

Support Organizations for Families

NICHCY (<http://nichcy.org/families-community>)

NICHCY serves the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children and youth. You'll find easy-to-read articles on IDEA, the law authorizing early intervention services and special education, as well as researched-based information on effective practices, programs and services.

Child Development Institute (<http://childdevelopmentinfo.com/>)

Our website is designed to provide the information and tools parents need to understand their unique child/children and to enable them to help each child develop into the successful human being they were meant to be.

Through the Looking Glass (<http://www.lookingglass.org/>)

Through the Looking Glass (TLG) is a nationally-recognized center that has pioneered research, training and services for families in which a child, parent or grandparent has a disability or medical issue. Our mission is "To create, demonstrate and encourage non-pathological and empowering resources and model early intervention services for families with disability issues in parent or child which integrate expertise derived from personal disability experience and disability culture."

Parents Helping Parents (<http://www.php.com/>)

Parents Helping Parents (PHP) strives to improve the quality of life for any child with any special need of any age, through educating, supporting and training their primary caregivers.

E-Ready Special Education Information for Parents

(<http://legacy.teachersfirst.com/sped/parents/index.html>)

This website provides parents of children with disabilities with information on specific disabilities, a glossary of special education terms and a list of links to helpful resources.

Special Education News (<http://www.specialednews.com/>)

Special education News is a newspaper that provides information on issues related to special education.

Assistive Technology

Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) (<http://www.ataccess.org/>)

The mission of the ATA is to increase the use of technology by children and adults with disabilities and functional limitations. ATA encourages and facilitates the empowerment of people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities. Through public education, information and referral, capacity building in community

organizations and advocacy/policy efforts, the ATA enables millions of people to live, learn, work, define their futures and achieve their dreams.

Learning Disabilities

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (<http://www.NCLD.ORG/>)

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) is committed to ensuring that all students with learning disabilities graduate from high school with a standard diploma—prepared for college and the workplace.

The Resource Room (<http://www.resourceroom.net/index.asp>)

The Resource Room provides tools, strategies and structured explorations for interesting learners, including lessons, ideas, articles and links for multisensory learning for people of all ages. The site also offers resources for people who learn differently, or have learning difficulties or learning disabilities such as dyslexia, dysgraphia or dyscalculia.

Learning Disabilities Association of America (<http://www.ldanatl.org/>)

Since 1964, the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) has provided support to people with learning disabilities, their parents, teachers and other professionals. Today, the LDA is the largest non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with disabilities, and provides cutting-edge information on learning disabilities, practical solutions and a comprehensive network of resources.

Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

CHADD (<http://www.chadd.org/>)

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), is a national non-profit, tax-exempt organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with ADHD. In addition to our informative website, CHADD also publishes a variety of printed materials to keep members and professionals current on research advances, medications and treatments affecting individuals with ADHD.

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association (<http://www.add.org/>)

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association provides information, resources and networking opportunities to help adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder lead better lives.

Emotional and Behavioral Disorders

National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (FFCMH)

(<http://www.ffcmh.org>)

The National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health is a national family-run organization linking more than 120 chapters and state organizations focused on the issues of children and youth with emotional, behavioral or mental health needs and their families.

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

(AACAP) (http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts_for_families/facts_for_families)

The AACAP developed Facts for Families to provide concise and up-to-date information on psychiatric issues that affect children, teenagers and their families. The AACAP provides this important information as a public service.

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Arc (<http://www.thearc.org>)

We are the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We encompass all ages and all spectrums from autism, Down syndrome, Fragile X and various other developmental disabilities.

Autism Spectrum Disorder/Pervasive Development Disorder

Autism Speaks (<http://www.autismspeaks.org>)

Autism Speaks is the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

The Autism Society (<http://www.autism-society.org/>)

The Autism Society has a simple goal: To improve the lives of all living with autism. In order to improve lives, we focus on ensuring that all individuals with autism and their families have access to the help they need.

TEACCH Autism Program (<http://teacch.com/>)

TEACH is a University-based system of community regional centers that offers a set of core services along with unique demonstration programs meeting the clinical,

training and research needs of individuals with ASD, their families and professionals across the state of North Carolina. TEACCH conducts training nationally and internationally and provides consultation for teachers, residential care providers and other professionals from a variety of disciplines.

Autism Treatment Center of America (<http://www.autismtreatmentcenter.org/>)
Since 1983, the Autism Treatment Center of America™ has provided innovative training programs for parents and professionals caring for children challenged by autism, autism spectrum disorders, pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) and other developmental difficulties.

Communication Disabilities

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

(<http://www.asha.org/public/>)

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is committed to ensuring that all people with speech, language and hearing disorders receive services to help them communicate effectively. Here you will find resources to help you understand communication and communication disorders.