

# Community Resource Directory

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## Jewish Disability Organizations

### **Chai Lifeline**

Chai Lifeline offers a wide variety of services, including Kosher meal delivery and housing options for families of children in the hospital.

<http://www.chailifeline.org/>

### **Council for Jewish with Special Needs**

The Council For Jews With Special Needs is a non-profit organization founded in 1985 with the goal of providing programs, supports and resources to help all Jews with disabilities and their families fulfill their spiritual, cultural and religious needs.

<http://www.cjsn.org/>

### **Empowering Jews with Disabilities**

This site was created because it is time for Jews with disabilities to be seen and heard. Our goal is to embrace a spirit where we can express ourselves freely, take a stand, be a part of a welcoming community, and rejoice in our strengths and abilities. We need to ask for help while striving for independence in whatever fashion we can attain for ourselves. We will support each other emotionally and spiritually through this site. This site will help create the tools we need to be our own advocates.

[www.empoweringjewswithdisabilities.org](http://www.empoweringjewswithdisabilities.org)

### **JBI International**

The JBI Library provides the visually impaired, blind, physically handicapped and reading disabled of all backgrounds and ages with books, magazines and cultural programs in Audio (in 7 languages), in Large Print and in Braille. Its unique programs enrich the lives of 35,000 individuals around the world.

110 East 30th Street

New York, NY 10016

Phone: (212) 889-2525

Toll Free: (800) 433-1531

Fax: (212) 689-3692

Email: [admin@jbilibrary.org](mailto:admin@jbilibrary.org)

[www.jewishbraille.org](http://www.jewishbraille.org)

### **The Jewish Deaf Resource Center**

Since 1996, the Jewish Deaf Resource Center, Inc. (JDRC) has advocated for greater access so that Jews who are Deaf can lead rich and meaningful Jewish lives. JDRC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is a resource for the entire Jewish community, advising institutions on accessibility, and partnering with individuals who are Deaf as we collectively advocate for greater access to Jewish communal life.

PO Box 318

Hartsdale, NY 10530

Phone: (917) 705-8941

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VideoPhone: (866) 948-1771 Email: [JDRC501c3@aol.com](mailto:JDRC501c3@aol.com)

Text Message: [JDRC@att.blackberry.net](mailto:JDRC@att.blackberry.net)

[www.jdrc.org](http://www.jdrc.org)

## **Union for Reform Judaism: Disabilities**

Our goal is the full participation in the spiritual, educational and communal aspects of synagogue life for people living with disabilities and for their families.

<http://urj.org/life/family/disabilities/>

## **United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ**

UJC's (United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ) services for people with special needs and their families. In the MetroWest community, services are catalogued in a guide for people with developmental, learning, and physical disabilities as well as those with mental illness. This guide will help families seeking: Home visits from a trained teen "big brother/sister", summer or school vacation Jewish day camp experience with a shadow counselor, vocational training and support for people who want financial independence, supervised Kosher group homes for special needs adults, social and recreational programs for all ages along with art and enrichment classes for adults, individual counseling and case management.

901 Route 10

Whippany, NJ 07981

Phone: (973) 929-3000

Email: [ujc@ufcnj.org](mailto:ujc@ufcnj.org)

Jewish Resource Line: (973) 929-3100

[www.ujcnj.org](http://www.ujcnj.org)

## **Yachad, The National Jewish Council for Disabilities**

Yachad / NJCD is dedicated to enhancing the life opportunities of individuals with disabilities, ensuring their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life.

11 Broadway, 13th Floor

New York, NY 10004

Phone: (212) 613-8229

Fax: (212) 613-0796

Email: [njcd@ou.org](mailto:njcd@ou.org)

[www.njcd.org](http://www.njcd.org)

## **YAD HaCHAZAKAH: The Jewish Disability Empowerment Center, Inc.**

Led by and for Jews with disabilities and chronic health conditions, Yad HaChazakah-JDEC empowers people with disabilities to live, love, learn, work, worship and lead in Jewish communities.

c/o Bikkurim 111 Eighth Avenue, 11th Floor

New York, NY 10011-5201

Phone: (212) 284-6936 (Voice and 711 TTY Relay Service)

Email: [info@yad-jdec.org](mailto:info@yad-jdec.org)

<http://yad-jdec.org>

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## Special Education Services, Jewish

### **Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education: Special Needs**

ACAJE professionals consult with rabbis, educational directors, teachers and concerned lay people to initiate and/or enhance special education programs in preschools, synagogue, community, and day schools. They assist schools in determining appropriate programs, assessing and adapting available materials, and evaluating and updating teaching methods in light of the needs of the school's particular population. Workshops and seminars introduce educators to new methodologies and provide opportunities to consult with colleagues in the field.

Contact: Deborah Gettes, ACAJE Consultant for Special Needs Education

Phone: (215) 635-8940 x1231

Email: [dgettes@acaje.org](mailto:dgettes@acaje.org)

<http://www.acaje.org/content/specialNeeds/specialNeeds.shtml>

## Special Education Services, Local School Districts

### **Ewing Special Services: PEP (Parents Educating Parents)**

Parents Educating Parents (PEP) is a parent advisory group that acts as the liaison between The Ewing Board of Education Department of Special Services and parents of children who require individual attention for their educational and social development.

Mr. Harry Louth

Director of Special Services

District Voicemail: x7176

District Email: [hlouth@ewingboe.org](mailto:hlouth@ewingboe.org)

Mr. David Hauserman

District Supervisor of Special Services

District Voicemail: x7150

District Email: [dhauserman@ewingboe.org](mailto:dhauserman@ewingboe.org)

[http://www.ewing.k12.nj.us/home/parent\\_info/SPS.htm](http://www.ewing.k12.nj.us/home/parent_info/SPS.htm)

### **Hopewell Valley Regional School District: Pupil Services / Special Education**

The Office of Pupil Services provides specialists in the areas of child study, school counseling, school health services, and speech and language.

<http://www.hvrsd.org/district/PupilServices/index.htm>

### **Lawrence Township: ASK (Advocates for Special Kids)**

ASK grew out of a shared vision of parents of special needs children. We saw the need for a resource for families seeking answers and support in what can be a challenging journey. ASK, a district-wide Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.), serves children placed in all schools in Lawrence Township District, as well as in out of district placements. Please join us. We are here to help and support each other and to share information that helps you advocate for your special child. Let's all work together!

Contact Amanda Tulumalo for more information

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Email: [amandatulumalo@asknj.org](mailto:amandatulumalo@asknj.org)  
<http://www.asknj.org/>

## **Mercer County Special Services School District**

Mercer County Special Services School District is committed to serve as a catalyst for providing innovative integrated programs and services. We serve individuals with significant disabilities as well as meeting the specialized needs of districts and agencies. Through leadership and the collaborative efforts of staff, family, sending districts and community, the district will equip individuals with the skills necessary to successfully function in their environment. The Mercer County Special Services School District provides programs for preschool disabled, multiply disabled, autistic and emotionally disturbed students. Programs include preschool, primary, elementary and secondary age populations. Special projects provide services to infants, graduates, parents, other agencies and coordinated countywide transportation for students with disabilities. We also provide on-site educational programs for residents of the Mercer County Youth Detention Center.

1020 Old Trenton Road, 2nd Floor  
Hamilton, NJ 08690  
Phone: (609) 631-2100  
[www.mcsssd.org](http://www.mcsssd.org)

## **New Jersey School for the Deaf: Katzenbach Campus**

Katzenbach offers both day and residential programs that make services accessible to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students, regardless of the proximity of the school to students' homes.

Margaret Provost, Enrollment Coordinator  
Phone: (609) 530-3156 (Voice or TTY)  
Email: [Provost@mkasd.state.nj.us](mailto:Provost@mkasd.state.nj.us)  
[www.mkasd.org](http://www.mkasd.org)

## **Princeton Regional Schools: Special Education**

Special education is provided by teachers certified in the education of children with disabilities. These teachers may be assisted by classroom aides. Children may receive services by such professionals as a speech-language therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, or adaptive physical education instructor. Special education can take place in a variety of educational settings, including the general education classroom and is also not limited to a particular academic focus. Children eligible for special education may receive instruction in any area, which contributes significantly, to his or her education. Thus children may receive special education in such diverse subjects as math, health, vocational skills, self-help skills, organization and study skills, and physical education.

Dr. Agnes Golding, Director  
Phone: (609) 806-4206  
<http://www.prs.k12.nj.us/StudentServices/specialed>

## **Robbinsville Public School District: Special Services**

Lisa A. Scaringelli, Director of Special Services  
Robbinsville High School  
155 Robbinsville-Edinburg Road

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Robbinsville, NJ 08691  
Phone: (609) 632-0944  
Fax: (609) 371-7963  
Ext. 4410 Email: [scaringelli@WTPSMERCER.k12.nj.us](mailto:scaringelli@WTPSMERCER.k12.nj.us)  
<http://www.wtpsmercer.k12.nj.us/443138123104019/site/default.asp>

## **Trenton Public Schools: Office of Special Education Programs**

Andrew J. Morgan, Director of Special Education  
Administration Building  
108 North Clinton Avenue  
Phone: (609) 656-4900 x5739  
Fax: (609) 989-2402  
<http://www.trenton.k12.nj.us/sped/OSEP.htm>

## **West Windsor-Plainsboro Special Kids Special Parents**

We are residents of West Windsor-Plainsboro with children or young adults who have a medical diagnosis that impacts our lives. As a very diverse parent support group, we have parents in various stages in the journey; recent diagnosis, children in transition, adolescence and young adults, and children attending in district schools and out of district schools. Our members deal with many different diagnosis; Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Dyslexia, Epilepsy, Apraxia, Rhetts's Syndrome, Blindness, CP, Downs Syndrome, William's Syndrome, Jorbette's Syndrome, Bipolar Disorder, and CAPD, to name a few. Although the diagnosis may be different, we often share similar challenges, and we all want to participate in the WW-P community.

[www.wwpsksp.org](http://www.wwpsksp.org)

## **Family Support and Services**

### **Children's Specialized Hospital: ClubSib**

As part of our ongoing commitment to Family-Centered Care, Children's is pleased to offer ClubSib - a peer support group for siblings of children with disabilities, coordinated by Child Life and Psychology. ClubSib is designed especially for the brothers and sisters, ages 6-17, of children with physical disabilities, autism, and brain injuries. Class is limited to one participant per family per series. Activities range from self-expression, to pure silliness, to heartfelt discussions and discovery, all the while promoting essential peer support.

Contact Linda Nordstrom for more information

Phone: 1-888-CHILDREN (244-5373)

Email: [lnordstrom@childrens-specialized.org](mailto:lnordstrom@childrens-specialized.org)

<http://www.childrens-specialized.org/SpecialPrograms.asp?id=429>

### **Facebook: New Jersey Special Services**

New Jersey Special Services group gives families of developmentally disabled adults and children an informational forum to discover special needs service programs throughout New Jersey.

*Please note: This site requires a facebook account to view or join.*

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?group.php&gid=22330397524>

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## **Family Support Center of New Jersey**

The Family Support Center is a clearinghouse of up-to-date information on a national, state and local family support programs, services and disabilities. The Center offers a "One-Stop-Shopping" approach to individuals seeking information on disabilities and services by providing them with easy access to a comprehensive array of services.

<http://www.fscnj.org>

## **The Friendship Circle**

The Friendship Circle supports children with special needs and their families by involving them in a full range of Jewish and social experience that bring lively friendship and enrichment to children, families and volunteers. To join our circle, please call 609-683-7240 or visit us on the web at [www.mercerfriends.com](http://www.mercerfriends.com).

[www.mercerfriends.com](http://www.mercerfriends.com)

## **GreatSchools Parent Community**

This is a place for parents seeking to lessen the isolation of parenting a child with learning disabilities, learning differences, ADD, or ADHD. We want to share our successes so that we can inspire each other and offer encouragement in the face of failure or frustration. We want to turn the personal connections we make here into support and action so that we can help our children grow and learn.

<http://community.greatschools.net/groups/11554>

## **ILiveWithADisability.com**

ILiveWithADisability.com (ILWAD.com) is a social networking website out to give everyone the tools, ability and network to love themselves. By providing the community a social network where people stand for the happiness of others, providing them with confidence, love, fun and the ability to be to be a powerful leader.

<http://ilivewithadisability.com/>

## **Misunderstood Minds: PBS**

A companion site to the PBS special on learning differences and disabilities. Explore stories from the show and find information and resources for parents.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/>

## **PrincetonSpecialKids**

Forum for the Princeton Special Needs community. All interested parties are encouraged to join & post, including Special Needs youth / adults and families, and our friends in the Princeton community. Your Confidentiality and Privacy will be respected.

<http://groups.google.com/group/princetonspecialkids?hl=en>

## **Special Friends**

Special Friends is the No.1 community for people with learning/intellectual disabilities. We will provide a safe and secure environment for you to chat, instant message and make lots of friends all over the world.

[www.specialfriendsonline.com](http://www.specialfriendsonline.com)

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## Disability Organizations, Local

### **The Arc Mercer Health Care Center**

The Arc Mercer Health Care Center provides specialized, collaborative primary medical care and ongoing mental health services. Services include (but not limited to): physical assessment, blood work and routing blood analysis, urine analysis, EKGs, gynecological exams, psychiatric assessments, individual therapy, group therapy, and medication prescription and management.

Contact: Anne Brade, Healthcare Center Director

Phone: (609) 989-9211

[www.arcmercer.org](http://www.arcmercer.org)

### **The Arc of New Jersey**

The "HealthHelp for New Jersey Families" is a concise listing of where families can go to find help when they first realize their child may have physical or developmental disabilities. There are also ways for families to find additional info and resources beyond that listed. It is in English and Spanish. Contact through "The Arc of New Jersey."

Phone: (877) 272-0277

Email: [healthhelp@arcnj.org](mailto:healthhelp@arcnj.org)

[www.arcnj.org](http://www.arcnj.org)

### **Beautiful Minds of Princeton**

Beautiful Minds of Princeton is a company dedicated to helping individuals, families, and professionals who care about or have special needs. We commit to promoting a world where all individuals, regardless of disability, learn and expand their potential, becoming part of this world. We offer a variety of services from individual consultations & assessments to trainings & materials.

P.O. Box 1143

Princeton, NJ 08540

Phone: (800) 675-2709

Email: [beautifulminds@comcast.net](mailto:beautifulminds@comcast.net)

[www.beautifulmindsofprinceton.com](http://www.beautifulmindsofprinceton.com)

### **CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) of Princeton-Mercer County, NJ**

We meet on Wednesday evenings, once a month from 7pm to 9pm from September to May. We meet at The Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive, Princeton, NJ. In addition we have an Adult support group that meets on Wednesday evening once per month, and a "Suppers for ADHD" group. We have assembled a member driven Directory of Professionals who service the ADHD community of Mercer County. E-mail: [janemilrod@gmail.com](mailto:janemilrod@gmail.com) for a word copy.

Contact, Founding Director, Jane Milrod, [adhdcoachjane@gmail.com](mailto:adhdcoachjane@gmail.com), 609-683-8787

### **Disability Rights New Jersey**

Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ) is the consumer-directed, non-profit organization that serves as New Jersey's designated protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities in the state. In partnership with individuals with disabilities and their families, DRNJ works to protect and advance the rights of people with disabilities. DRNJ provides information and



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referral and a broad range of advocacy services, including legal representation in numerous cases in state and federal courts.

210 South Broad Street, 3rd Floor

Trenton, NJ 08608

Phone: (800) 922-7233 (toll-free in NJ only)

Phone: (609) 292-9742

TTY: (609) 633-7106 (TTY users may also call through the NJ Relay at : 711

Email: [advocate@drnj.org](mailto:advocate@drnj.org)

<http://www.drnj.org/>

## **NAMI Mercer New Jersey**

NAMI Mercer New Jersey is a non-profit organization of families and individuals dedicated to improving the quality of life of people affected by mental illness. We advocate for lives of quality and respect without discrimination and stigma, and provide education, support and resources to empower families and persons with mental illness.

<http://www.namimercer.org/>

## **National Institute for People with Disabilities of New Jersey**

The National Institute for People with Disabilities of New Jersey (NIPD/NJ) is a provider of residential and family support services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. NIPD/NJ emphasizes opportunities for people with disabilities to live as independently as possible through supervised, supportive and independent residential programs in northern New Jersey. NIPD/NJ also supports families that have people with disabilities living at home.

<http://www.yai.org/agencies/nj/nipdnj-services.html>

## **New Jersey Special Needs Registry**

This registration Web site allows residents with special needs and their families, friends and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

<https://www.deltafour.com/newjerseysns/>

## **SPAN: Statewide Parent Advocacy Network**

Vision: All families in New Jersey will have the resources and support they need to ensure that their children become fully participating and contributing members of our communities and society.

Mission: The mission of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network is to empower and support families and inform and involve professionals and others interested in the healthy development and education of children and youth.

Prioriry: SPAN's foremost commitment is to children and families with the greatest need due to disability; poverty; discrimination based on race, sex, language, immigrant, or homeless status; involvement in the foster care, child welfare, or juvenile justice systems; geographic location; or other special circumstances.

Phone: (973) 642-8100

Toll Free: (800) 654-SPAN

Fax: (973) 642-8080

Email: [span@spannj.org](mailto:span@spannj.org)

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Statewide Parent Advocacy Network  
35 Halsey Street, Fourth Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102  
<http://www.spannj.org>

## Government, Policy and Research

### **The Arc of New Jersey Family Advocacy Program**

The Arc of New Jersey's Family Advocacy Program (FAP) supports family members of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in becoming personally involved with public policy. Its mission is to provide family members with the knowledge they need to become effective advocates, as well as help family members create positive change in public policy and in the state's service delivery system.

<http://www.arcfamilyadvocacy.org/>

### **The Educational Law Center**

The Education Law Center's updated version of its special education manual is now available free online.

[http://www.edlawcenter.org/ELCPublic/Publications/PDF/Rights\\_SpecialEducation\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.edlawcenter.org/ELCPublic/Publications/PDF/Rights_SpecialEducation_Guide.pdf)

Contact: Denis Lanchantin Dwyer

Phone: (609) 632-0475

Fax: (609) 632-1255

Cell: (609) 439-3863

Email: [edadvocacyofcentralnj@comcast.net](mailto:edadvocacyofcentralnj@comcast.net)

### **National Council on Disability**

NCD is an independent federal agency composed of members appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate. NCD provides advice to the President, Congress, and executive branch agencies to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability and to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

National Council on Disability

1331 F Street, NW

Suite 850

Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 272-2004

TTY: (202) 272-2074

Fax: (202) 272-2022

Email: [ncd@ncd.gov](mailto:ncd@ncd.gov)

<http://www.ncd.gov/>

### **New Jersey Parents' Caucus, Inc.**

The New Jersey Parents' Caucus, Inc. is a coalition of families whose mission is to ensure that

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every family who has children with special emotional and behavioral needs is given an opportunity to play a strong and active role in the development and delivery of effective and timely services for their children.

[www.newjerseyparentscaucus.org](http://www.newjerseyparentscaucus.org)

## **U.S. Department of Education: Guide to Individualized Education Program**

The purpose of this guidance is to assist educators, parents, and state and local educational agencies in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regarding Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for children with disabilities, including preschool-aged children. (This guide does not address the development of Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) for infants and toddlers.)

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/needs/spced/iepguide/index.html>

## **Independent Living Support**

### **Delta Community Supports, Inc.**

SAAt Delta Community Supports, we provide community living supports for individuals, support for families, supported employment options, and advocacy through case management to more than 250 adults and children with developmental disabilities in New Jersey.

Phone: (908) 707-8844

Fax: (908) 707-1814

1130 Route 202 S

Building C-1

Raritan, NJ 08869

<http://www.deltaweb.org/>

### **Eden A.C.R.E.s**

Eden A.C.R.E.s (A Community Residence Experience) has offered year-round community-based residential services to adults with autism since 1979. In support of its philosophy of lifespan services, Eden develops community residences that promote the personal growth and independence of the participants who live in them. An additional component of the A.C.R.E.s program is a commitment to "giving back" to the local community in which each residence is located. Eden A.C.R.E.s presently operates eleven group homes and four supported living apartments in central New Jersey. Each residence is licensed by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) of the New Jersey Department of Human Services and meets all state and local health and safety ordinances.

Phone: (609) 987-0099

Fax: (609) 987-0243

Email: [info@edenservices.org](mailto:info@edenservices.org)

The Eden Family of Services

1 Eden Way

Princeton, NJ 08540

[http://www.edenservices.org/services\\_mstr.html](http://www.edenservices.org/services_mstr.html)

### **Enable**

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Enable helps individuals with disabilities live full and independent lives in our communities. Each person we serve has dreams, goals, and interests. All want to be safe, to live as independently as possible, to have friends, to enjoy recreational activities, to be a part of the community. Many are employed or work as volunteers. Enable helps make this happen.

Email: [info@enablenj.org](mailto:info@enablenj.org)

Enable, Inc

13 Roszel Road

Suite B110

Princeton, NJ 08540

<http://www.enablenj.org/>

## **Progressive Center for Independent Living**

The Progressive Center for Independent Living, Inc. (PCIL) advocates for the rights of people with disabilities to achieve and maintain independent lifestyles. Through promotion of choice, self-direction and inclusion, PCIL works with people with disabilities and their families to ensure the same freedoms and civil liberties as everyone else.

Phone: (609) 581-4500

Toll free: (877) 917-4500

Email: [info@pcil.org](mailto:info@pcil.org)

Mercer County Office

1262 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road

Madison Corporate Center

Building A, Suite 102

Hamilton, NJ 08690

<http://www.pcil.org/>

## **SERV Behavioral Health System**

SERV Behavioral Health System is a private statewide, not-for-profit behavioral healthcare organization serving adults and children working to recover from and cope with a serious mental illness or developmental disability. Remaining focused on personal dignity and quality of care, we utilize a continuum of services that are tailored to meet individual needs. It is our goal to assist our consumers to live and work successfully in their communities. Housing and supportive services are integrated into a broad-based approach that addresses the most basic needs of each individual (food, shelter, clothing) while allowing them to safely adjust to living in the community and gradually build a more independent life.

Phone: (609) 406-0100 General Inquiries

(800) 987-7378 Access Services

Email: [info@servbhs.org](mailto:info@servbhs.org)

SERV Behavioral Health System, Inc.

General Information

20 Scotch Road

Ewing, NJ 08628

<http://www.servbhs.net/>

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## National Disability Resources

### **American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

*Formerly AAMR: American Association of Mental Retardation*

Since 1876, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) has been providing worldwide leadership in the field of mental retardation. We're a powerful community of leaders with a strong voice and important mission.

501 3rd Street, NW, Suite 200

Washington, DC 20001

Phone: (800) 424-3688

Fax: (202) 387-2193

Email: [anam@aaidd.org](mailto:anam@aaidd.org)

[www.aamr.org](http://www.aamr.org)

### **The Arc**

The Arc is the world's largest community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It provides an array of services and support for families and individuals and includes over 140,000 members affiliated through more than 780 state and local chapters across the nation. The Arc is devoted to promoting and improving supports and services for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Email: [info@thearc.org](mailto:info@thearc.org)

<http://www.thearc.org/>

### **Council for Exceptional Children**

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides professional development, advocates for individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22201

Voice Phone: (703) 620-3660

TTY: (866) 915-5000

Fax: (703) 264-9494

Email: [service@cec.sped.org](mailto:service@cec.sped.org)

[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)

### **ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)**

ERIC - the Education Resources Information Center - is an online digital library of education research and information. ERIC is sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education. ERIC provides ready access to education literature to support the use of educational research and information to improve practice in learning, teaching, educational decision-making, and research.

Phone: (800) LET-ERIC (538-3742)

[www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)

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## **The Job Accommodation Network**

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, entrepreneurship, and related subjects. JAN's efforts are in support of the employment, including self-employment and small business ownership, of people with disabilities.

*Please visit their website for contact information. There are many phone numbers and emails depending on your situation*

[www.jan.wvu.edu](http://www.jan.wvu.edu)

## **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

From its inception in 1979, NAMI has been dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. For three decades, NAMI has established itself as the most formidable grassroots mental health advocacy organization in the country. Dedication, steadfast commitment and unceasing belief in NAMI's mission by grassroots advocates have produced profound changes. NAMI's greatest strength is the dedication of our grassroots leaders and members. We are the families, friends and individuals that serve to strengthen communities across the country.

Phone: (800) 950-NAMI (6264)

<http://www.nami.org/>

## **National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (also known as NICHCY)**

We are 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 researchbased

information on effective practices for children with disabilities.

NICHCY

1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (800) 695-0285 (Voice/TTY)

Phone: (202) 884-8200 (Voice/TTY)

Fax: (202) 884-8441

Email: [nichcy@aed.org](mailto:nichcy@aed.org)

<http://www.nichcy.org/>

## **National Organization on Disability**

The mission of the National Organization on Disability (NOD) is to expand the participation and contribution of America's 54 million men, women and children with disabilities in all aspects of life.

888 Sixteenth Street NW, Suite 800

Washington, DC 20006

Phone: (202) 293-5960

TTY: (202) 293-5968

Fax: (202) 293-7999

Email: [ability@nod.org](mailto:ability@nod.org)

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[www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org)

## **One Place for Special Needs**

One Place for Special Needs is an exclusive, collaborative community for special needs parents and those that work with children, teens and adults who have disabilities. Everyone adds their own information so together we can help each other.

*Please note: This website is a work in progress, and may not have a large amount of information in this area yet. Check back periodically as it is updated.*

[www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com](http://www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com)

## **Pathways Awareness Foundation: Open Hearts Program**

One in five Americans have a disability, but many churches, synagogues, temples and mosques are not equipped to include people with disabilities. The "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" program assists congregations of all faith traditions to include people with physical, sensory, mental or emotional differences into all aspects of faith life.

[www.inclusioninworship.org](http://www.inclusioninworship.org)

## **SchoolBehavior.com**

Knowing that most educators welcome practical knowledge and tools that they can use, I created this site to help educators learn about neurobehavioral disorders -- the "hidden" disabilities that can impair a student's academic, behavioral, and social-emotional functioning and that can occasionally create chaos in your classroom.

[www.schoolbehavior.com](http://www.schoolbehavior.com)

## **U.S. Department of Education**

If your child has a section 504 plan then the public school (or private school) is required to follow it. If they do not, then you can file a free formal complaint with the Office of Civil Rights through the Department of Education. For more information on 504s or the complaint process (including an online application form) you can visit the website.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaints-how.html>

## **The YAI Network**

The mission of the YAI Network is to create hope and opportunity for people with developmental and learning disabilities and their families. We believe that every person, at every age and level of ability, has the potential for growth. We also believe that each individual is entitled to the same dignity, respect and opportunities as all other members of society. To that end, we provide one of the nation's most comprehensive networks of programs and services to assist people with disabilities in maximizing their potential.

<http://www.yai.org/>

## **Recreation and Leisure**

### **Autism on the Seas**

They provide cruises for the autistic. They also have a Pre-Cruise Questionnaire, flexible payment plans, disability services, infant onboard credit policy, and you can pick your own



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cabin.

<http://www.autismontheseas.com>

## **Celtic Charms Therapeutic Horsemanship**

We are dedicated to bringing joy and personal achievement to people with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities by teaching all forms of horsemanship including horseback riding, equine care and familiarization with basic horse knowledge. Lessons are 45 minutes in duration, including time for horse care. Students are taught either individually or in groups of up to four riders.

<http://www.celticcharms.org/>

## **The Friendship Circle**

The Friendship Circle supports children with special needs and their families by involving them in a full range of Jewish and social experience that bring lively friendship and enrichment to children, families and volunteers. To join our circle, please call 609-683-7240 or visit us on the web at [www.mercerfriends.com](http://www.mercerfriends.com).

[www.mercerfriends.com](http://www.mercerfriends.com)

## **Fun in Motion**

At Fun in Motion, our goal is to help children develop independence and learn safe ways to participate physically and socially in their homes, communities and classrooms. We offer a variety of programs to help your child overcome both physical, emotional, and social challenges. At Fun in Motion we respond to the needs of our community by providing our patients and their families with innovative, effective Occupational Therapy services that result in superior customer satisfaction and individual functional gains. Our unique clinical work space in a park like setting offers many opportunities for program participants to interact with community peers in a natural, least restrictive environment.

<http://www.silverdollarstablesnj.com/funinmotion.html>

## **ILiveWithADisability.com**

ILiveWithADisability.com (ILWAD.com) is a social networking website out to give everyone the tools, ability and network to love themselves. By providing the community a social network where people stand for the happiness of others, providing them with confidence, love, fun and the ability to be to be a powerful leader.

<http://ilivewithadisability.com/>

## **The Infinite U, LLC**

Yoga for Families Touched by Autism: A sacred space for children on the autism spectrum, siblings and parents to unite in the joys of yoga, creative movement, breathing and relaxing. Experience the joy of movement, the peace of relaxation, the freedom of creativity and the wholeness of connecting body, mind, and spirit. Children and parents alike will cultivate greater comfort and ease within their bodies, families will experience a greater sense of connection and harmony, and a community founded on love, patience, acceptance, appreciation and respect will be created. Each family member is given the space to be, to shine, and to experience freedom from the expectations of daily life.

[www.theinfiniteu.com](http://www.theinfiniteu.com)



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## **Keeping Pace**

Keeping Pace is a scholarship program for horse enthusiasts with special needs. Please email the address below for more information.

[keepingpace@yahoo.com](mailto:keepingpace@yahoo.com).

## **Special Olympics New Jersey**

Special Olympics New Jersey is a not-for-profit, 501c3 organization that provides sports training and athletic competition to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The organization operates on an annual budget primarily funded through individual, corporate, civic and foundation dollars that make up more than 98% of the annual operating budget. All programs are free to registered athletes including insurance, facilities, equipment, uniforms, housing & meals for events, awards, sports, education and more. In addition to programs offered on the local, county, sectional and state levels, Special Olympics New Jersey offers athletes free participation in all activities at the Special Olympics New Jersey Sports Complex in Lawrenceville.

[www.sonj.org](http://www.sonj.org)

## **Theatre Development Fund Accessibility Program (TAP)**

The mission of TDF is to increase access to theatre for all audiences. That's why TDF's programs for physically disabled theatregoers—from viewers who use wheelchairs to patrons with hearing or vision loss—are such an important part of its outreach, and have been consolidated into the TDF Accessibility Programs. For theatregoers who are hard of hearing or deaf, low vision or blind, who cannot climb stairs, or who require aisle seating or wheelchair locations, TDF obtains special seating according to need. There is no annual fee, but you must provide evidence of eligibility. In addition to getting orchestra tickets as a %50 discount, TDF Accessibility Members can take advantage of all the following services: Open captioning at select performances, sign language interpreting at select performances, audio description at select performances, accessible seating, and tickets by mail.

[www.tdf.org/tap](http://www.tdf.org/tap)

## **West Windsor Township Parks and Recreation**

West Windsor Township announces receipt of a \$20,000 grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs for recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. This grant will allow WW to offer programs such as Adapted Aquatics, Therapeutic Equestrian Program, Adapted Multi-Sports Clinic, Adapted Martial Arts, Social Events, etc. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the West Windsor Township Recreation Office for more information or visit the Recreation Division Website.

Phone: (609) 799-6141

[www.wwparks-recreation.com](http://www.wwparks-recreation.com)

## **Camps**

### **Camp Deeny Riback**

CAMP DEENY RIBACK is JCC MetroWest's premiere summer day camp for campers ages 3 1/2 - 15. Fully accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), CDR is located on 35

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beautiful wooded acres in Flanders, NJ. Camp Deeny Riback sessions last 4, 6 or 8 weeks, a full hot and cold lunch program is included and door-to-door transportation is provided to most towns within Essex, Morris, and Union counties as well as centralized transportation from either JCC MetroWest campus. Each day at CDR is magical as campers participate in a full athletics and aquatics program, in addition to performing arts, nature, Mt. Biking and many other great programming activities, complemented with amazing special events. As the ultimate Jewish day camp in Morris County, Camp Deeny Riback provides our campers with a traditional camping experience where life skills are learned and lifelong friendships are created. CDR takes great pride in sharing information regarding our "Camp Friends" Inclusion program for campers with mild to moderate special needs. In this program your child is mainstreamed in a camp group enjoying all that camp has to offer. Your child is assigned a one-on-one Shadow Counselor to assist with all needs and to help your child find success in the program. Generally speaking, it is often difficult to distinguish the Shadow Counselor from the General Counselor as the group is designed to work as a fluid and cohesive group. This program is offered for campers in PreK through Grade 6. To make sure we're the right fit for your camper, an interview and acceptance into the program is required. For more information, please contact the camp office at [camps@jccmetrowest.org](mailto:camps@jccmetrowest.org).

<http://www.cdr.jccmetrowest.org/>

## **Camp Sequoia**

Camp Sequoia, a new overnight camp for children and teens who need help with social skills and are diagnosed with one or more of the following: Asperger's, high-functioning ASD, ADHD and a variety of learning disabilities which effect social cognition. The focus of Camp Sequoia is to help campers improve their social skills through an active camp program.

<http://www.camp-sequoia.com/>

## **Camp Yachad**

Yachad means "together" in Hebrew. Our day camp based at the JCC of Central NJ in Scotch Plains, our travel camp based out of our Springfield site and our Performing Arts specialty camp on the UCVTS campus in Scotch Plains all provide a memorable, fun and activity-filled experience where children are encouraged to grow as individuals, develop self-esteem, learn new skills and build friendships. Whenever possible, Camp Yachad serves children with disabilities in the same groups as all the other campers. If you are interested in summer camp for your special needs child, please contact Camp Co-Director Mike Goldstein, at 908-889-8800 x218 or [mgoldstein@jccnj.org](mailto:mgoldstein@jccnj.org).

<http://www.jccnj.org/>

## **Gan Israel**

Gan Israel is part of the largest and fastest growing network of Jewish day camps in the world. Gan Israel enjoys a well-earned reputation as a trendsetter with innovative ideas, creative programs and new activities. Gan Israel does not have an advertised formal special-needs framework, but will provide shadows when requested by parents who want their children integrated into the camp.

<http://www.ganisrael.org/>

## **Ramapo for Children**

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Founded in 1922, Ramapo for Children is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit organization serving children with special needs. Ramapo's mission is to serve children with a wide range of emotional, behavioral and learning disabilities in a dynamic and stimulating outdoor environment, providing educational and recreational experiences that promote social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth.

<http://www.ramapoforchildren.org>

## **Round Lake Camp**

At Round Lake Camp we believe that every camper deserves friends, fun, and laughter in an accepting environment. Campers make lasting friendships. Our program of therapeutic recreation is designed so that every activity - recreational, social and educational - is planned to meet the capabilities of each child. Our camp is structured so that each camper receives guidance in the widest possible variety of recreational skills and social opportunities available. Our program is also flexible enough to allow for individual interests, needs, supportive services and social skills training. Having a successful summer and carrying that into the school year is our main goal.

<http://www.roundlakecamp.org/>

## **Yachad, The National Jewish Council for Disabilities: Camp Programs**

Yachad/NJCD provides a variety of unique and inclusive sleep-away camp programs. Our members enjoy a complete camping experience with activities that include swimming, boating, sports, arts & crafts, drama, learning, and so much more together with their mainstream peers.

Contact Nechama Braun

Phone: (212) 613-8369

Email: [braunn@ou.org](mailto:braunn@ou.org)

<http://www.njcd.org/index.php/njcd/about/C1163/>

## **Arts**

### **The National Arts and Disability Center**

Our mission is to promote the full inclusion of audiences and artists with disabilities into all facets of the arts community. The NADC is a leading consultant in the arts and disability community, and the only center of its kind. Our information is aimed at artists with disabilities, arts organizations, museums, arts administrators, disability organizations and agencies, performing arts organizations, art centers, universities, arts educators, and students. The NADC is a project of the University of California, at Los Angeles, Tarjan Center.

<http://nadc.ucla.edu>

## **Post-Secondary Education**

### **Mercer County Community College DREAM program**

At Mercer County Community College we believe in that dream and we are here to help. Our DREAM program (Developing Real Expectations for Achieving Mastery) was developed for students with intellectual disabilities who are looking for an inclusive, challenging educational opportunity with supports and services to help them achieve success.

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[http://www.mccc.edu/student\\_services\\_needs\\_dream.shtml](http://www.mccc.edu/student_services_needs_dream.shtml)

## Attention Deficit Disorders

### **ADDitude Magazine and ADDitude Online**

ADDitude, the country's number one destination for families and adults living with ADD and learning disabilities, is dedicated to helping families live successful and happy lives — at home, at school, at work, and in their communities. ADDitude provides expert guidance and inspiring life stories from the experts in the field and from parents and adults offering advice and inspirational stories. ADDitude's annual Success at School and ADD Awareness Day features, available each year in August and September, are nationally recognized for their advocacy effectiveness.

[www.additudemag.com](http://www.additudemag.com)

### **CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) of Princeton-Mercer County, NJ**

We meet on Wednesday evenings, once a month from 7pm to 9pm from September to May. We meet at The Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive, Princeton, NJ. In addition we have an Adult support group that meets on Wednesday evening once per month, and a "Suppers for ADHD" group. We have assembled a member driven Directory of Professionals who service the ADHD community of Mercer County. E-mail: [janemilrod@gmail.com](mailto:janemilrod@gmail.com) for a word copy.

Contact, Founding Director, Jane Milrod, [adhcoachjane@gmail.com](mailto:adhcoachjane@gmail.com), 609-683-8787

## Asperger Syndrome

### **Asperger Syndrome Education Network**

ASPEN (Asperger Syndrome Education Network) provides families and individuals whose lives are affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders (Asperger Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-NOS, High Functioning Autism), and Nonverbal Learning Disabilities with: Education about the issue surrounding the disorders, Support in knowing that they are not alone, and in helping individuals with ASD's and NLD achieve their maximum potential, and Advocacy in areas of appropriate educational programs, medical research funding, adult issues and increased public awareness and understanding.

Phone: (732) 321-0880

Email: [aspengorg@aol.com](mailto:aspengorg@aol.com)

[www.ASPENnj.org](http://www.ASPENnj.org)

### **Lego(r) Therapy through The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health (CNNH)**

The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health (CNNH) offers an innovative group-based social development program using the LEGO® system. LEGO® therapy has been proven to be an effective way for children with social difficulties associated with Autism, Asperger Syndrome, Anxiety, Depression or Adjustment Disorders to improve their social interaction and communication skills. Improvements in social competence enable children to

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sustain lasting friendships and reach their highest potential.

[www.thecnnh.org/LEGO.html](http://www.thecnnh.org/LEGO.html)

## **MakeBeliefComix.com**

At MakeBeliefsComix.com, parents and children can create their own comic strips online and practice writing, reading and storytelling. Parents and teachers of autistic children are using the site to communicate more effectively with their children by creating comic strips to teach and convey information to them. The comic strips created provide a finite world with images and text that can be easier for youngsters with autism to grasp.

[www.makebeliefscomix.com](http://www.makebeliefscomix.com)

## **Social Skills Training Project**

The website of Dr. Jed Baker, a leading expert in the field of Asperger's who has a practice in Somerset and Maplewood, as well as social skills groups. His website is called the "Social Skills Training Project."

Email: [jandbbaker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbaker@aol.com)

[www.socialskillstrainingproject.com](http://www.socialskillstrainingproject.com)

## **Autism Spectrum Disorders**

### **ACES (Autism Center for Educational Services)**

Offers workshops for parents, teachers, and all who want to help individuals with autism.

[www.autismcenterforeducationalservices.com](http://www.autismcenterforeducationalservices.com)

1140 Burnt Tavern Road, Suite 2C

Brick, NJ 08724

Phone: (732) 840-1888

Fax: (732) 840-1180

Email: [bobbie@autismcenterforeducationalservices.com](mailto:bobbie@autismcenterforeducationalservices.com)

### **Autism Family Services of New Jersey**

Autism Family Services of New Jersey (AFSNJ) is a leading provider of family support services to the autism population under contract with the New Jersey State Division of Developmental Disabilities. AFSNJ has developed after school programs that are designed to provide quality care to children on the autism spectrum. These programs, known as Kidz Korner, give children with autism and other developmental disabilities an opportunity to interact with others, enjoy arts and crafts, music therapy and adapted physical education. Autism Family Services of New Jersey has established such programs in Berkeley, Edison, Newark and Toms River, and will be opening additional locations in Newark in the future. Autism Family Services of New Jersey also provides recreational programs which are designed to offer young people with disabilities individualized and group recreational and socialization opportunities. Participants can partake in a variety of recreational trips and activities that are coordinated throughout the year. Past activities have included camp weekends, trips to Atlantic City, movie outings and shopping. More opportunities are forthcoming.

1 AAA Drive, Suite 203

Trenton, NJ 08691

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Phone: (877) 237-4477 or (609) 392-4900

Fax: (609) 392-5621

[www.autismfamilyservicesnj.org](http://www.autismfamilyservicesnj.org)

## **Autism New Jersey**

Autism New Jersey is a nonprofit agency providing information and advocacy, services, family and professional education, and consultation. Autism New Jersey encourages responsible basic and applied research that may lessen the effects of, and potentially prevent, autism. Autism New Jersey is dedicated to ensuring that all people with autism receive appropriate, effective services to maximize their growth potential and to enhancing the general public's overall awareness of autism.

Phone: (609) 883-8100

Email: [information@autismnj.org](mailto:information@autismnj.org)

1450 Parkside Avenue, Suite 22

Ewing, NJ 08638

<http://www.autismnj.org/>

## **Autism Society of America**

The Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

<http://www.autism-society.org/>

## **Autism Speaks**

At Autism Speaks, our goal is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. We are dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder. We are committed to raising the funds necessary to support these goals. Autism Speaks aims to bring the autism community together as one strong voice to urge the government and private sector to listen to our concerns and take action to address this urgent global health crisis. It is our firm belief that, working together, we will find the missing pieces of the puzzle.

<http://www.autismspeaks.org>

## **Eden**

Eden, a New Jersey-based nonprofit organization, was founded in 1975 with a mission to improve the lives of children and adults with autism and their families. Parents and professionals alike joined together to develop a family oriented, multifaceted program with a well-trained and dedicated faculty. Inherent in Eden's founding was the commitment to provide a cost-effective, community-based alternative to institutionalization and to offer programming that would meet the changing needs of children and adults with autism.

<http://www.edenservices.org/index.jsp>

## **Healing Thresholds**

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Healing Thresholds was created to connect parents to autism therapy information as quickly and efficiently as possible. We know that a diagnosis of autism can be devastating. Complicating matters, is the emotional turmoil of the diagnosis coupled with an immediate need to understand autism, bring together a team of therapists, and identify the optimal therapies for your child. Healing Thresholds was created to help you meet those needs by synthesizing a vast amount of complex information and linking that information with parental advice. We do this through the use of therapy fact sheets, research summaries, news summaries, and a community center.  
<http://autism.healingthresholds.com/>

## **Lego(r) Therapy through The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health (CNNH)**

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[www.thecnnh.org/LEGO.html](http://www.thecnnh.org/LEGO.html)

## **Keshet**

Founded in 1982, Keshet provides educational, recreational and vocational programs for children and young adults with special needs. Keshet's impact beyond the schools and summer programs includes its national prominence as a premier training center serving thousands of professionals and parents in the treatment of autism and communication disorders through structured teaching techniques and other related informational seminars.  
<http://www.keshet.org/>

## **Natural Learning Concepts**

Natural Learning Concepts offers communication tools, including illustrated social stories, audio, and videotapes for children with autism.  
[www.nlconcepts.com](http://www.nlconcepts.com)

## **OAR (Organization for Autism Research)**

The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) was created in December 2001—the product of the shared vision and unique life experiences of OAR’s seven founders. Led by these parents and grandparents of children and adults on the autism spectrum, OAR set out to use applied science to answer questions that parents, families, individuals with autism, teachers and caregivers confront daily. No other autism organization has this singular focus.  
<http://www.researchautism.org/>

## **Cognitive and Developmental Disabilities**

### **American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

*Formerly AAMR: American Association of Mental Retardation*

Since 1876, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)



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has been providing worldwide leadership in the field of mental retardation. We're a powerful community of leaders with a strong voice and important mission.

501 3rd Street, NW, Suite 200

Washington, DC 20001

Phone: (800) 424-3688

Fax: (202) 387-2193

Email: [anam@aidd.org](mailto:anam@aidd.org)

[www.aamr.org](http://www.aamr.org)

## **Developmental Delay Resources (DDR)**

DDR is dedicated to meeting the needs of children with developmental delays in sensory, motor, language, social, and emotional areas. DDR is the ONE resource network integrating conventional and holistic approaches for parents and professionals who support children with special needs.

[www.devdelay.org](http://www.devdelay.org)

## **New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD)**

THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, funded by the federal government with matching funds from the state, is a lead change agent in the State responsible for a vision of what the lives of people with developmental disabilities should be. Through its membership and its activities and projects, the Council provides a forum and resources for making its vision a reality.

New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

PO Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-3745

Toll-free: (800) 792-8858

TDD: (609) 777-3238

Fax: (609) 292-7114

Email: [njcdd@njcdd.org](mailto:njcdd@njcdd.org)

<http://www.njcdd.org/>

## **Deaf-Blind**

### **National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness**

The National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) is a national technical assistance and dissemination center for children and youth who are deaf-blind. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), NCDB builds on the technical assistance activities of NTAC, the information services and dissemination activities of DB-LINK and adds a third focus related to personnel training. NCDB brings together the resources of three agencies with long histories of expertise in the field of deaf-blindness, The Teaching Research Institute (TRI) at Western Oregon University, the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC), and the Hilton/Perkins Program at Perkins School for the Blind. NCDB works collaboratively with families, federal, state and local agencies to provide technical assistance, information and personnel training.



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Phone: (800) 438-9376

TTY: (800) 854-7013

Fax: (503) 838-8150

Email: [info@nationaldb.org](mailto:info@nationaldb.org)

<http://nationaldb.org>

## Deaf and Hard of Hearing

### **National Association of the Deaf**

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) was established in 1880 by deaf leaders who believed in the right of the American deaf community to use sign language, to congregate on issues important to them, and to have its interests represented at the national level. These beliefs remain true to this day, with American Sign Language as a core value. As a nonprofit federation, the mission of the NAD is to preserve, protect, and promote the civil, human, and linguistic rights of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America. The advocacy scope of the NAD is broad, covering the breadth of a lifetime and impacting future generations in the areas of early intervention, education, employment, health care, technology, telecommunications, youth leadership, and more.

<http://www.nad.org/about>

## Diabetes

### **American Diabetes Association**

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight against the deadly consequences of diabetes and fighting for those affected by diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes. Founded in 1940, our mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Phone: (800) DIABETES (342-2383)

American Diabetes Association

ATTN: National Call Center

1701 North Beauregard Street

Alexandria, VA 22311

<http://www.diabetes.org>

## Emotional or Behavioral Disabilities

### **Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation**

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, pediatric bipolar disorder. The Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation improves the lives of families raising children and teens living with bipolar disorder and related conditions.

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Phone: (847) 256-8525  
Fax: (847) 920-9498  
Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation  
1000 Skokie Boulevard  
Suite 570  
Wilmette, IL 60091  
<http://www.bpkids.org>

## **Stress and Anxiety Services of New Jersey**

SAS of NJ is designed primarily to be a provider of psychological services. The individual treatment of different anxiety disorders, including Social Phobia (social anxiety), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder and Agoraphobia, Specific Phobias, and Generalized Anxiety Disorders are the staple services. One of the unique offerings is the short-term CBT groups for the treatment of these disorders. As of 1998 there had been very little available in the way of outpatient group treatment for these disorders in the Central New Jersey area. In addition, SAS of NJ may be seen as a clearinghouse for information and referral for persons seeking information about these disorders. In my unique positions as Vice President of the New Jersey Affiliate of the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation, veteran of 14 years at a major Central New Jersey Community Mental Health Center, and Professional Member of many relevant organizations including the American Association for the Advancement of Behavioral Therapy, the Anxiety Disorders Association of America, the New Jersey Psychological Association, the New Jersey Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapists, and the Middlesex County Association of Psychologists, I have access to much information relevant to the CBT of anxiety disorders in New Jersey. Other services, such as workshops, training, and clinical supervision, are also available from SAS of NJ. In the future, I hope to have stress and anxiety management products made available through the organization as well.

Phone: (732) 390-6694  
Fax: (732) 432-7206  
Email: [sas@stressandanxiety.com](mailto:sas@stressandanxiety.com)  
A-1 Brier Hill Court  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
<http://www.stressandanxiety.com/>

## **Genetic Disorders**

### **Center for Jewish Genetic Diseases**

The Center for Jewish Genetic Diseases at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City is the first center in the world devoted to the study of diseases that affect Ashkenazi Jews.

Established in 1982, the Center has a twofold mission: 1) to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and counseling of patients and their families suffering from Jewish genetic diseases and 2) to conduct intensive research to combat these inherited diseases.

Contact: Robert J. Desnick, Ph.D./M.D., Director  
Phone: (212) 659-6774  
Mount Sinai Center for Jewish Genetic Diseases, Inc.  
Mount Sinai Medical Center

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Fifth Avenue at 100th Street  
New York, NY 10029  
[http://www.mssm.edu/jewish\\_genetics/overview.shtml](http://www.mssm.edu/jewish_genetics/overview.shtml)

## **National Down Syndrome Society**

The mission of the National Down Syndrome Society is to be the national advocate for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome. The National Down Syndrome Society envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations, and become valued members of welcoming communities.

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NDSS

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8th Floor

New York, NY 10012

Email: [info@ndss.org](mailto:info@ndss.org)

<http://www.ndss.org/>

## **The National Fragile X Foundation**

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.

Phone: (800) 688-8765

<http://www.fragilex.org/>

## **Health Impairments**

### **Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics**

Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics (AANMA) is the leading nonprofit family health organization dedicated to eliminating suffering and death due to asthma, allergies and related conditions. Nancy Sander founded the organization in 1985 to help families affected by asthma and allergies. She had spent years struggling to manage her daughter's severe symptoms and wanted to help others going through the same thing. Today, AANMA's core areas of expertise are education, advocacy and community outreach.

Phone: (800) 315-8056

Fax: (703) 573-7794

Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics

2751 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 150

Fairfax, VA 22031

<http://www.aanma.org/>

## **HIV/Aids/Infectious Diseases**

### **AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families**

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AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families is a national non-profit membership organization. We were established in 1994 to give voice to the needs of women, children, youth, and families living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

Phone: (202) 785-3564

Toll Free: (888) 917-AIDS

Fax: (202) 785-3579

AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families

1600 K Street NW

Suite 200

Washington, DC 20006

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<http://www.aids-alliance.org/>

## Learning Disabilities

### Learning Disabilities Association of America

Today, LDA is the largest non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities and has over 200 state and local affiliates in 42 states and Puerto Rico. LDA's international membership of over 15,000 includes members from 27 countries around the world. The membership, composed of individuals with learning disabilities, family members and concerned professionals, advocates for the almost three million students of school age with learning disabilities and for adults affected with learning disabilities. The state and local affiliates, through their affiliation with the national LDA, work continuously for individuals with learning disabilities, their parents and the professionals who serve them.

<http://www.ldaamerica.org>

### Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes

Lindamood-Bell helps children and adults improve language processing — the foundation of all communication and learning. For over 25 years, our intensive, process-based instruction has been used in Lindamood-Bell Learning Centers to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension, and has proven successful for individuals with learning challenges, including dyslexia, ADHD, CAPD, and ASD. In addition to our Learning Centers, Lindamood-Bell School Partnerships provide research-validated literacy solutions and professional development for teachers, schools, and districts, and are successful with turnaround/transformation and Race to the Top initiatives.

Phone: (800) 300-1818

<http://www.lindamoodbell.com/>

## Neurological Disorders

### Clinical Research Center of New Jersey

Clinical Research Center of New Jersey (CRCNJ) is the research arm of CNNH. Our research team is engaged in an array of research projects that provide our patients with access to cutting edge therapies and treatments not yet available to the general public. Our research contributes to

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the scientific knowledge base and may lead to more effective treatment options for our patients. Throughout the year, CRCNJ conducts clinical research studies for various neurological and behavioural disorders. Qualified participants are provided all evaluations, procedures, and study medication at no cost.

Phone: (856) 346-0005

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Email: [info@thecnnh.org](mailto:info@thecnnh.org)

The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health and Clinical Research Center of New Jersey

1001 Laurel Oak Road

Suite E2

Voorhees, NJ 08043

<http://www.thecnnh.org/crcnj.html>

## **Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey**

The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey, an affiliate of the National Epilepsy Foundation, is a state-wide, non-profit charitable agency dedicated to helping to improve the quality of life for people affected by epilepsy and their loved ones. The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey, will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research. We provide comprehensive support, personalized services and advocacy for individuals and their families in order to maximize their participation in society.

<http://www.efnj.com/>

## **Tourette Syndrome "Plus"**

Tourette's Syndrome (also known as Tourette's Disorder) is a fairly common childhood-onset condition that may be associated with features of many other conditions. In 1992, I coined the term "TS+" to remind parents and educators that many children with TS have features of other disorders that we need to screen for, treat, and/or accommodate. What started as a site for parents and educators on Tourette's Syndrome expanded over the years to include other conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, non-OCD anxiety disorders, Executive Dysfunction, depression, Bipolar Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, 'rage attacks' or 'storms,' sensory integration issues, and sleep disorders. For every condition section of the site, site visitors will find overview articles on each disorder as well as other helpful materials. Files and articles relating to school-related issues in can be found in the Education section of the site. And don't miss the general Behavior section, where you'll find topics of concerns to parents and teachers of children with these childhood-onset conditions or disorders. I am honored that this site is mentioned as a recommended resource in many books on Tourette's Syndrome.

<http://www.tourettesyndrome.net/>

## **WE MOVE**

WE MOVE is a not-for-profit organization that utilizes creativity, innovation, and collaborative approaches to improve awareness, diagnosis, and management of movement disorders among people living with these conditions and the professionals who care for them. WE MOVE is a notfor-

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profit (501 C3) organization dedicated to educating and informing patients, professionals and the public about the latest clinical advances, management and treatment options for neurologic movement disorders.

WE MOVE

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New York, NY 10024

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<http://www.wemove.org/>

## Physical Disabilities

### **The Human Growth Foundation**

The Human Growth Foundation is a voluntary, non-profit organization whose mission is to help children, and adults with disorders of growth and growth hormone through research, education, support, and advocacy. The Foundation is dedicated to helping medical science to better understand the process of growth. It is composed of concerned parents and friends of children, and adults, with growth problems; physicians; and, other interested health professionals.

Phone: (800) 451-6434

Fax: (516) 671-4055

Human Growth Foundation

997 Glen Cove Avenue, Suite 5

Glen Head, NY 11545

<http://www.hgfound.org/>

### **Multiple Sclerosis Association of America**

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis. MSAA provides ongoing support and direct services to these individuals with MS and the people close to them. MSAA also serves to promote greater understanding of the needs and challenges of those who face physical obstacles.

Phone: (800) 532-7667

Fax: (856) 661-9797

MSAA

706 Haddonfield Road

Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

[www.msassociation.org](http://www.msassociation.org)

### **Spina Bifida Association**

The Spina Bifida Association (SBA) serves adults and children who live with the challenges of Spina Bifida. Since 1973, SBA has been the only national voluntary health agency solely dedicated to enhancing the lives of those with Spina Bifida and those whose lives are touched by this challenging birth defect. Its tools are education, advocacy, research, and service.

Phone: (800) 621-3141

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Email: [sbaa@sbaa.org](mailto:sbaa@sbaa.org)

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<http://www.sbaa.org/>

## **Spina Bifida Resource Network (formerly Spina Bifida Association Tri-State Region)**

The Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region (SBATSR) is the only organization dedicated exclusively to serving approximately 7,000 individuals plus innumerable family members who are living with spina bifida in this region. The mission of the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region is to empower the lives of people with spina bifida and promote the prevention of spina bifida through advocacy, education, collaboration, public awareness, research and programs.

Spina Bifida Resource Network

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<http://www.sbatsr.org/>

## **Speech or Language Impairments**

### **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association**

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 135,000 members and affiliates who are speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists in the United States and internationally. Their vision is making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all. Their mission is empowering and supporting speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists by advocating on behalf of persons with communication and related disorders, advancing communication science, and promoting effective human communication.

<http://www.asha.org/>

## **Traumatic Brain Injury**

### **International Brain Injury Association**

The International Brain Injury Association (IBIA) is dedicated to the development and support of multidisciplinary medical and clinical professionals, advocates, policy makers, consumers and others who work to improve outcomes and opportunities for persons with brain injury.

<http://www.internationalbrain.org/>

## **Visually Impaired**

### **American Foundation for the Blind**

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is a national nonprofit that expands possibilities for people with vision loss.

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AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources. AFB's work in these areas is supported by the strong presence the organization maintains in Washington, DC, ensuring the rights and interests of people with vision loss are represented in our nation's public policies.

In addition to its New York City headquarters and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC, AFB maintains offices in Atlanta, Dallas, Huntington, WV, and San Francisco. AFB is also proud to house the Helen Keller Archives and honor the over forty years that Helen Keller worked tirelessly with AFB to expand possibilities for people with vision loss.

Phone: (800) AFB-LINE (232-5463)

Email: [afbinfo@afb.net](mailto:afbinfo@afb.net)

[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

### **Learning Ally**

Founded in 1948 as Recording for the Blind, Learning Ally serves more than 300,000 K-12, college and graduate students, veterans and lifelong learners – all of whom cannot read standard print due to blindness, visual impairment, dyslexia, or other learning disabilities. Learning Ally's collection of more than 75,000 digitally recorded textbooks and literature titles – downloadable and accessible on mainstream as well as specialized assistive technology devices – is the largest of its kind in the world.

Phone: (800) 221-4792

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Princeton, NJ 08540

<http://www.learningally.org/>