstfocus.net
Generations United	Generations United is a national membership organization that helps	Grandfamilies caring for a second family publication: http://www.gu.org/LinkClick	Everyone	1331 H. St. NW Washington, DC 20005 www.gu.org

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	seniors, children, and youth through intergenerational strategies, policies and programs. They also provide child welfare information on their website.	aspx?fileticket=QVMe4AInpOg%3d&tabid=157&mid=606		
GrandFact Sheet	The American Association of Retired People (AARP) along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Center	The Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center (grandfamilies.org) serves as a national legal resource in support of grandfamilies within and outside the child welfare system.	Child Welfare information: http://www2.grandfamilies.org/CareandCustody.aspx	Grandfamilies	www.grandfamilies.org
Grand's Place	Grand's Place is a website designed by grandparents that provides advocacy, resources, and child welfare information.			www.grandsplace.org
National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC)	The National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections is a training, technical assistance, and information services organization dedicated to help strengthen the capacity of State, local, Tribal and other publicly administered or supported child welfare agencies to: institutionalize a safety-focused, family-centered, and community-based approach to meet the needs of children, youth and families.		Families and organizations that serve them	2180 Third Avenue, 7 th Floor New York, NY 10035 www.nrcpfc.org

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Organization	Description	Resources	Population Served	Contact
<p>US Department of Health and Human Services- Administration for Children and Families</p>	<p>The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the United States government’s principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. Get information on the health of infants, children, teens, adults, seniors, veterans, caregivers, individuals with disabilities, and travelers. They also provide a fact sheet that overviews the child welfare system.</p>	<p>Child Welfare Factsheet: https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/cpswork.cfm Kinship caregivers and the child welfare system Factsheet: https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_kinshi/index.cfm</p>	<p>Children and Families</p>	<p>www.childwelfare.gov</p>

Education

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Alliance for Technology Access Center	These Technology Centers are in many communities around the country and have programs to help people with disabilities get the assistive technology devices that they need.		Children with disabilities	http://www.ataccess.org/index.php/reading-room/centers
American Bar Association-Center on Children and the Law	The American Bar Association has resources for lawyers, publications and advocacy information. Their Center on Children and the Law is specific to children, families, education, and child welfare issues.	Policy Center for foster care and education: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/what_we_do/projects/education.html Bar Association in your area: http://www.lsc.gov/local-programs/program-profiles	Children and Families	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law.html
Center for Law and Education (CLE)	The Center for Law and Education (CLE) is a national support center that strives to make the right of all students to quality education a reality and to help enable communities to address their own education problems effectively, with an emphasis on assistance to low-income students. CLE has information on legal rights and responsibilities of students and school personnel as well as key education programs and initiatives, including Title I, vocational education programs and school to work systems, and		Children and families	http://www.cleweb.org/

Education

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	special education for students with disabilities.			
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	The Office of Child Care in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). CCDF helps low-income families obtain child care so they can work or attend training/education.		Grandfamilies and other caregivers	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/progr_ams/ccb/
Child Find	Child Find provides information and resources related to the earliest possible identification of young children and their families who may benefit from early intervention or education services.	Office of Special Education Programs (IDEA) http://idea.ed.gov/explore/home IDEA home page: http://idea.ed.gov/ Department of Education, Parent Technical Assistance Center Network: http://www.parentcenternetwork.org/parentcenterlisting.html	Children who may have special needs and their families	www.childfindidea.org
Disabilityresources.org	Disabilityresources.org list resources for education, specifically assistive technology, early intervention, distance education, higher education, and individualized education programs.		Youth with disabilities	http://www.disabilityresources.org/EDUCATION.html
Do to Learn	The Do to Learn provides learning material compiled from expert teachers and clinicians.		Everyone	http://www.do2learn.com/
DO-IT	DO-IT provides resources		Youth with disabilities	http://www.washington.edu/d

Education

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology	and programs with a focus on access to technology, college and careers for youth with disabilities.			oit/
Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC)	ECTAC provides information about the early intervention and preschool grant programs funded by the federal government.	Find your state coordinator that will test children under 3 for special needs: http://ectacenter.org/contact/619coord.asp	Children	Campus Box 8040, UNC-CH Chapel Hill, NC 27599 919-962-2001 E-mail: ectacenter@unc.edu http://www.ectacenter.org
Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE)	FAPE.org provides parents, educators, service providers, and policymakers with important national information. The FAPE project, funded from 1997-2004, linked families and advocates to information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Although the FAPE project has ended, PACER maintains this website to keep families and professionals informed of important issues related to IDEA and other relevant education topics.		Parents and caregivers, educators, service providers, and policymakers	PACER Center 8161 Normandale Blvd. Minneapolis, MN 55437 952-838-9000 1-800-537-2237 Toll Free 952-838-0190 TTY E-mail: fape@pacer.org www.fape.org
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
Generations United	Generations United is a membership organization that seeks to help children, youth, and seniors by promoting intergenerational policies, programs, and strategies. They provide learning activities for children to practice and master essential		Children and their families	http://www.gu.org/RESOURCES/LearningActivities.aspx

Education

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	skills.			
Head Start Bureau	The Head Start Bureau provides information on the program and how to enroll your child.	Find a local Head Start: http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices	Children and families	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/
K-12 Academics	K-12 Academics has over 80+ national and international education directories and 450,000+ pages of educational content for educators, administrators, parents and students.		Educators, parents and caregivers, and children	http://www.k12academics.com/
National Center on Secondary Education and Transition	National Center on Secondary Education and Transition assists with creating opportunities for youth with disabilities to achieve successful futures.	Frequently asked question about supports available in post-secondary education: http://www.ncset.org/topics/pesupports/faqs.asp?topic=5	Youth with disabilities	http://www.ncset.org/
Office for Civil Rights, US Department of Education	The Office for Civil Rights of the U. S. Department of Education ensures equal access to education throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights laws. OCR enforces several federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance from the Department of Education. A complaint declaring discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age can be filed with OCR.		Everyone	Lyndon Baines Johnson Dept. of Education Bldg. 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201 202-453-6020 1-800-421-3481 1-877-521-2172 (TDD) 202-453-6012 Fax E-mail: OCR@ed.gov http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintprocess.html
Office of Specialized Education and Rehabilitation Services	The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) is		Children with disabilities, their families, and schools	http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html

Education

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. OSERS provides a wide array of supports to parents, individuals, school districts and states through information, research, policy and funding.			
Parents Helping Parents	PHP provides services, resources, and support for children with special needs, their families, and caregivers.	Frequently Asked Questions (Education): http://www.php.com/faqs/education	Children with special needs, their families and caregivers.	1400 Parkmoor Avenue Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95126 408-727-5775 www.php.com
Transcen inc.	Transcen inc. provides resources for improving educational and employment outcomes.		Youth with disabilities	http://www.transcen.org/
US Department of Education	The US Department of Education provides research, news, and information about the education system in the United States.	State by State search: http://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html	Everyone	http://www.ed.gov/

Arts

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Generations United	Generations United is a membership organization that seeks to help children, youth, and seniors by promoting intergenerational policies, programs, and strategies. They also provide learning activities for children to practice their artistic skills.	Link to art page: http://www.gu.org/RESOURCES/LearningActivities/IntergenerationalLearningActivitiesArts.aspx	Children and their families	1331 H St. NW Washington, DC 20002 www.gu.org
National Arts and Disability Center	The NADC is an artistic consulting organization for the disabilities community. They provide information for artists with disabilities, arts organizations, arts administrators, disability organizations, performing arts organizations, art centers, universities, and arts educators.	State by State resource guide: http://www.semel.ucla.edu/nadc/resources	Disabled individuals	http://www.semel.ucla.edu/nadc
VSA (Very Special Arts)	VSA, the international organization on arts and disability, provides art and education opportunities for people with disabilities to increase access to the arts for all.	VSA Programs: http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/programs/ VSA Affiliates: http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/affiliates/	Disabled individuals	http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/

Social Supports

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Administration for Community Living.	ACL brings together the efforts and achievements of the Administration on Aging, the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and the HHS Office on Disability to serve as the Federal agency responsible for increasing access to community supports, while focusing attention and resources on the unique needs of older Americans and people with disabilities across the lifespan.	National Family Caregiver Support: http://www.aoa.gov/aoaroot/Press_Room/Products_Materials/fact/pdf/Natl_Family_Caregiver_Support.pdf	Older Adults and disabled individuals	http://acl.gov/About_ACL/In dex.aspx
Brookdale Foundation Support Groups-Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP)	RAPP provides extensive services, primarily to relative caregivers caring for children outside the foster care system, in 44 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. They conduct a National Orientation and Training Conference and provide technical assistance through site bulletins, a listserv, our annual newsletter, conference calls and webchats to facilitate opportunities for networking and information exchange.		Relative Caregivers	http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/rapp.html
eXtension: Americas Research-based Learning Network	eXtension is an interactive learning environment that delivers researched-based	Family Caregivers-Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Information:	Grandfamilies and other relatives caregivers	http://www.extension.org/

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	<p>information and connects knowledge consumers with knowledge providers . They provide information on grandparents raising grandchildren and children with disabilities.</p>	<p>http://www.extension.org/category/family_caregiving_grandparents_raising_grandchildren</p> <p>Information for Children with Disabilities: http://www.extension.org/main/search?cx=002594610894210374936%3Ahhgphannzi&cof=FORID%3A11&q=child+disability</p>		
eXFamilyCaregiving	<p>eXFamilyCaregiving is part of the eXtension National Initiative. They provide research-based information for family caregivers from America's land-grant colleges & universities. They also have a link to a short video giving advice to Grandparents and other relatives raising grandchildren.</p>		Grandparents and other caregivers raising children	<p>Link to video, <i>Words of Wisdom for Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren</i>: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq7x4FHBHWY</p> <p>Other information can be found on their Twitter: https://twitter.com/FamiliesCaring</p>
Families Anonymous	<p>Families Anonymous provides Twelve-Step support groups to family members of a loved one who is addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, or other mind-altering substances; or who has behavior problems. FA also has public information materials.</p>		Families of those with addictions or behavioral problems	<p>http://familiesanonymous.org/</p>
Family Ties	<p>Family Ties provides parent to Parent support program.</p>		Parents and caregivers	<p>http://massfamilyties.org/index.php</p>

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
The Morgan Project	The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project is a national, community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is to promote awareness and facilitate support of parents caring for their children with special health care needs, and to enhance the Quality-of-Life for these special families.		Parents and caregivers with children who have special health needs	http://www.themorganproject.org/
Parents Helping Parents (PHP)	PHP provides services, resources, and support for children with special needs, their families, and caregivers.	Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.php.com/faqs	Children with special needs, their families, and caregivers.	1400 Parkmoor Avenue Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95126 408-727-5775 www.php.com

Legal

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
American Association of Retired People (AARP)	AARP provides free legal services for seniors. They also have a legal hotline, publications, and other legal information.	Factsheets can be found at: www.grandfactsheets.org	Older Adults	http://www.aarp.org/states/dc/LCE/
American Bar Association-Center on Children and the Law	The American Bar Association has resources for lawyers, publications and advocacy information. Their Center on Children and the Law is specific to children, families, education, and child welfare issues.	Bar Association in your area: http://www.lsc.gov/local-programs/program-profiles	Everyone	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law.html
The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law	The mission of the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is to protect and advance the rights of adults and children who have mental disabilities.		Children with mental disabilities	http://www.bazelon.org/
Children's Bureau	The Children's Bureau provides guidance to states, tribes, child welfare agencies, and families on the complex and varied federal laws as they relate to child welfare.		States, child welfare agencies, families	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws-policies
The Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center	The Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center (grandfamilies.org) serves as a national legal resource in support of grandfamilies within and outside the child welfare system.		Grandfamilies	www.grandfamilies.org
National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center	NADAC provides information, advocacy, and legal information for people		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/issues/about-law-and-advocacy-center

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(NADAC)	in the deaf community.			
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)	NDRN is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP). Collectively, the P&A/CAP network is the largest provider of legally based advocacy services to people with disabilities in the United States.		Disabled individuals	http://www.ndrn.org/index.php
SpecialNeeds.com	Specialneeds.com has activities, legal information and resources for special need children and their families.		Special needs children and their families	http://www.specialneeds.com/
Wrightslaw	Wrightslaw provides information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.		Children with disabilities	http://www.wrightslaw.com/

Transition to Adulthood/Employment

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Department of Labor	The Department of Labor has several agencies that can help people with disabilities find meaningful work and launch successful careers, help employers hire people with disabilities, and help federal contractors stay within the law when hiring.		Disabled individuals and employers	http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/disability/index.htm
Easter Seals	Easter Seals provides services to children with physical and mental disabilities and other special needs. Services include early intervention, physical and occupational therapy, and speech and hearing therapy. They also provide job training and employment information.	Employment and Training Page: http://www.easterseals.com/our-programs/employment-training/ Local Easter Seals: http://www.easterseals.com/connect-locally/	Disabled Individuals	http://www.easterseals.com/
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
Job Access and Ability	Job Access and Ability seeks to enable people with disabilities to enhance their professional lives by providing a system for finding employment.		Disabled individuals	http://www.jobaccess.org/
National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education	NAPCSE provides resources addressing transition services, employment planning, recreational activities, social and sexual issues, assistive technology and residential		Disabled individuals and their families	http://www.napcse.org/transitionservices.php

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth	placement. The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth provides information on youth with disabilities transitioning into the workforce.	Guideposts for Success (workbook): http://www.ncwd-youth.info/guideposts/	Disabled youth	http://www.ncwd-youth.info/
Transcen inc.	Resources for improving educational and employment outcomes for disabled individuals.		Disabled individuals	http://www.transcen.org
US Department of Labor-Office of Disability Employment Policy	The US Department of Labor offers transitional resources for youth to go from school to adulthood to work.		Disabled youth	http://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/Youth/

Advocacy

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)	The AIDD has Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) that work at the state level to protect individuals with developmental disabilities by empowering them and advocating on their behalf. There are 57 P&As in the United States and its territories, and all are independent of service-providing agencies within their states. The AIDD also has resources and information available on their website.		Disabled individuals	370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20447 http://www.acf.hhs.gov/progr_ams/aidd/
American Association of People with Disabilities	AAPD promotes legislation and policy that endorse opportunities for people with disabilities, partner with employers to improve business practices, develop mentoring programs, and offer career opportunities to students and recent graduates with disabilities.		Disabled students and recent graduates	http://www.aapd.com/
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law	The Bazelon Center is a non-profit legal advocacy organization to protect and advance the rights of adults and children who have mental disabilities.		Disabled individuals	http://www.bazelon.org/
The Broad Reach Centre	The Broad Reach Center provides disability awareness training, counseling, and mediation.		Disabled individuals	http://www.broadreachtrainin_g.com/

Advocacy

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Child Welfare League of America	CWLA provides data and research, publications, advocacy, and trainings about children in the child welfare system.		Children and families	http://www.cwla.org/
Children’s Defense Fund	The Children’s Defense Fund provides advocacy, information, and publications about child welfare. They also have state by state data.	State Specific data: http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/us-state-child-data.html		http://www.childrensdefense.org/
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)	COPAA works to increase the quality and quantity of representation and ensure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected.		Disabled children and their families	http://www.copaa.org/
Family Caregiver Alliance	The Family Caregiver Alliance provides information, education, services, advocacy, and research for caregivers.	Information, services, and advocacy for caregivers	Caregivers	http://www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/home.jsp
Family Voices	Family Voices is a national grassroots network of families and friends speaking on behalf of all children with or at risk for special needs. Family Voices has chapters across the country.	State chapters and other organizations in each state: http://www.familyvoices.org/states	Special needs children and their families and friends.	3701 San Mateo Blvd NE, Suite 103 Albuquerque, NM 87110 505-872-4774 1-888-835-5669 www.familyvoices.org
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
Generations United	Generations United is a national membership organization that helps seniors, children, and youth through intergenerational	Granfamilies Policy Page: http://www.gu.org/OURWORK/Grandfamilies.aspx	Children, grandparents, and kinship families	www.gu.org

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	strategies, policies and programs. They offer information and advocacy materials for grandparents and other relative caregivers, including information on state and federal legislation, educational enrollment issues, subsidized guardianship, and support groups.			
Grandfamilies of America	Grandfamilies of America brings together grandparents/relative caregivers, to provide them with the education and tools, to enable them to provide 24/7 safety and permanency for the children in their care, while at the same time preserving their family ties and heritage for future generations. GFA accomplishes these goals through collaboration with these caregivers, child welfare advocates, and other organizations and agencies, which share GFA's vision. GFA is dedicated to empowering caregivers to take back control of life altering decision-making, from outside sources, as it affects their family.		Grandparents and other relatives raising children	http://grandfamiliesofamerica.com/index.html 6525 Fish Hatchery Road Thurmont, Maryland 21788 Direct: 301- 898-8023 - Toll Free: 866-203-8926, ext. 8103 301-898-4462 Fax
Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center	The Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center provides information, advocacy and services for children, adults, and		Individuals with hearing loss	http://www.agbell.org/

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	professional that experience hearing loss.			
The Morgan Project	The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project is a national, community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is to promote awareness and facilitate support of parents caring for their children with special health care needs, and to enhance the Quality-of-Life for these special families.		Parents and caregivers of children who have special health needs	http://www.themorganproject.org/
National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center	National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center provides information, advocacy, and legal information for people in the deaf community.		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/issues/about-law-and-advocacy-center
National Committee of Grandparents for Grandchildren’s Rights	The National Committee of Grandparents for Children’s Rights is a nationwide network of grandparents, community members, and professionals working together to provide education and support, advocacy, and thought leadership for children, grandparents, and kinship families.		Grandparents, children, and kinship families	http://www.grandparentsforchildren.org/
National Disabilities Rights Network (NDRN)	NDRN is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP). There is a P&A/CAP agency in every state and U.S. territory as well as one	State by State Search: http://www.ndrn.org/en/ndrn-member-agencies.html	Disabled individuals	900 Second Street, NE, Suite 211 Washington, DC 20002 202-408-9514 ext.122 202-408-9521 (TTY) E-mail: info@ndrn.org http://www.ndrn.org

Advocacy

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	serving the Native American population in the four corners region.			
TASH Advocates for Equity, Opportunities, Social Justice and Human Rights	TASH promotes the full inclusion and participation of children and adults with significant disabilities in every aspect of their community, and eliminates the social injustices that diminish human rights. They do this by advocating, sharing resources, and hosting events.		Disabled children and their families	http://tash.org/about/mission/
Wrightslaw	Wrightslaw provides information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.		Disabled youth	http://www.wrightslaw.com/

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) work at the state level to protect individuals with developmental disabilities by empowering them and advocating on their behalf. There are 57 P&As in the United States and its territories, and all are independent of service-providing agencies within their states. The AIDD also has resources and information available on their website.		Disabled individuals	370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20447 http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/aidd/
American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)	AAPD provides information, resources, and advocacy opportunities for people with disabilities.		Disabled individuals	http://www.aapd.com/what-we-do/
The Arc of the United States	The Arc works to promote and improve benefits, supports, and services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and related disabilities so that they can live with their families and in the community. The Arc has state and local chapters across the country to provide basic information or refer you to other agencies.	State Chapters: http://www.thearc.org/find-a-chapter	Disabled individuals	1825 K Street NW, Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20006 202-534-3700 800-433-5255 Toll Free E-mail: info@thearc.org www.thearc.org
Council on Disability Development (CDD)	CDD has information on each state's organizations that plan and coordinate	State DD Councils: http://www.nacdd.org/about-nacdd/councils-on-	Disabled individuals and their families	1151 South Fourth Street Louisville, KY 40214 502-584-1239

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	<p>services for adults and children with developmental disabilities. Many DD Councils provide grants to nonprofit organizations that serve families. Others train people with disabilities and family members to be their own advocates through a program called Partners in Policymaking.</p> <p>The DD Councils provide basic information to all adults and children who have developmental disabilities and their families.</p>	<p>developmental-disabilities.aspx</p>		<p>E-mail: info@councilondd.org</p> <p>www.councilondd.org</p>
Disability.gov	<p>Disability.gov is the federal government website for comprehensive information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide. The site links to more than 14,000 resources from federal, state and local government agencies, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations.</p>		Disabled individuals	<p>https://www.disability.gov/</p>
Easter Seals	<p>Easter Seals provides services to children with physical and mental disabilities and other special needs. Services include early intervention, physical and occupational therapy, and speech and hearing therapy. They also operate child care centers around the country that serve children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Ages and Stages Questionnaire (developmental milestone screening): http://es.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntlc10_mffc_homepageasq</p> <p>Local Easter Seals: http://www.easterseals.com/connect-locally/</p>	Disabled individuals	<p>233 South Wacker, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60606 312-726-6200 1-800-221-6827 E-mail: info@easterseals.org</p> <p>http://www.easter-seals.org/</p>
ED.gov- My Child's Special	ED.gov provides information		Disabled children	<p>http://www2.ed.gov/parents/n</p>

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Needs	and resources for children with special needs.			eeds/speced/edpicks.jhtml
Federation for Children with Special Needs	The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. They are committed to listening to and learning from families, and encouraging full participation in community life by all people, especially those with disabilities.		Parents and caregivers of disabled children	The Schrafft Center 529 Main Street, Suite 1102 Boston, MA 02129 Phone: (617) 236-7210 http://fcsn.org/about_us.php
Friends of Disabled Adults and Children	Friends provides durable medical equipment (DME) such as wheelchairs and hospital beds at little or no cost to the disabled individual and their families.		Disabled individuals	http://www.fodac.org/
National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)	NASDDDS helps state agencies develop service delivery systems and supports for people with developmental disabilities.	State offices: http://www.nasddds.org/MemberAgencies/index.shtml	Disabled individuals	113 Oronoco Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-683-4202 703-684-1395 Fax E-mail: ksnyder@nasddds.org http://www.nasddds.org/index.shtml
National Council on Disability	NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities.		Disabled individuals	http://www.ncd.gov/
National Dissemination Center for Children with	NICHCY serves as a national information and referral	State Resource Sheets: http://nichcy.org/state-	Disabled individuals and their families	1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Disabilities	center about disabilities for families and professionals, especially on issues for children and youth from birth to age 22. NICHCY has bilingual information specialists who can answer specific questions from parents in both English and Spanish.	organization-search-by-state		Washington, DC 20009 1-800-695-0285 (Voice/TTY) (202) 884-8200 E-mail: nichyafhi360.com http://www.nichcy.org
National Inclusion Project	The National Inclusion Projects provides inclusive programs for children with disabilities.		Children with disabilities	http://www.inclusionproject.org/level_1.php?id=4
National Organization for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)	The NOFAS provides information and resources for children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.		Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	http://www.nofas.org/
Our Kids-Adults	Our Kids provides support and information for parents and caregivers of teens and adults with disabilities.		Disabled individuals and their families	http://www.our-kids.org/okadults/
Parent Center Network	The Parent Center Network provides technical assistance for parents of disabled children.		Parents and caregivers of disabled children	http://www.parentcenternetwork.org/
Parent Technical Assistance Center Network (PTACN)	PTACN expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with all disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. Each state has at least one parent-run organization to help parents learn more about the needs of their children with disabilities. They provide information to parents of infants, toddlers, school-aged	National PTAC: www.parentcenternetwork.org/national/resources.html Map: www.parentcenternetwork.org/parentcenters.html List of centers in each state: www.parentcenternetwork.org/parentcenterlisting.html or call 1-888-248-0822	Families with disabled children	PACER Center 8161 Normandale Blvd. Minneapolis, MN 55437 952-838-9000 1-888-248-0822 Toll Free 952-838-0190 TTY E-mail: alliance@taalliance.org http://www.parentcenternetwork.org/

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	children, and young adults with disabilities.			
PAS (Personal Assistance Services)	PAS provides information and resources on personal assistance services.		Disabled individuals	http://www.pascenter.org/home/index.php
PBS Parents	PBS Parents provides information and resources for children with disabilities and their families.		Parents and caregivers of disabled children	http://www.pbs.org/parents/disabilities/
Possibilities: a financial resource for parents of children with disabilities	Possibilities provides resources and financial information for families who are raising disabled children.		Parents and caregivers raising disabled children	http://www.pacer.org/publications/possibilities/your-disability-insurance/120-sources-of-disability-insurance.html
TASH	TASH provides parents, educators, advocates, organizations and members of the media, resources and information regarding disability advocacy and inclusion of people with disabilities.		Everyone	http://tash.org/

Supports for Children with Specific Disabilities

Organization	Description	Area of Focus	Resources	Population Served	Contact
Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)	The ADDA offers ADD resources, information, advocacy opportunities and support for those who experience ADD and their families.	ADD		Individuals with ADD	http://www.add.org/
National Resource Center on ADHD	The National Resource Center provides information and resources on ADHD.	ADHD		Individuals with ADHD	http://www.help4adhd.org/
Autism speaks	Autism Speaks provides education resources for parents with autistic children.	Autism		Parents and caregivers of Autistic children	www.autismspeaks.org
Autism Society of America (ASA)	ASA provides information, resources, and the latest research on Autism.	Autism		Autistic individuals and their families	http://www.autism-society.org/
American Council for the Blind	ACB and its affiliates create policies, provide publications and resources and collaborate with Vision Rehabilitation Service providers to develop the principles and values that should be at the heart of providing adjustment and placement services to people who are blind.	Blindness		Blind individuals	http://www.acb.org/
National Federation of the Blind	NFB advocates for the civil rights and equality of blind Americans, and develops innovative	Blindness		Blind individuals	https://nfb.org/

Supports for Children with Specific Disabilities

Organization	Description	Area of Focus	Resources	Population Served	Contact
	education, technology, and training programs to provide the blind and those who are losing vision with the tools they need to become independent and successful.				
Brain Injury Association Inc, BIA	The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) is the country's oldest and largest nationwide brain injury advocacy organization.	Brain Injury		Individuals with a brain injury	1608 Spring Hill Road, Suite 110 Vienna, VA 22182 Phone: 703-761-0750 http://www.biausa.org/
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)	United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) educates advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities.	Cerebral Palsy		Individuals with cerebral palsy	http://www.ucp.org/
National Association of the Deaf	The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is a civil rights organization, by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. They offer resources, information, and advocacy for deaf individuals.	Deafness		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/
Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	The Alexander Graham Bell Association has research, advocacy opportunities, and educational trainings for people with hearing loss.	Deafness		Deaf individuals	3417 Volta Place, NW Washington, DC 20007 Tel: 202/337-5220 TTY: 202/337-5221 http://www.betterhearing.org/hearing_loss_resources/viewResource.cfm/resourceID/17/resour

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National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center	National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center provides information, advocacy, and legal information for people in the deaf community.	Deafness		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/issues/about-law-and-advocacy-center
Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center	The Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center provides information, advocacy and services for children, adults, and professional that experience hearing loss.	Deafness		Individuals with hearing loss	http://www.agbell.org/
National Association for Down Syndrome (NADS)	NADS offers information, support, and advocacy for individuals with down syndrome and their families.	Down Syndrome		Individuals with down syndrome and their families	http://www.nads.org/
Epilepsy Foundation	The Epilepsy Foundation offers information, resources, advocacy opportunities and events centered on Epilepsy.	Epilepsy		Individuals with epilepsy	8301 Professional Place Landover MD 20785 1-800-332-1000 http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/
The National Fragile X Foundation	NFXF provides research, resources, and advocacy information on Fragile X disorders.	Fragile X Disorder		Individuals with fragile X disorder	1615 Bonanza St. Suite 202 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (800) 688-8765 http://www.nxf.org/
National Center for Learning Disabilities	The National Center for Learning Disabilities improves the lives of all	Learning Disabilities		Learning disabled individuals, their families and support	http://www.ncld.org/

Supports for Children with Specific Disabilities

Organization	Description	Area of Focus	Resources	Population Served	Contact
	people with learning difficulties and disabilities by empowering parents, enabling young adults, transforming schools, and creating policy and advocacy impact. They also provide general information and resources.			systems	
Learning Disabilities Association of America	LDAA is a non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities and has over 200 state and local affiliates in 42 states and Puerto Rico. They also provide information and resources for people with learning disabilities.	Learning disabilities		Learning disabled people and their families	4156 Library Road Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349 (412) 341-1515 http://www.ldanatl.org/

Additional Resources

Organization	Description	Resources	Population Served	Contact
Americans with Disabilities Act	Information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act.		Disabled individuals	http://www.ada.gov/2010_regs.htm
Children's Defense Fund's Publications for Grandparents and Other Relative Caregivers	CDF provides information and resources on issues facing grandparents and other relative caregivers, including information on federal legislation that helps kinship care families. CDF also has a number of publications for kinship caregivers including three more guides like this one in different areas: health insurance, food and nutrition programs, and child care and early childhood education programs.		Grandfamilies and relative caregivers.	25 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 202-628-8787 800-233-1200 E-mail: cdinfo@childrensdefense.org http://www.childrensdefense.org
Grandparents as Carers of Children with Disabilities (book by: Philip McCallion)	This book contains information regarding grandparent caregivers and the disabled children they care for. Specific chapter on Latino grandparents.		Disabled individuals and their caregivers	ISBN-0-7890-1192-1 The Haworth Press Inc.
Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family (book by: Sylvie de Toledo and Deborah Edler Brown)	This book provides information for grandparents raising grandchildren. There is a specific section on "Special Education and Early Intervention."			ISBN-978-1-4625-0915-7 The Guilford Press

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