

Neurodiversity Resource Guide

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National Resources

Autism - General

Interacting with Autism

*Descripti*Interacting with Autism is a video-based resource for individuals to learn more about Autism. An interactive map of the United States is available on their website to browse. Information regarding state agencies that provide early intervention and special education services to individuals with ASD is included for each state, along with details on insurance mandates, Medicaid waivers, and a general educational overview of the state.

<http://interactingwithautism.com/section/living/resources>

Asperger/ Autism Network

Asperger/Autism Network (AANE) helps people with Asperger's or similar autism spectrum and neurodiverse profiles build meaningful, connected lives. They provide individuals, families, and professionals with information, education, community, support, and advocacy in an inclusive atmosphere of validation and respect.

<https://www.aane.org/>

Autism Society

The Autism Society's Public Policy Committee, Board of Directors, and their nationwide network of affiliates work together to enact change that empowers the autism community through state and federal public policy.

<https://autismsociety.org>

ASERT

ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities, and other providers involved in the treatment and care of individuals of all ages with autism and their families. ASERT was developed to bring together resources locally, regionally, and statewide. Their key initiatives include supporting the autism community throughout Pennsylvania, educating individuals with autism and their families, professionals, and community members, measuring data, needs, and change, connecting local, regional, and statewide resources, and building resources, programs, and innovative projects.

<https://paautism.org/>

Autism - Life Enhancement

US Autism Association

The US Autism Association is a nonprofit organization that provides autism education, support, and resources to all individuals.

<https://usautism.org>

Autism Home Support Services

Autism Home Support Services provide qualified professionals trained in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy and assemble a Care Team that best match the needs of an individual child and family.

<https://autismhomesupport.com/>

Autism - Empowerment

Autism Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)

The ASAN is a nonprofit organization run by and for autistic people. They seek to advance the principles of the disability rights movement with regard to autism. They work to empower autistic people across the world to take control of their own lives and the future of their shared community and ensure that their voices are heard.

<https://autisticadvocacy.org/>

Autistics Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN)

AWN is a non-profit organization that is committed to disability justice, gender and racial equity, neurodiversity, and liberation, with a focus on transformative and restorative justice in disability spaces.

<https://awnnetwork.org/>

Academic

Academic Resilience Consortium

The ARC is a community dedicated to promoting academic resilience in higher education. Their mission is to help college students grow, learn, and reach their goals.

<https://academicresilience.org/>

College Autism Network

The College Autism Network combines various stakeholders engaged in evidence-based efforts to improve access, experiences, and outcomes for college students with autism.

<https://collegeautismnetwork.org/>

Early Intervention

Head Start

Head Start programs support children's growth from birth to age 5 through services that support development and early learning, health, and family well-being.

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning is a project designed to strengthen the capacity of Head Start and child care programs to improve the social and emotional outcomes of young children.

http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/state_planning.html

East Coast Migrant Head Start Project

The East Coast Migrant Head Start Project provides services in forty-eight Head Start centers in the areas of Alabama, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia.

<https://www.ecmhsp.org/>

Zero to Three

Zero to Three translates their expertise into the science of early childhood development through pioneering programs, field-leading training and resources, and responsive policy solutions.

<https://www.zerotothree.org/>

Professional/ Independent Development

Association of University Centers on Disabilities LEND Program by State

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs provide graduate-level interdisciplinary training along with interdisciplinary services and care. LEND's mission is to promote the health of infants, children, and adolescents with disabilities.

<https://www.aucd.org/directory/directory.cfm?program=LEND>

Association of People Supporting Employment First

The APSE is the only national organization focused exclusively on Employment First to facilitate the inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace and

community.
<https://apse.org/>

Ticket to Work - Social Security Administration

Ticket to Work connects individuals with free employment services to help a person decide if working is right for them, prepare for work, find a job, and maintain success while working. This website finds local benefit counselors for individuals.

<https://choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp/>

Goodwill Resources for People with Disabilities

Goodwill's mission is to help all job seekers, regardless of their ability, work history, or background, access the training and support they need to grow their careers and support their families. They provide customized services to help individuals or loved ones with disabilities.

<https://www.goodwill.org/how-we-work-with-you/>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies - Rehabilitation Service Administration

The RSA provides grants to Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to administer certain service programs in all 50 states. This website provides the contact information for 78 of the VR agencies.

<https://rsa.ed.gov/about/states>

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services- U.S. Department of Education

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) improves results and outcomes for people of all ages who have disabilities. OSERS provides programs that serve millions of children, youth and adults with disabilities.

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html>

ASERT Justice Resource Collection

Since 2014, the ASERT Collaborative has trained Justice System Professionals in an effort to increase the knowledge base and awareness of ASD. ASERT offers free trainings that are tailored to the specific audience. ASERT has also created various resources for Justice System Professionals that coincide with the training and these resources can be found here.

<https://paautism.org/resource/justice/>

Healthcare/ Health Promotion

National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability

The National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability (NCHPAD) is a public health resource center for the health promotion of people with disabilities. They seek to help individuals with disabilities achieve health benefits through increased participation in all physical and social activities.

<https://www.nchpad.org>

Children's Hospital Association

The Children's Hospital Association is the national voice for more than 220 children's hospitals.

<https://www.childrenshospitals.org/hospital-directory#sort=%40z95xdisplayname%20ascending>

General

211

211 is the most comprehensive source of information about local resources and services in the country.

<https://www.211.org/about-us/your-local-211>

Center for Parent Information & Resources

The CPIR is a central hub of information and products that were created for the network of Parent Centers serving families of children with disabilities.

<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/>

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

The NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world. NASW enhances personal growth and the development of its members in order to create and maintain professional standards and advanced social policies.

<https://www.socialworkers.org/>

National Foster Care & Adoption Directory Search

The National Foster Care & Adoption Directory offers contact information for state child welfare officials, programs, organizations, and services with a focus on foster care, permanency, and adoption.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/nfcad/>

Tourette Association of America

The Tourette Association of America (TAA) is a nonprofit organization that serves the community, raises awareness, advances research, and provides ongoing

support to patients and families impacted by Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorder.

<https://tourette.org/>

American Speech- Language- Hearing Association (ASHA)

The American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) is the scientific, professional, and credentialing association for members and affiliates who are audiologists, speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.

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

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is an international council with chapters in all 50 US states, as well as Canada. They advocate for government policies, set professional standards, provide professional development, and provide resources for effective professional practice, all focused on special educators. Their vision is that all individuals with disabilities achieve a high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable.

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/>

CHADD

CHADD is a national nonprofit organization that provides support, education, and encouragement to parents, educators, and professionals on ADHD at a grassroots level.

<https://chadd.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Council for Learning Disabilities

The CLD is an international organization composed of professionals from various disciplines that enhance the education and quality of life for individuals with learning disabilities across the lifespan.

<https://council-for-learning-disabilities.org>

LearningRX

LearningRx is a learning center that offers kids and adults an opportunity to build the core skills they need to become stronger learners and thinkers.

<https://www.learningrx.com>

National Council on Independent Living

The NCIL seeks to advance independent living and the rights of people with disabilities. They represent Centers for Independent Living, Statewide Independent Living Councils, and individuals with disabilities. They also advocate for people with disabilities on a variety of topics including, independent living, healthcare, housing, transportation, voting rights, employment, etc.

<https://ncil.org/>

Sunrise

Sunrise is a nonprofit organization with locations in Florida, Connecticut, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania dedicated to serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They provide community-based residential services, a day program and community options, supported living and drop-in services, children's services, and a summer Camp.

<https://sunrisegroup.org/>

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center ECTA Center provides programs in developing more equitable, effective, and sustainable state and local systems that support access and full participation for each and every young child with a disability, and their family.

<https://ectacenter.org/about.asp>

LD Online

LD OnLine seeks to help children and adults reach their full potential by providing accurate information and advice about learning disabilities and ADHD.

<https://www.ldonline.org/>

Exceptional Lives

Exceptional Lives provides guidance and encouragement to providers caring for children with disabilities by offering information, advocacy, and skill-building tools. They support resiliency through guidance that is grounded in personal experience.

<https://www.exceptionallives.org/>

National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations

The National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations improves and supports the capacity of state systems and local programs to implement an early childhood multi-tiered system of support to improve the social, emotional, and behavioral outcomes of young children with, or at risk for, developmental disabilities or delays.

<https://challengingbehavior.org/>

National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI offers education programs, support groups, advocacy for public policy, The NAMI HelpLine, Mental Illness Awareness Week, and NAMIWalks to individuals nationally.

<https://nami.org/home>

Progressive Research on Neurodiversity

Mathematica

Mathematica uses data, analytics, and technology to address pressing social challenges. They are an employee-owned and mission-driven company with data and social science expertise.

<https://www.mathematica.org/focus-areas/health/disability>

Stanford Neurodiversity Project

The Stanford Neurodiversity Project is a special Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences initiative.

<https://med.stanford.edu/neurodiversity.html>

Autism Science Foundation

ASF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting people with autism and their families by funding scientific research related to the causes of autism to develop better treatments.

<https://autismsciencefoundation.org/>

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary membership organization of professionals and others concerned about intellectual and developmental disabilities. AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.aaid.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)

TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families, and advocates.

<https://tash.org/>

Spread the Word Inclusion

Spread the Word Inclusion is a grassroots organization that provides pledges for individuals to take in becoming more inclusive. This pledge was for individuals to make a promise that they would exclude the “r-word” from their vocabulary.

<https://www.spreadtheword.global/>

Dyslexia

International Dyslexia Association

The IDA is a nonprofit charity that provides advocacy, resources, and services to teaching professionals, advocates, and individuals and families who are impacted by dyslexia and other related learning differences.

<https://dyslexiaida.org>

Empowerment

National Center for Learning Disabilities

The NCLD’s mission is to improve the lives of those living with learning and attention issues. They do this by empowering parents and young adults, transforming schools, and advocating for equal rights and opportunities.

<https://www.nclld.org>

Alabama

Autism- Life Enhancement

Huntsville Autistic Adults

Huntsville TN Valley Ambucs aims to create independence and opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Some of the programs offered include assistance obtaining an AmTryke, disability awareness training, and scholarships for therapy students in a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral program.

<https://www.huntsvilleautisticadults.org/home>

Autism Support of Alabama

Autism Support of Alabama provides services for individuals with autism across the state of Alabama. Some programs/services offered include autism safety initiative, summer camps, comprehensive autism resources for families, community education regarding autism, community events, financial support for families who have loved ones with autism, peer groups, post-secondary education scholarships, and sibling groups.

<https://www.autism-alabama.org/>

Academic

Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education - First Teacher Home Visiting for Educators

The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education is focused on ensuring that all Alabama children are ready for school success, families are equipped to support children in their learning, and that communities are committed to actions, programs, and policies that are beneficial to families and children.

<https://children.alabama.gov/for-educators/first-teacher-home-visiting-for-educators/>

Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama

The Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama provides support to people with learning disabilities, their parents, teachers, and other professionals with information regarding learning disabilities, practical solutions, and resources.

<https://ldaalabama.org>

Watch Me Grow Child Development Center Inc

The Watch Me Grow Child Development Center is a daycare center for children. Watch Me Grow offers curriculum based learning for children, extracurricular

activities that enhance learning, full time care, before and after school care, and summer camps.

<https://www.watchmegrowcdc.com/>

Early Intervention

The Bell Center

The Center is dedicated to early intervention for children under three who are at risk for developmental delay. They employ transdisciplinary teams that consist of an occupational therapist, a speech-language pathologist, and an early childhood special education teacher. They serve a population that ranges from cerebral palsy to autism, though children are not required to have a diagnosis to receive services.

<https://thebellcenter.org/>

Jefferson County Child Development Council

Jefferson County Child Development Council is a consortium of local agencies in Jefferson county that provide supportive services for child care programs.

Services offered include Early Head Start, Head Start, and nutrition.

<https://jccdc.com/>

Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled

The Center operates a number of services in Cullman County that range from early intervention and a certified daycare for children up to 5 years old, to residential services.

<http://www.cccdd.com/home.html>

Marshall - Jackson 310

The Marshall- Jackson 310 agency promotes the general welfare of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities in Marshall and Jackson county.

Services provided include early intervention service coordination for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old, support coordination/case management services for children 4 to 18 and adults, and community referral services.

<https://marshall-jackson310agency.weebly.com/>

Scope 310

SCOPE 310 offers a variety of services to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Services offered include early intervention for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old, case management, and residential services.

<http://scope310.com/pages/ContactUs.html>

Lowndes County Head Start

Lowndes County Head Start provides services to children and families to work together to enrich the child's educational environment and reach their maximum potential. Additionally, it provides services to children with disabilities such as speech and language therapy and emotional/psychological services.

<https://www.lowndesboe.org/>

TCR Child Care Corp

TCR Child Care Corporation provides numerous services to children and families in Alabama. Services include: financial assistance for child care, free professional development and resources to early childhood educators, Early Head Start and Head Start program, and home visiting program.

<https://www.tcrchildcarecorporation.org/>

UAB Early Head Start Program

UAB Early Head Start is a home based program in Jefferson, Walker, and St. Clair Counties in the state of Alabama. UAB Early Head Start offers weekly home based early childhood education, case management services, mental health support services, health and nutritional support services, and socialization activities. Additional UAB Early Head Start can assist families in obtaining other community resources including adult education services, vocational training, child care services, parent training, and substance abuse services.

<https://www.uab.edu/civitansparks/uab-early-head-start-program>

Dothan City and Houston County Schools - Head Start Center

The Dothan City and Houston County Schools Head Start Center is a free program that promotes school readiness for children who are 4 years old. Some services offered at Head Start include early learning, developmental services, and family well-being.

<https://www.dothan.k12.al.us/HEADSTART#calendar5593/20230310/month>

Professional/Independent Development

State of Alabama Independent Living Council

The State of Alabama Independent Living Council (SILC) is a private organization governed by people with disabilities across Alabama. SILC collaborates with Centers for Independent Living, Rehabilitation Services, and other agencies to increase the support and services needed to create independent living opportunities. Services offered by SILC include independent living skills training, peer support, information and referral, advocacy, and transition.

<https://silcal.org/>

Darden Rehabilitation Foundation

Darden Rehabilitation Foundation provides services to individuals with disabilities to help obtain and keep a job. Services offered include employment counseling, vocational evaluation, work adjustment services, and community employment services.

<https://dardenrehab.org/contact/>

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is a state government department that focuses on serving those with disabilities from birth throughout their lives. They prioritize a continuum of care that includes Early Intervention, Children's Rehabilitation, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Independent Living.

<https://www.rehab.alabama.gov/Home>

Cindy Haber Center

The Center is an organization that provides and coordinates services for intellectual and developmental disabilities in 12 Alabama counties. They run Project Sunrise, an early intervention program operating in Baldwin County that is available for children up to 3 years of age. They also run a Supported Employment Milestones program in Baldwin County that provides initial and long-term workforce support. On top of these programs, they coordinate support programs and centers in 11 other counties in Alabama.

<https://www.cindyhabercenter.com/>

Centers for the Developmentally Disabled North Central Alabama

CDD NCA is a nonprofit organization that provides services and programs for individuals that are intellectually, physically, or developmentally delayed. Their services range from early intervention to residential and employment service.

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

Darden Rehabilitation Foundation

Darden Rehabilitation Foundation provides services to individuals with disabilities to help obtain and keep a job. Services offered include employment counseling, vocational evaluation, work adjustment services, and community employment services.

<https://dardenrehab.org/contact/>

Healthcare/Health Promotion

Alabama Public Health

Alabama Public Health is the Department of Public Health and the primary state health agency in Alabama. They have an advisory board to the state for all

medical concerns, matters of sanitation, and public health. They have programs for Clinical and Other Direct Services, Disease Prevention & Control, Environmental Service, Preventative and Other Services, Population Health Services, and Regulation, Licensure, and Training.

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/index.html>

United Ability

United Ability is an organization that provides services to connect people with disabilities to their communities and empower individuals. They run the Ability Clinic that focuses on mitigating symptoms experienced by people with disabilities. Through this clinic, they provide a number of services that include, Evaluation and Assessment, Spasticity Management, and Orthotics and Prosthetics. They also provide Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy.

<https://www.unitedability.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

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<https://marshall-jackson310agency.weebly.com/>

Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network

Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network offers respite reimbursement services, free online/onsite caregiver education opportunities, caregiver respite awareness, caregiver wellness initiative supports (mental health counseling stipends, monthly caregiver support meetings, one on one care chats), free respite provider training, respite resource information and referrals for caregivers, technical assistance for community based respite services, and advocacy across the state, local, and federal levels.

<http://alabamarespite.org/>

Ability Plus

Ability Plus is a non-profit that maintains residential homes for North Alabama individuals with intellectual disabilities. They are focused on providing a family-like environment with 24-hour care, individualized supervision, support services that promote independence and enhance dignity and quality of life, and individualized educational activities. They operate 41 residential sites serving around 100 people, and operate in four Alabama counties.

<https://www.ability-plus.org>

H.O.P.E Inc

H.O.P.E. Inc provides residential habilitative services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities across Etowah, Alabama.

<https://id-hopehomes.org/>

Greater Etowah

This organization provides a variety of services to individuals with intellectual disabilities. These services include Facility Day Habilitation, Community Day Habilitation, Community Experience, and Residential Services.

<https://www.greateretowah.com/index.html>

Rainbow Omega

Rainbow Omega provides residential care to adults with developmental disabilities. They also offer short-term respite care for caregivers of individuals with disabilities and have a vocational program that provides individuals with disabilities an opportunity to gain employment.

<https://www.rainbowomega.org/>

The Learning Tree

The Learning Tree provides educational, residential, and support services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

<https://learning-tree.org/>

The Smith Center

The Smith Center provides services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities within the Autauga and Western Elmore counties.

Services offered include daily living skills training, pre-vocational training, residential home services, employment services, and early intervention for infants and toddlers.

<http://www.awearc.org>

UCP

UCP offers a variety of different programs for individuals with disabilities across the lifespan. Some of the children's services offered include summer camp for individuals with disability, early intervention, preschool services, support services for the families of children with disabilities, respite care, occupational, physical, and speech therapy. Some of the adult services offered include adult day care, summer camp, career services, respite care, supported employment program, occupational, physical, and speech therapy.

<https://www.ucpmobile.org/>

Alabama Partnership for Children

The Alabama Partnership for Children focuses on supporting the healthy development of children. This is done by supporting strong families, access to quality health services, and quality early learning experiences.

<https://alabamapartnershipforchildren.org/>

YWCA Central Alabama

YWCA Central Alabama focuses on providing community housing, child development, and domestic violence services. Services offered at YWCA include counseling, job skills training, child care services, temporary housing assistance, empowerment services, and family resource center.

<https://ywcabham.org/>

Empowerment

Independent Living Center of Mobile

Independent Living Center focuses on self-empowering people with disabilities to attain their maximum degree of independence. Services offered include community referrals, independent living skills training, peer counseling/groups, advocacy, assistance transitioning into the community, and community integrated support services.

<https://ilcmobile.org/>

Independent Rights and Resources

Independent Rights and Resources aims to empower individuals with disabilities in Alabama. Services offered include advocacy, home modification assistance, independent living skills, information and referral services, peer support, transition assistance, and transportation.

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

Huntsville TN Valley Ambucs

Huntsville TN Valley Ambucs aims to create independence and opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Some of the programs offered include assistance obtaining an AmTryke, disability awareness training, and scholarships for therapy students in a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral program.

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

Advocacy and Policy

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program

The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) provides legal services to individuals with disabilities who reside in Alabama. Additional services that ADAP provides includes information and referral assistance, individual case advocacy, training and outreach, and investigation and monitoring services.

<https://adap.ua.edu/>

The Arc Alabama

The Arc of Alabama advocates for the rights and protection of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Services offered include information and referral services, an annual Alabama disAbility conference, and public policy initiatives.

<http://thearcofal.org/>

Disability Resource Network- Alabama

Disability Rights and Resources provides services to help individuals with disabilities across central Alabama. Some of the services offered include advocacy, peer support, information and referrals, independent living skills, nursing home transition assistance, youth transitioning, and other independent living services.

<https://drradvocates.org>

Parent Empowerment

Family Guidance Center of Alabama

The Center is focused on strengthening families by providing a range of services that include counseling, parenting education, mentoring, child care support services, adult day care, and job training. They also coordinate with organizations and communities to achieve their service mission.

<https://familyguidancecenter.org/>

Disability as an Ability Towards Success: Moms on the Move (D.A.T.S.M.O.M)

DATSMOM is a nonprofit for families of children on the Autism Spectrum. They focus on providing a platform to help parents by providing knowledge, resources, and tools to help their child. They offer Advocacy and Leadership Training, Transitional Services, and IEP Preparation, Research, and Training. They also train law enforcement and first responders on Autism Safety.

<https://datsmom.org/>

Alabama's Parent Assistance Line

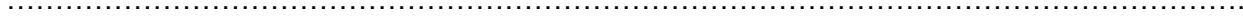
The Parenting Assistance Line is a confidential resource for parents in Alabama that operates under the University of Alabama and collaborates with the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama and other state agencies. Parents can receive advice and suggestions for how to navigate parenthood. They employ specialists with degrees in human development or family studies and have received specialized training in assisting families.

<https://pal.ua.edu/about-parenting-assistance-line/our-team/>

Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education - Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow Alabama is a program within the Department of Early Childhood Education that provides free and confidential telephone assistance to families in Alabama that have questions or concerns about their child's development and can connect them to services and resources in their community. It promotes the use of evidence-based screening tools in early childhood settings.

<https://children.alabama.gov/for-families/help-me-grow/>



Alaska

Academic

Special Education Service Agency (SESA)

SESA is an agency that specializes in disability education services for autism, deaf and hard of hearing, vision impairments, and emotional disabilities.

<https://sesa.org/>

Early Intervention

Alaska Infant Learning Program

The Alaska Infant Learning Program is a statewide program for families with children who are at risk or experience developmental delay. Services offered include developmental screening and evaluation, hearing and vision screening, family service coordination, early educational services, support or play groups and social services, developmental therapies, physical, occupational, and speech language therapy.

<https://health.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/infantlearning/program/default.aspx>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

The Arc of Anchorage

The Arc of Anchorage works to achieve a number of goals. They provide information and resources, advocate, and provide services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They provide Community Living and Residential services, employment services, and behavioral services. They run a Community Enrichment and Quality of Life program and a therapeutic foster care. They also run the Arc Recreation Center, Sparc: a creative place, and the Arc Clubhouse. Finally, they provide nursing and case management services.

<https://thearcofanchorage.org/>

Arizona

Academic

AZ FIND - Arizona Department of Education

This program is a component of Arizona's ECSE that works to identify and provide resources to children that are suspected of having a developmental disability.

<https://www.azed.gov/SpecialEducation/Parents/AZ-Find>

Early Intervention

Arizona Early Intervention Program

This program is Arizona's statewide interagency system of services that supports families with children ages birth through 2 years old with disabilities or delays. They work with various agencies and contractors to provide: Early Childhood Programs, Parent Support, Training and Information Centers, Genetic, Birth Defects, and Rare Disease Resources, Healthcare, Local Resources, and Research. They also have a list of general and national resources.

<https://des.az.gov/azeip>

Professional/Independent Development

Ability 360

Ability 360 is a Center for Independent Living for people with disabilities. They provide home care services and sports & fitness services. On top of these, they also provide advocacy services, assist with employment and life transitions, do home modifications, assist with recreation, and provide training.

<https://ability360.org/>

Arizona Technology Access Program

The Program assists persons with disabilities, family members, service providers, and employers with the education and use of assistive technology. They provide demonstrations of devices, lend out devices for short-term use, and consult with clients to choose and acquire assistive technology that matches their needs.

They also provide affordable financial loans to help people purchase ATs.

<https://aztap.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities

Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities (AAPPD) is a non-profit consortium of providers that are licensed to deliver services to individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. It provides advocacy services for its member organizations, including legislative advocacy. Its members provide services to those with autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, cognitive/intellectual disabilities, and children under the age of six that are at risk of having a developmental disability. The services that members of AAPPD provide includes in-home services, residential services, employment services, day services, and nursing services. They also provide various therapies, such as speech, physical, occupational, and music therapy.

<https://aappd.org/>

Empowerment

Arizona Department of Economic Security - Developmental Disabilities

The Division of Developmental Disabilities provides support and services to individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, cognitive/intellectual disabilities, Down Syndrome, and children under the age of six that are at risk of having a developmental disability. They provide case management, behavioral health services, day support, employment services, home health aides, home modifications, home nursing, in-home support services, and housing opportunities. They also assist with medical insurance services, residential support services, occupational, physical, speech, and respiratory therapy, and medically necessary, non-emergency transportation.

<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc Arizona

The Arc of Arizona is a nonprofit that assists those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They have staff that focuses on public policy at the national, state, and local levels to educate elected officials to the needs of those with disabilities. The organization also runs a Care management & Independent Living Support program. This program provides health care assistance, evaluation of living conditions, skill development, personal care assistance, meal preparation and nutrition counseling, and financial management assistance. They

also run the Arizona Sexual Violence & Disability Network, focused on addressing systemic problems in group homes, private homes, and other settings where sexual violence against disabled people occurs.

<https://arcarizona.org/>

Arizona Center for Disability Law

The Center is a not-for-profit public interest law firm that provides legal services to people with disabilities. They also provide information, outreach, and training on legal rights and self-advocacy. They investigate abuse and neglect, and represent individuals in negotiations, administrative proceedings, and in court.

<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/>

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Formerly the Arizona Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Council serves Arizona by collecting data to identify local developmental disability challenges and solutions, collaborating with public and private sectors to address issues, funding grants toward efforts for advocacy and inclusion, and doing advocacy and inclusion work themselves.

<https://addpc.az.gov/>

Parent Empowerment

Raising Special Kids

Raising Special Kids serves as Arizona’s Family-to-Family Health Information Center and the Parent Training and Information Center for parents of children with disabilities and special health care needs. They provide individual consultation, parent-to-parent support, training, positive family coaching, NICU parent support, and a Refugee and Asylee Mentorship Program.

<https://raisingspecialkids.org/>

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona is an organization committed to providing support to families with children that have special needs. They do so with their two programs: AZ Partners in Leadership, a training program that teaches people to be community leaders, and Sibshop, a support group for siblings of children with special needs.

<https://pilotparents.org/>

Arkansas

Autism- Empowerment

Arkansas Autism Resource & Outreach Center

The AAROC serves individuals on the autism spectrum. Located in Little Rock, they primarily provide parental support to families with children on the spectrum with Family Fun Days, Information and Referral Services, Emotional Support, and Technical Assistance. On top of parental support, they offer educational training and provide awareness and advocacy, including participation on the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism.

<https://aaroc.org/>

Academic

Special Education Unit at the Arkansas Department of Education

The Special Education Unit operates through the Arkansas Department of Education that supports services and applications related to special education.

<https://arksped.ade.arkansas.gov/>

Early Intervention

First Connections

First Connections is an Early Intervention organization that serves children under three and their families. They focus on support and services that are family-centered, based on relationships, strengths-based, provided in the natural environment of the child, and provided in partnership with caregivers. The services they provide include Assistive Technology and services, Audiology, Family training and counseling, Health, medical, nursing, and nutrition services, occupational, physical, and psychological services, and service coordination.

They also provide sign language services, social work services, developmental therapy, speech-language pathology services, transportation, and vision services.

<https://www.firstconnectionsar.org/>

Professional/Independent Development

Pathfinder Inc

Pathfinder is a non-profit organization with the goal of helping individuals with developmental disabilities become and remain self-sufficient. They provide Adult Development programs that include evaluation, vocational training, professional counseling, work opportunities, habilitation training, and protective and socio-legal services. On top of these programs, they facilitate employment contracts for individuals with intellectual disabilities. They also have Home & Community-based services, preschool services, residential services including group homes, apartment living, and intermediate care facilities, supported employment, and transportation services.

<https://www.pathfinderinc.org/index.php>

Sources for Community Independent Living

SOURCES is focused on promoting the independence of people with disabilities by facilitating and supporting their integration and participation in all aspects of community life. They achieve this by providing Independent Living Skills training for underserved populations, providing transition services for those entering or returning to community living, providing peer support groups, and advocacy.

<https://www.arsources.org>

Healthcare/Health Promotion

Arkansas Disability Coalition

The ADC is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving those with disabilities and their families. They have two primary programs: the Family 2 Family Health Information Center of Arkansas and Project DOCC (Delivery of Chronic Care). The F2F HIC provides health-related information, resources, support, and training to families of children and youth with special care needs and the professionals that serve them. The DOCC is a medical education program that works to improve the quality of life for children who are chronically ill and/or have a developmental disability.

<https://ardisabilitycoalition.org>

Dennis Developmental Center

Operating under the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the Dennis Development Center specializes in diagnostic assessment and therapy services for those with developmental delays including, inattention, hyperactivity, and learning problems. The Center also serves to coordinate developmental pediatricians, nurse practitioners, speech and language pathologists, clinical social workers, and other clinical specialists.

<https://medicine.uams.edu/pediatrics/specialties/programs/dennis-developmental-center/>

Schmieding Developmental Center

Operating under the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the Center consists of a team of physicians, neuropsychologists, psychologists, speech language pathologists, and social workers. They are focused on comprehensive evaluations of every aspect of a child's development, health, and behavior for people under the age of 21 that are diagnosed with genetic conditions, neurodevelopmental, neurobehavioral, or cognitive disorders, as well as people suffering from concussions. Their services include assessments and evaluations for neuropsychological issues such as epilepsy and cerebral palsy, autism, childhood mood and anxiety disorders, concussions, Tourette Syndrome, and obsessive compulsive disorders.

<https://sdcpediatrics.uams.edu>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

The Arc River Valley

The Arc River Valley is a nonprofit that provides advocacy, education, and recreation for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They serve four counties in Arkansas and two counties in Oklahoma, encompassing 450 clients. They offer weekly classes and activities, including movie showings, an art and cooking class, music, karaoke, and birthday celebrations, exercise classes, bowling, bingo, and various outdoor activities.

<https://www.arcrivervalley.org/>

Empowerment

Arkansas Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

The Division of Developmental Disabilities operates through the Arkansas Department of Human Services and provides Arkansas with services to those that have developmental disabilities in order for them to learn and thrive.

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/developmental-disabilities-services/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Arkansas

DRA is the Protection and Advocacy agency for Arkansas and part of the nationwide P&A network that serves to protect and advance the rights of people with disabilities. They provide legal services, information, referrals to other service agencies, and monitor facilities to ensure accessibility and appropriate services. They also perform statewide advocacy on public policy, media, and provide training and outreach.

<https://disabilityrightsar.org/>

California

Autism - Empowerment

California Autistic Self Advocates (CASA)

CASA teaches self-advocacy to autistic individuals in the Sacramento area and beyond. They educate others on neurodiversity and protest organizations that are defining autism as a “disease”.

<https://www.facebook.com/ASANSacramento/>

Academic

Special Education Division of the California Department of Education

The Special Education Division is a specialized program under the California Department of Education that provides information and resources to people with disabilities so they can achieve success in both academic and nonacademic settings. They provide information, publications, training and technical assistance opportunities, and TEACH California and Special Education opportunities.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/>

Professional/ Independent Development

Department of Developmental Services

The California DDS works to ensure Californians with developmental disabilities are able to lead independent, productive lives. Their services include family fee programs to assist with costs related to day care, respite, the Early Start early intervention program for children under three with disabilities, and numerous state-operated centers and services. They also provide employment assistance, safety net services, support services, coordinated family support, workforce training and development, home and community-based programs, and education services.

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

California State Council on Developmental Disabilities

The Council ensures that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and support they need. They promote the participation of

those with developmental disabilities in the planning, design, and receipt of services and support to increase independence, productivity, inclusion, and self-determination.

<https://scdd.ca.gov/>

Empowerment

Alpha Resource Center

The Alpha Resource Center believes that everyone has a contribution to society that is valuable. They support and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They create opportunities, support families, and foster belonging.

<https://alphasb.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Association of California School Administrators

The ACSA is the largest organization of school leaders in the United States, serving more than 17,000 California educators. Their main priority is advocating for public school students from kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as adult learners. Their strategic plan includes Membership Development and Support, Advocacy and Influence, and Organizational Development and Sustainability.

<https://www.acsa.org/>

California Association of Resource and Special Educators

CARSplus is a non-profit organization that represents the needs of special educators. Their vision is to expand support for special educators so they can help their students succeed better.

<https://www.carsplus.org/>

California Association of School Psychologists

The Association is composed of individuals who work in school districts and private practice that assist school personnel support student education. They also work with parents of students to connect homes, classrooms, and schools to promote mental health, learning, and the welfare of California's children. Their duties include advocacy, publications, professional development, and direct services.

<https://casponline.org/>

California Speech Language Hearing Association (CSHA)

The CSHA serves to connect a multitude of professionals. They provide services to speech-language pathologists and assistants, audiologists and assistants, students, policymakers, and the broader community. They also serve to coordinate advocacy issues for their members by providing timely policy and legislative updates, urgent calls to action, policy update analysis, and coordinating member communication to legislators.

<https://www.csha.org/>

Colorado

Autism - General

Autism Vision of Colorado

Autism Vision of Colorado is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the community on autism through awareness. They strive to create a safe place for individuals on the spectrum and their families. They provide resources, services, advocacy, and support within the community.

<https://www.autismvisionco.org/>

Colorado Autism Consultants

The Colorado Autism Consultants have a mission to build partnerships and overcome barriers to expand access to therapies across Colorado. They do this through quality programming, outreach, collaboration, training, and sustainability.

<https://coautism.com>

Autism - Life Enhancement

Autism Society Colorado

The Autism Society Colorado connects people with autism with resources they need. They plan by doing this they can support individuals with autism to have vibrant, full, and self-actualized lives.

<https://www.autismcolorado.org/>

Imagine! Colorado

The goal of Imagine!'s Autism Spectrum Disorder Program is to provide families a choice of services to address the challenges of raising a child on the spectrum. They offer audiology, behavior therapy, evaluation, and intervention. They also provide medical services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychiatric, psychological, and counseling services, speech-language therapy, vision therapy, and social integration services.

<https://imaginecolorado.org/services/autism-spectrum-disorder-program>

Autism - Empowerment

Ascendigo Autism Service

Ascendigo believes that individuals on the autism spectrum should have access to full lives filled with rich experiences. They expose these individuals to natural

environments and outdoor recreation. They empower and inspire people with autism.

<https://www.ascendigo.org/>

Academic

Colorado Department of Education

The Colorado Department of Education is a service agency that provides support, resources, leadership, and accountability to the state's school districts and their employees.

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-autism>

Colorado Department of Education - Special Education

The Colorado Department of Education Special Education division provides resources for teachers, administrators, and parents of students with disabilities.

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped>

Havern School

Havern School specializes in providing education to students aged 5 to 14 that have been diagnosed with a learning disability. Their staff includes teachers with master's degrees, occupational therapists, speech/language pathologists, and psychologists. They teach Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Fine Arts, all including a digital learning component. They also have a specialized Havern Autism Program that addresses the unique challenges that come with providing quality education to children on the spectrum.

<https://havernschool.org>

Early Intervention

Sewall Child Development Center

Sewall provides early education and therapeutic services to children from birth through the age of 6. Their programs include inclusive preschool, infant and toddler early intervention, a Denver-based Head Start program, a diagnostic and evaluation clinic, and finally family and community advocacy.

<https://sewall.org>

Colorado Department of Education- Literacy and Student with Disabilities

The Literacy and Students with Disabilities program under the Colorado Department of Education is responsible for ensuring that students with disabilities are assessed for significant reading deficiency (SRD) for grades k-3. They offer

three different pathways depending on the disability and level of need.

https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/literacy_disabilities

Professional/ Independent Development

Colorado Department of Education- Secondary Transition

The Colorado Department of Education Secondary Transition division prepares students for adult life after they leave High School. They provide opportunities and programs that support adult life, training, higher education, independent living, employment, and community participation. The transition division provides opportunities for students with disabilities to experience positive post-school outcomes as well.

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/transition>

Developmental Disabilities Resource Center

The Developmental Disabilities Resource Center supports personal and professional development opportunities towards advancement. They offer paid training, competitive salaries, and benefits. Their main goal is to create opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://ddrcco.com>

Healthcare/ Health Promotion

Elevated Insights

Elevated Insights provides scientifically-grounded and culturally-responsive psychological assessment services to meet the needs of their clients. They employ a collaborative approach while working with families and providers to strengthen the community resources and supports that are available to children.

<https://www.elevatedinsights.org>

Children's Hospital Colorado

The Children's Hospital of Colorado is one of the top children's hospitals in the nation. Their mission is to improve the health of children and provide high-quality care, education, research, and advocacy.

<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/conditions-and-advice/conditions-and-symptoms/conditions/autism-spectrum-disorders/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Firefly Autism

Firefly is an organization dedicated to providing behavioral and mental health services to people from the ages of 18 months to those over 70. They have a variety of services including diagnostic services, home-based service, a social skills group, center-based services, speech and occupational therapy, and school consultation & ABA service.

<https://fireflyautism.org>

Developmental FX

Developmental FX prepares children with developmental differences for a bright future. They support belonging by providing individuals with disabilities and their families, therapists, and teachers with innovative programming in Colorado and around the world.

<https://developmentalfx.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Ability Connection Colorado

Ability Connection Colorado was established in 1946 when eight mothers formed together because they refused to institutionalize their disabled children. They wanted to turn isolation into inclusion for their children. Today, ACCO offers inclusive education, employment, and statewide familial support programs for families across Colorado.

<https://www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc Colorado

The Arc Colorado seeks to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They do this by working to influence public policy, increase public awareness and acceptance of the needs and rights that people with disabilities have and deserve.

<https://thearcofco.org/>

Connecticut

Professional/ Independent Development

Connecticut Association on Higher Education and Disability

CT AHEAD is a statewide organization of professionals that are dedicated to ensuring individuals with disabilities achieve equitable participation in higher education. They seek to develop communication, cooperation, and coordination among institutions of higher education in disability issues, promote public awareness of needs, support institutions in balancing academic accommodations and integrity. They also work with other professional, public, and private agencies and consumers to promote statewide initiatives, provide professional development, support policies which increase equitability for individuals with disabilities, and promote systematic data collection to enhance knowledge and awareness of issues individuals with disabilities face in post-secondary education.

<https://ctahead.org>

Department of Aging and Disability Services

The Department of Aging and Disability Services has policies and programs that are designed to deliver aging and disability service, provide leadership on related issues statewide, provide and coordinate aging and disability programs and services in employment, education, independent living, accessibility, and advocacy, advocate for the rights of their population, and serve as a resource for their population's issues. Their programs range from operating the Bureau of Education and Service for the Blind, Benefits Counseling, Housing services, the Connect to Work Project, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Counseling, Elderly Nutrition, LGBT Resources for Older Adults, and the Senior Medicare Patrol.

<https://portal.ct.gov/AgingandDisability>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Disability Care Center

The Center is an advocacy group dedicated to assisting individuals with disabilities successfully apply or appeal for Social Security Disability Benefits. Their Disability Advocates evaluate and handle the processes associated with applying or appealing for benefits. They also have public outreach in order to connect with individuals around the country facing similar problems.

<https://www.disabilitycarecenter.org>

Disability Resource Network

The Disability Resource Network is an organization dedicated to providing adults

with disabilities with the skills they need to engage and succeed in their communities. They operate an alternative education program to address barriers found in traditional education settings. Under the program, they offer unique programming, independent living lessons, vocational assessments, and a court liaison. They offer transition services to students with disabilities aged 18-22 that have an IEP and are preparing for post-school life. They operate Adult Day programs at two locations that develop and enhance skills such as cooking, laundry, money management, hygiene, work skills, how to make friends and socialize, music therapy, and the use of assistive technology.

<https://disability-resource.org>

Center for Disability Rights

The CDR seeks to promote and empower people with disabilities to enable them to achieve their full potential, live independently, participate in their community, and exercise their rights as citizens. Their main programs include Information & Referral, Independent Living Skills, Peer Support, Individual and Systemic Advocacy, Nursing Home Transition, and Youth Transition. They also have two special projects, Long Term Care Legal Services, and Deaf Services for the deaf or hard of hearing.

<https://cdr-ct.org>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc of Connecticut

The Arc of Connecticut is a nonprofit, as other Arc branches are, with the mission of providing advocacy, education, and recreation for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are 14 local chapters within Connecticut with more than 4,000 staff and 1,800 volunteers between them.

<https://thearcct.org/>

Disability Rights Connecticut

Disability Rights Connecticut provides legal advocacy and rights protection for people with disabilities. They provide legal services, information, referrals to other service agencies, and monitor facilities to ensure accessibility and appropriate services. They also perform statewide advocacy on public policy, media, and provide training and outreach.

<https://www.disrightsct.org>

Academic

Connecticut State Department of Education-Bureau of Special Education

The Bureau of Special Education operates out of the Connecticut State Department of Education. They believe that students with disabilities are unique and deserve accommodations within the Connecticut school system.

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Services/Special-Education>

Delaware

Autism - Life Enhancement

Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism

The Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism (DNEA) provides training, technical assistance, information, and support to individuals with ASD along with their families.

<https://www.delawareautismnetwork.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Center for Disabilities Studies

The Center for Disabilities Studies enhances the lives of those with disabilities through advocacy, research, and service. They promote opportunity, accessibility, education, and inclusiveness in their communities.

<https://www.cds.udel.edu/>

Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens

The GACEC is the review board for procedures, practices, and policies of the services for residents with disabilities in Delaware. They are the state advisory panel for agencies that provide educational services and programs to children in Delaware.

<https://gacec.delaware.gov/>

Exceptional Care for Children

Exceptional Care for Children is the first and only pediatric skilled nursing home for children in Delaware. They care for their residents by providing them with an enriching childhood experience.

<https://exceptionalcare.org/our-people/>

Advocacy and Policy

Autism Delaware

Autism Delaware is a multifaceted, state-wide organization that expands services and resources, builds capacity in Delaware through collaboration, and leads as a resource for advocacy for those with autism.

<https://www.autismdelaware.org/>

The Arc of Delaware

The Arc of Delaware is a nonprofit organization that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They operate housing, employment, outreach, and social & recreational programs, as well as advocating for legislative and policy change.

<https://thearcofdelaware.org/>

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council

The DDC addresses unmet needs of people with disabilities through advocacy, demonstration planning, and projects. They embrace inclusion, diversity, and empowerment.

<https://ddc.delaware.gov/>

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

The SCPD works with other state community organizations to review policies and regulations that impact individuals with disabilities in Delaware. They are located within the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

<https://scpd.delaware.gov/>

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Parent Empowerment

Family SHADE

Family SHADE is a collaborative alliance of family partners and organizations that plan to improve the quality of life for children and youth with special needs. They also support the caregivers of these children.

<https://www.familyshade.org/>

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D.C.

Professional/ Independent Development

Department on Disability Services

The D.C. Department on Disability Services is composed of two other administrations that seek to coordinate services for people with disabilities, the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Rehabilitation Services Administration. The Department operates services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, service coordination, vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services, youth in transition programs, supported employment, and services for people with blindness and visual impairments.

<https://dds.dc.gov/>

Developmental Disabilities Council

The Council is a Mayor-appointed body that seeks to advocate for people with developmental disabilities in the D.C. area. They have created a 5- year-state plan to identify the most pressing needs, including employment, education, early intervention, housing, transportation, advocacy, and health.

<https://ddc.dc.gov/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Department of Behavioral Health

The D.C. Department of Behavioral Health provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services for children, youth, and adults with mental and/or substance use disorders. Their services include emergency psychiatric care, community-based outpatient and residential services. They also provide a variety of adult, children, and family services, as well as an Access HelpLine, a Community Response Team, and a School Behavioral Health program. Finally, they provide homeless services, a parent support program, and operate the Ombudsman office.

<https://dbh.dc.gov/>

Progressive Research on Neurodiversity

George Washington University's Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Institute

The institute aims to conduct groundbreaking research to improve the understanding of the root causes of autism, develop tools for accurate diagnosis

and treatments, and to inform policies to advocate for the autism community. Their research focuses on four areas: Sex Differences in Autism, Detecting Biomarkers for Autism, Computational Models of Autism, and Novel Therapy and Treatments.

<https://autism.gwu.edu/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc District of Columbia

The Arc D.C. is a nonprofit organization that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They offer supported employment assistance and training to help people with disabilities find and maintain employment. They also advocate for policy changes to support and defend the rights of people with disabilities.

<https://arcdc.net/>

Florida

Autism - Life Enhancement

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) provides support and aid to enhance the lives of those with autism spectrum disorder and related disabilities. This website provides a regional map of Florida to find contact information for the CARD sites and resources throughout the state.

<https://florida-card.org/index.htm>

Academic

Florida Department of Education- Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services administers programs for students with disabilities. Additionally, they coordinate student services throughout the state and participate in multiple inter-agency efforts designed to strengthen the quality and variety of services available to eligible students with disabilities.

<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/index.stml>

Early Intervention

National Center for Pyramid Model Innovation

Funded by the Office of Special Education Programs, the NCPMI's mission is to support and enhance the capacity of state and local systems to implement early childhood systems of support to improve the social, behavioral, and emotional outcomes of young children with, or that have a high risk of, developmental disabilities.

<https://challengingbehavior.org/>

Healthcare/ Health Promotion

Disability Determinations

The Division of Disability Determinations determine the medical eligibility of those in Florida who apply for disability benefits.

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/people-with-disabilities/disability-determinations/index.html>

General

Florida Independent Living Council

The FILC oversees 15 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in Florida. They provide the following services: advocacy, information and referral, peer support, skills training, nursing homes and transition institutions, and youth transition. The site includes an interactive map of Florida for the CILs with each location and contact information.

<https://floridasilc.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

The APD serves the needs of Floridians with developmental disabilities separate from the Department of Children and Families. They work with private providers and local organizations to support people who have disabilities and their families.

<https://apd.myflorida.com/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Blautism

Blautism's mission is through the introduction of intentional diversity, equity, culture, and inclusive services within neurodiverse spaces. They provide family engagement, training, educational plans, and support services.

<https://www.evesblessings.com/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Florida

Disability Rights is Florida's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system for those with disabilities. This system ensures the wellbeing, safety, and success of individuals who have disabilities..

<https://disabilityrightsflorida.org/>

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council affects policy and services for individuals with disabilities, their families, and their supports through advocacy, partnerships, and education.

<https://www.fddc.org/>

The Arc of Florida

The Arc advocates for the local chapters of Florida, public policies, and supports for those with disabilities to be fully involved in every part of their community.

<https://www.arcflorida.org/>

Georgia

Autism - General

Georgia Autism Center

The GAC seeks to assist individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. Their services include neurocognitive/developmental and educational evaluations, Medicaid waiver evaluations, private consultations and coordination of care, school consultations and educational advocacy, family support, and referrals to other treatment providers.

<https://www.georgiaautismcenter.com>

Academic

Georgia Department of Education - Special Education Services and Support

The Division for Special Education Services and Supports provides the necessary infrastructure and support for teachers and families to meet the needs of each student with disabilities. The Division provides General Supervision for local school districts to improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities.

<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

Professional/ Independent Development

Multiple Choices Center for Independent Living

The Center is a multi-service nonprofit that serves 10 counties in north Georgia to advocate for independent living for people with disabilities. Their full services include peer support groups, information and referrals, advocacy, home modification, transportation, and micro-enterprising.

<https://multiplechoices.us>

Disability Resource Center

The Developmental Disabilities Resource Center supports personal and professional development opportunities towards advancement. They offer paid training, competitive salaries, and benefits. Their main goal is to create opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://disabilityresourcecenter.org>

Healthcare/ Health Promotion

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities provides support services and treatment to those with substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and disabilities.

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia

UCP of Georgia serves over 500 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and families daily. They provide community living, in-home programs, adult day programs, and supportive services.

<https://ucpga.org>

Empowerment

Center for Leadership in Disability

The CLD is housed within the Georgia State University School of Public Health. They are focused on translating research into community practice for people with disabilities and their families. They have several initiatives, including community & family, education & schools, leadership, DEI, health & wellness, positive behavior supports, and children's mental health. They also run the Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS) Clinic, Cultivating Awareness and Resilience in Education (CARE), Project SETA or Students Enhancing Their Advocacy, and Early Speech, Physical and Occupational Therapy Service (SPOTS).

<https://cld.gsu.edu>

Georgia's Aging & Disability Resource Connection

The ADRC is a coordinated system of organizations that seek to provide information about long-term support and service, alleviating the need for multiple calls and visits to receive services, and to support the individuals and family members living with disability.

<https://www.georgiaadrc.com>

Disability Link

Disability Link is an organization led by and for people with disabilities to promote choice and participation in community life. They advocate for universal human rights, support self-determination, and promote the inclusion and recognition of the abilities of all individuals. They also run several program, including, employment services, health and wellness, assistive technology, the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP), transportation services, youth services, mobility managements, coordination services with the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP), peer support, nursing home transition, and various trainings.

<http://disabilitylink.org>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc Georgia

The Arc Georgia seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They have several programs including, Grassroots Connectors, COVID-19 resources, Georgians in the Driver's Seat for healthcare improvements, a special needs pooled trust, Tomorrow's Leaders Today, a voting campaign to encourage and register people to vote.

<https://ga.thearc.org/>

Office of Disability Services Ombudsman

The Ombudsman seeks to promote the safety, well-being, and the rights of people with individuals. They provide State Agency resources, Mental Health resources, Disability resources, Legal resources, and Substance Use Disorder resources to help resolve any issues concerning any act, omission to act, practice, policy, or procedure that may adversely affect people with disabilities.

<https://dso.georgia.gov/>

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

The GCDD seeks to bring about social and policy change to promote positive change for people with disabilities and their families. They run and collaborate with other organizations to run several programs and initiatives including the Real Communities Partnerships program, Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement (ASPIRE), Children's Freedom Initiative, and Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE).

<https://gcdd.org>

Hawaii

Autism - General

Hawaii Autism Foundation

The Foundation seeks to educate Hawaii's families and help them find and fund treatments for autism spectrum disorders in order to help their children thrive. Their programs currently include Swim Safe ASD and funding and partnering with the Ka'ahumanu Learning Center. They also frequently host social events for the ASD community.

<https://www.hawaiiautismfoundation.org/>

Academic

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

The SEAC is Hawaii's advisory panel mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Act. The Council is composed primarily of parents of children with disabilities aged 26 or younger and people with disabilities. Their members also include teachers, administrators, professors, representatives from the DoH, and representatives from the community. Their mission is to guide and assist the Hawaii DoE in fulfilling its responsibility to meet the needs of children with disabilities.

<https://seac-hawaii.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Community Children's Councils

The CCCs operate under the Hawaii State Department of Education on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui/Molokai/Lanai, and Hawaii and serve children and families with disabilities and mental health needs. They collaborate with other organizations to assist in the development of services for special needs children and their families. They provide technical and administrative support, including information gathering and dissemination, logistical assistance for conference and workshops, and training in leadership and facilitation.

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/SupportForParents/Pages/CCC.aspx>

Empowerment

Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawaii

The goal of the LDAH is to help families and schools better serve children with disabilities. They provide one-on-one support and assistance, run workshops, and author publications. They also run the Parent Training & Information Center for the state of Hawaii, provide information and referral services, mentor, advocate, operate a Parents as Partners volunteer service, run the School Readiness Project, and provide education and training.

<https://ldahawaii.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc in Hawaii

The Arc in Hawaii seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They provide adult day health services and residential services. They also provide individual advocacy services, facilitate self-advocacy clubs, and provide systems advocacy by working with the legislature and government officials.

<https://www.thearcinhawaii.org/>

Hawaii Disability Rights Center

Disability Rights is Hawaii's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system for those with disabilities. It is also Hawaii's designated Client Assistance Program (CAP) for applicants and clients of programs funded under the federal Rehabilitation Act. This system ensures the well-being, safety, and success of individuals who have disabilities.

<https://hawaiidisabilityrights.org/>

Disability and Communication Access Board

The DCAB is a Governor-appointed board that includes members with disabilities, parents or guardians of people with disabilities, public and private service providers, and other knowledgeable professionals. The Board functions to serve as a public advocate for people with disabilities by providing advice on legislation and policies, establish guidelines on building design, issue administrative rules for communications services such as sign language interpreters, and administer the program for the issuance of disabled persons parking placards.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/>

Parent Empowerment

Hawaii Families as Allies

HFAA is a nonprofit, parent-controlled organization that serves as a voice for families of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges.

<https://www.hifamilies.org/>

Special Parent Information Network: Hawaii

SPIN is a parent-to-parent organization in Hawaii that provides information, support, and referrals to parents of children with disabilities and the professionals who serve them. SPIN assists parents in understanding Individualized Education Programs, Individual Family Service Plans, 504 plans, their special education rights and responsibilities, assists with child care options, government benefits, medical referrals, and provides recreation programs.

<https://spinhawaii.org/>

Idaho

Academic

Idaho State Department of Education- Special Education

The Special Education team under the SDE ensures the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Act. They provide guidance and resources to educators.

<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/sped/>

Healthcare/Health Promotion

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare - Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Children's Special Health Program

This program seeks to enable children and youth with special healthcare needs to receive high quality, family-centered, integrated health services. It provides resources about access to care, medical and dental homes, care coordination, and healthcare transition.

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/about-children-and-youth-special-health-care-needs>

Overall Life Enhancement/ Enrichment

Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

The ICDD is an outcomes-oriented organization that seeks to advance issues that improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They currently have six projects, Community NOW, Dual Diagnosis, Partners in Policymaking, Person-centered Planning and Practice, Supported Decision-Making, and Transition to Adulthood.

<https://icdd.idaho.gov/>

Advocacy and Policy

Idaho's Special Education Advisory Panel

Idaho's SEAP advises the State Department of Education on the education of children with disabilities. In addition to this, the Panel comments publicly on rules or regulations proposed by the state, provides advice to SDE staff, advises the

SDE in developing corrective plans, and advises the SDE in developing and implementing policies for children with disabilities.

<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/sped/seap/>

Illinois

Autism - General

Autistics Against Curing Autism- Chicagoland

The Foundation seeks to educate Hawaii's families and help them find and fund treatments for autism spectrum disorders in order to help their children thrive. Their programs currently include Swim Safe ASD and funding and partnering with the Ka'ahumanu Learning Center. They also frequently host social events for the ASD community.

<https://www.facebook.com/CureAbleism>

The Autism Program of Illinois (TAP)

TAP provides resources and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. They offer diagnostic services, training, support groups, and more.

<https://tap-illinois.org/>

Professional/Independent Development

Illinois Assistive Technology Program

Their mission is to provide Illinoisans of all ages with disabilities and health conditions greater access to assistive technology (AT) devices and services so that they may enhance their independence and participation in all aspects of life.

<https://iltech.org/about/about-us/>

General

Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse

Provides a vast list of resources for parents, schools, and individuals with neurodiverse conditions including autism, down syndrome, ADHD, learning disabilities, etc.

<https://eiclearinghouse.org/directory/specific-delays/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

UPS for Downs

UPS for Downs is a nonprofit organization in the Chicago area that is run and organized entirely by volunteers. They run and organize many clubs to engage

individuals with Down Syndrome, including Kids Social Club, Junior Teen Social Club, Senior Teen Social Club, Adult Social Club, Walking Club, book clubs, and a Theatre Club.

<https://www.upsfordowns.org/>

Illinois Department of Human Services- Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

DDD offers support and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism, intellectual disabilities, and other neurodiverse conditions.

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=32253>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc of Illinois

The Arc of Illinois seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They assist with public policy advocacy, education and training, information and referrals, technical support and assistance, and research and model dissemination. They also run the Voice of the Disability Community program, do advocacy systems coordinations, provide linkages to support groups and services, convene networks and collaborate, and work to improve funding streams.

<https://www.thearcofil.org/>

Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois (LDA-IL)

LDA-IL provides support and resources for individuals with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, ADHD, and other specific learning disorders. They offer information, advocacy, and educational programs.

<https://ldaillinois.org/>

Indiana

Autism - General

Indiana Resource Center for Autism (IRCA)

IRCA offers resources, training, and support for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their families, and professionals. They provide information on services, training opportunities, and online resources.

<https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca/>

Autism Society of Indiana

The Autism Society of Indiana offers resources, support, and advocacy for individuals with autism and their families. They provide information on local services, educational programs, and community events.

<https://www.autismsocietyofindiana.org/>

HANDS in Autism

HANDS in Autism is a center at the Indiana University School of Medicine that focuses on education and training related to autism and other developmental disabilities. They offer resources, training programs, and consultations.

<https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/tools-resources/for-families/>

Professional/Independent Development

Noble

Noble is an organization that supports individuals with disabilities in Indiana, including those with neurodiverse conditions. They offer a wide range of services, including employment support, independent living, and community integration.

<https://www.mynoblelife.org/>

General

Finder Indiana Disability Resource Finder

Gives people living with disabilities access to a comprehensive range of community resources designed to improve daily life.

<https://www.indianadisabilityresourcefinder.org/topic-of-interest>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Down Syndrome Indiana

Down Syndrome Indiana is a nonprofit organization that supports individuals with Down syndrome and their families. They provide resources, educational programs, advocacy, and social opportunities.

<https://dsindiana.org/>

Bureau of Developmental Disability Services

Assists individuals in receiving community support and residential services using a person-centered plan to help determine what services they need and who can best provide them.

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/developmental-disability-services/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc of Indiana

The Arc of Indiana seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They operate many programs including Public Policy Advocacy, The Arc Master Trust, the Erskine Green Training Institute, The Arc Advocacy Network, The Arc Academy, an Insurance Advocacy Resource Center, Career Counseling Information and Referral Service, and various publications.

<https://www.arcind.org/>

Parent Empowerment

INSOURCE

INSOURCE is a parent-led organization that provides information, training, and support to families of individuals with disabilities, including neurodiverse conditions. They offer resources, workshops, and individualized support.

<https://insource.org/>

Indiana Family to Family

Indiana Family to Family provides information, training, and one-on-one support to Indiana families of children and youth with additional health and education needs, and the professionals who serve them.

<https://www.inf2f.org/>

Iowa

Autism - General

Autism Society Iowa

The Autism Society of Iowa creates connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. The website provides information for newly diagnosed families, support groups, etc.

<https://autismia.com/>

Iowa Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder

This website describes ASD, provides services and placement resources, as well as national autism resources.

https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/special-education/special-education-programs-and-services/autism-spectrum-disorder-asd#Iowa_Resource

Academic

Area Education Agencies

Area education agencies partner with local school districts providing a team of professionals to individually assess and observe a child and provide evaluations and interventions based on their needs. They team up with parents to decide if a child has a disability and needs special education services.

<https://ldaiaowa.org/area-education-agencies/>

Iowa Department of Education

Special education resources for families and educators, information regarding an IEP, behavioral intervention plan, and other parent resources.

<https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/special-education/parent-information/family-and-educator-partnership-fep/special-education-resources-families-and-educators>

Healthcare/ Health Promotion

Rein Center

The Rein Center's mental health professionals have extensive experience in helping both children and adults overcome ADHD's challenges and lead happier, more rewarding lives. ADHD treatments Rein Center uses include medications and behavioral therapy.

<https://www.reincenter.com/service/adhd>

University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital

Patients can be either self-referred or referred by a primary care provider, teacher, or school official. Patients receive thorough evaluations by one or more specialists in learning disorders who work with families, physicians, educators, and community agencies to tailor strategies for meeting each child's needs and challenges of all types.

<https://uihc.org/childrens/services/learning-disorders>

General

Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa

The Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa (LDA-IA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides information, referral, and support to individuals statewide. LDA-IA is an affiliate of the Learning Disabilities Association of America. Resources on this website include assessment information, projects and services, a resource directory, and prevalent and relatable information about learning disabilities.

<https://ldaiowa.org/assessment/how-to-get-an-assessment-for-ld/>

Iowa Compass Services and Resources

Lists services and resources for individuals with disabilities including education, employment, health and medical, social and emotional support, etc.

<https://iowacompass.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Orchard Place

Orchard Place offers mental and behavioral youth services for children with mental health illness, behavioral challenges, battling substance abuse, suffering from trauma, and more. They utilize early intervention and appropriate care, offer psychological testing and evaluations, therapy, education, and juvenile justice services.

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/SupportForParents/Pages/CCC.aspx>

Brain Balance

The Brain Balance Program is designed to offer a drug-free, integrated approach that brings parents and kids together to achieve a common goal of improving a child's processing and learning ability, leading to a more successful academic and personal life. A child will take a personal assessment to create a customized program that addresses any deficits in functions or skills a child may have. To

help children struggling with behavioral issues the whole-child integrated approach combines sensory motor training, academic activities, nutrition plans, and at-home exercises.

<https://www.brainbalancecenters.com/locations/iowa/des-moines/adhd>

I learn, counseling, assessment, and learning support

The mission of the learning center is to assist each client in establishing effective learning through individualized assessment and individualized instruction using multi-sensory learning strategies (e.g., visual-spatial approaches to learning, educational kinesthetics, EEG biofeedback, cognitive rehabilitation, and accelerative learning). They assess and provide interventions for ADHD, visual spatial learning, multiple intelligence, educational kinesthetics, and multi-sensory learning.

<https://innovativelearningpros.com/>

Dyslexia

True Potential Education

The diagnostic report at True Potential Education can diagnose dyslexia, dysnomia, dysgraphia, and expressive/receptive language disorder. Additional speech services also include childhood apraxia of speech, fluency (stuttering), speech sound disorders (articulation/phonology), and voice disorders. They offer individual, virtual, and group sessions to provide interventions based off of their specific needs

<https://www.truepotentialled.com/>

Aspire Academy

Aspire provides a dyslexia screening, a free consultation, and reading and writing tutoring for all K-12 students.

<https://aspireiowa.com/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc of Iowa

The Arc of Iowa seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They offer access to resources and advocate on behalf of people with disabilities. They also host the I Am Able IOWA radio show twice a month.

<https://www.thearcofiowa.org/>

Kansas

Early Intervention

Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Kansas Early Childhood Development Services

The Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services is authorized by IDEA and provides grants to tiny-k programs. Tiny-k programs are Early Childhood programs for children under 3 with exceptional needs.

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/677/Kansas-Early-Childhood-Developmental-Ser>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

AbilityPoint

AbilityPoint is a chapter of The Arc that seeks to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They run a number of programs including Adult Activity Days, Camp Ability, Circle of Friends, Skill Builders, Mini Tours, Miss Unstoppable, Rows of Sharin', School Break, Shooting Stars Self Advocates, Small Steps, Targeted Case Management, Young Adults Club, Youth Activity Days, and Youth Education Summer Socialization Program (YESS).

<https://abilitypoint.org/>

TARC

TARC is an Arc affiliate located in the Topeka area. They seek to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They provide children's services, a feeding clinic, a day services program, self-determination program coordinators, employment services, assistive technologies, and case management.

<https://tarcinc.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

The Arc of Central Plains

The Arc Central Plains seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They are based in Hays, Kansas. They run a thrift shop that supports people from the Hays area to participate in the Special Olympics.

<https://www.arcofcentralplains.org/>

Empowerment

The Arc of Douglas County

The Arc of Douglas County, with their office in Lawrence, Kansas, seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They also serve Jefferson and Franklin counties. Their services include Case Management, Service Coordination, IEP Support, Independent Living Counseling, Advocacy and Training, and the Self Advocates of Lawrence program.

<https://thearcdcks.org/>

Kentucky

Autism - General

University of Kentucky Autism- Spectrum Disorder Support Groups and Resources

Lists community, federal and national resources, contact information for support groups, interactive autism network resources, etc.

<https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/kentucky-childrens-hospital/services/developmental-behavioral-pediatrics/autism-resources>

Kentucky Advisory Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder

The council provides a list of resources for parents and families with ASD. These include education and early intervention, medicaid waivers, etc.

<https://dbhdid.ky.gov/kdbhdid/autism-links.aspx>

General

Learning Disabilities Association of Kentucky

The Mission of LDA of Kentucky is to improve outcomes for children and adults in the learning disability community through support and advocacy. They provide tutoring, assessment, teaching and learning resources.

<https://www.ldaofky.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network

KATS offers assistive technology resources and services for individuals with disabilities. They provide assessments, demonstrations, and loans of assistive technology devices.

<https://www.katsnet.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc of Kentucky

The Arc of Kentucky seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They sponsor several programs including The Future is Now, Advocates in Action, Wings for Autism/Wings for All, 5K

Faast, Furious, Fun Run/Walk, and Health and Fitness for All. They also advocate for policy change to help individuals with disabilities.

<https://arcofky.org/>

Kentuckiana Autism Spectrum Alliance (KASA)

Part of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, the KASA is an facebook organization of autistic people advocating for the rights of autistic people.

https://www.facebook.com/KASALouisville/?ref=page_internal

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Parent Empowerment

Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network (KY-SPIN)

KY-SPIN offers support and resources to parents of individuals with disabilities, including neurodiverse conditions. They provide workshops, support groups, and individualized assistance.

<https://www.kyspin.com/>

Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC)

KATC offers training, resources, and support for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their families, and professionals. They provide educational programs, workshops, and online resources.

<https://www.kentuckyautismtrainingcenter.org/>

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Louisiana

Early Intervention

Louisiana Department of Health – EarlySteps

EarlySteps is the early intervention program for Louisiana, serving children under three years of age with an intellectual or developmental delay. The state is divided into 10 different regions where EarlySteps can coordinate referrals.

<https://ldh.la.gov/page/139>

Louisiana Young Children with Disabilities

Under the Louisiana Department of Education, this early Childhood Special Education program works to support early identification and young children with disabilities.

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood/young-children-with-disabilities>

Professional/Independent Development

Statewide Independent Living Council

Operating under the Office of the Governor of Louisiana, the SILC works to support citizens with disabilities to live independently. The majority of their members are individuals with disabilities. They work to jointly develop a State Plan for Independent Living, monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the plan, develop partnerships with other councils to address the needs of disability populations, and prepare a resource plan for the SILC.

<https://gov.louisiana.gov/page/silc>

General

Department of Children & Family Services Louisiana – Disability

The DDS is responsible for determining if individuals meet the disabled requirements under Title II/XVI.

<http://www.dss.state.la.us/page/58>

Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs

The Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs seeks to be an informational resource for people with disabilities. They collaborate with other agencies and departments

in order to educate, address, and resolve issues relative to the disability community.

<https://gov.louisiana.gov/page/disability-affairs>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Families Helping Families of Bayou Land

FHF of Bayou Land is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They run the Family-to-Family Health Information Center, help facilitate the EarlySteps program, provide inclusive education, provide information and referral services, assist with the LA Council's Advocacy Network, provide parent-to-parent support, and transition services.

<https://www.blfhf.org/>

Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge

FHF of Greater Baton Rouge is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They operate the Resource Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, assist with the Bureau of Family Health, facilitate the Family-to-Family Health Information Center, assist with the EarlySteps program, provide Ability Awareness Training, and provide information and referral services. They also provide peer-to-peer support, inclusive education, assist with the LA Council's Advocacy Network, and run the Empowerment Program.

<https://www.fhfgbr.org/>

Families Helping Families of Acadiana

FHF Acadiana is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They provide information & referral services, peer to peer support, facilitate the EarlySteps program with a community outreach specialist, run the Family-to-Family Health Information Center, and partners with the Louisiana Bureau of Family Health to connect families with health care providers.

<https://fhfacadiana.org/>

Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans

FHF of Greater New Orleans is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They provide information and resources, education and training, and peer-to-peer support.

<https://fhfognno.org/>

Families Helping Families of Northern Louisiana

FHF of Northern Louisiana, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They are partnered with the Bureau of Family Health, facilitate the EarlySteps program, provide education regional family

support, have an equipment library, facilitate the Family-to-Family Health Information Center, and run a program called Family Focus. They also provide information and referral services, the Flexible Family Fund, Residential Services, provide Individual and Family Support, Support Coordination, Supported Living, Transition Services, and Vocational and Rehabilitative Services. Lastly, they assist with the LA Council's Advocacy Network, provide peer-to-peer support, and run the Adult Opportunity Club.

<https://fhfnela.org/>

Families Helping Families Northshore

FHF Northshore is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They offer information and referral services, education and training, peer-to-peer support, operate a Lending Library, and run the ABLE Club.

<https://www.fhfnorthshore.org/>

Families Helping Families Southeast Louisiana

FHF Southeast Louisiana is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They provide information and referral services, education and training, and peer-to-peer support. They also assist with the LA Council's Advocacy Network, assist with the Early Steps program, assist with the Prism Project, and offer a coding program for youth with autism.

<https://www.fhfsela.org/>

Families Helping Families Southwest Louisiana

FHF Southwest Louisiana is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with disabilities and their families. They assist with the Bureau of Family Health, the EarlySteps program, offer education family support, assist with the LA Council's Advocacy Network, assist with the Family-to-Family Health Information Center, and run the Next Chapter book club.

<https://fhfswla.org/>

Louisiana Answers

Louisiana Answers is the Aging and Disability Resources Center serving Louisiana. The Center works to provide adults and families with disabilities a single source for information, assistance, and individualized service planning to enhance self-sufficiency and quality of life. They offer in-home services, community services, nursing home assistance, housing and long-term care, assisted living guides, assistance with medical services, caregiver resources, and care-coordination.

<https://www.louisianaanswers.com/>

Louisiana Department of Health- Developmental Disabilities

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities is the Single Point of Entry for the developmental services system of Louisiana and oversees public and private residential services, as well as other services.

<https://ldh.la.gov/page/132>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Special Olympics Louisiana

The mission of the Special Olympics Louisiana is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. They seek to promote inclusion and acceptance for people with intellectual disabilities via sports.

<https://www.laso.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Louisiana

Disability Rights is Louisiana's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system for those with disabilities. Their primary concerns involve legal assistance for people with disabilities and advocating for laws and policies that support disability rights. They also have a number of programs including Client Assistance, Protection and Advocacy of Beneficiaries of Social Security, Community Living Ombudsman program, the Financial Access Inclusion and Resources Project, a Supported Independent Living Advocacy program, and work incentives planning and assistance.

<https://disabilityrightsla.org/>

Maine

Academic

Maine AEM Program

The Maine AEM Program creates Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) and Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) for all children in the state of Maine.

<https://maine-aim.org/>

Maine Department of Education- Office of Special Services & Inclusion Education

This department operates out of The Maine Department of Education. They are dedicated to enhancing the lives of students with disabilities through support and leadership. They ensure that every student with a disability is receiving a free and appropriate public education in the state of Maine.

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/specialed>

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

Partnered with The Maine Department of Education and The University of Maine PBIS offers training and coaching for the schools and districts in Maine to learn about Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports.

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/specialed/initiatives/pbis/>

General

Access Maine

Access Maine connects resources and information to individuals living in Maine about public services, programs, and various other resources that are available in the state.

<https://www.accessmaine.org/>

Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

The MDCC is a partnership of people with disabilities and agencies which serves to identify barriers to community inclusion, self determination, and independence. They operate a number of programs which include Early Intervention, education, transition, health, restraint & seclusion, employment & financial security, self advocacy & self-determination, history, legislative advocacy, and small grants.

<https://www.maineddc.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Aging and Disability Services

The OAD works to support older adults and adults with disabilities throughout Maine. They work with services providers to facilitate services and oversee several initiatives directly. These initiatives include Home and Community-Based Services, Elder Justice Coordinating Partnership, Disability Services Reform Executive Steering Committee, Maine's Age-Friendly State Plan, Maine's Community First Choice Implementation, and Workforce Development and Retention.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Maine CITE

Operated through the Maine Department of Education, the CITE Program makes assistive technology more available to all individuals who may need them in the state of Maine.

<https://mainecite.org/>

Empowerment

Autism Society Maine

Autism Society Maine works to promote the active involvement of individuals with autism and their families in the planning of individualized and appropriate services and supports.

<https://www.asmonline.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Maine

Disability Rights is Maine's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agency for those with disabilities. They represent people whose rights have been violated or who have been discriminated against based on their disability. They provide information and referral services, individual advocacy, legal representation, education and training, and assistance with self-advocacy.

<https://drme.org/>

Maine Statewide Independent Living Council

The Maine SILC is federally mandated and works to advance independent living for people with disabilities. They ensure that people with disabilities have control over their lives with equal access to opportunities and choice. They achieve this by engaging in or supporting research, publication, employment, community organizing, advocacy, and policy reform.

<https://mainesilc.org/>

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Parent Empowerment

Maine Parent Federation

The Maine Parent Federation provides knowledge and a voice to families of those with special needs. They do this by assisting them with finding systems of care.

<https://www.mpf.org/>

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Maryland

Autism - Empowerment

Pathfinders for Autism

Pathfinders for Autism works to support and improve the lives of individuals with autism through customized programming and providing resources. They operate an autism resource center, provide training for parents and professionals, host free recreational events, run a multi-discipline safety program, provide awareness & outreach, and provide lifespan services.

<https://pathfindersforautism.org/>

Academic

Department of Education - Division of Rehabilitation Services - Autism Services

The Maryland DEI/SES seeks to provide leadership, accountability, technical assistance, and resource management to local school systems, public agencies, and stakeholders. They provide resources for educators and families, partner with the Maryland State Interagency Coordinating Council and the Maryland Special Education State Advisory Committee, and manage the Moving Maryland Forward program.

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/index.aspx>

Early Intervention

Department of Education - Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services

The Maryland DEI/SES seeks to provide leadership, accountability, technical assistance, and resource management to local school systems, public agencies, and stakeholders. They provide resources for educators and families, partner with the Maryland State Interagency Coordinating Council and the Maryland Special Education State Advisory Committee, and manage the Moving Maryland Forward program.

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/index.aspx>

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

The Council is an independent state agency that is guided by the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. The Council is the mandated DD Council for Maryland. The Council seeks to create change to enable people with developmental disabilities to live how they want with the support they need. They run several projects including advocacy, community support, criminal justice, and leadership development. They also provide resources that include Planning Now, Developmental Disabilities Administration Face Sheets, the ABLE Guide, and What Matters.

<https://www.md-council.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Department of Disabilities

The Maryland DoD coordinates the delivery of services to individuals with disabilities. The MDoD operates several programs which include Access Maryland, Attendant Care, Assistive Technology (MDTAP), Promise, and Constituent Services.

<https://mdod.maryland.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>

Department of Health - Developmental Disabilities Administration

The DDA of Maryland serves people with disabilities in Maryland. They provide coordinated service delivery, and partner with people with developmental disabilities and their families to provide resources and advocacy leadership. They also administer Low Intensity Support Services, Community Pathways, employment services, housing services, nursing services, training, and youth transitioning.

<https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/home.aspx>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc Montgomery County

The Arc Montgomery County seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They provide fully-inclusive child care for children ages six weeks to 10 years with and without developmental disabilities, provide social and recreational opportunities and retail skills training for youth aged up to 21. They provide adults with work skills training and employment opportunities and assist with inclusive community living while encouraging active retirement lifestyles and senior assistance. Finally they offer resources and educational workshops.

<https://thearcmontgomerycounty.org/>

The Arc of Frederick County

The Arc of Frederick County seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They provide support coordination, information & referral services, employment services, autism resources, autism therapeutic services, school inclusion services, Down syndrome services, Futures and Estate Planning, Parents' Day Out, a Brain Injury support group, other support groups, resources for sibling support, and the Working Together advocacy group.

<https://www.arfc.org/>

Massachusetts

Autism - General

Autism Alliance

Autism Alliance seeks to provide families with information, education and support, plan programs and events, and increase public awareness regarding autism. They offer family networking, school vacation programs, special events, family clinics, guest speakers and workshops, social skills and sensory programs, information and referrals, and family grants to assist with financial hardships.

<https://www.autismalliance.org/>

Autism - Empowerment

HMEA's Autism Resource Central

HMEA is a nonprofit organization that seeks to teach, support, and empower people with developmental disabilities and their families. HMEA's Autism Resource Central serves primarily as a source of information for people with autism spectrum disorder. They provide a number of services including several age-based workshops, workshops, hardship grants, training and classes, and employment services.

<https://www.autismresourcecentral.org/>

Massachusetts Advocates for Children - The Autism Center

MAC's Autism Center works with elected officials and partners to create laws and regulations to ensure that children and young adults with autism have access to the services and resources they need in order to be successful. They provide training, legislative advocacy, and individual advocacy. They also focus on four specific areas: Immigrant and Latinx Families, Transition, Communication, and Racial Equity.

<https://www.massadvocates.org/autism>

Empowerment

Disability Resource Center

The Disability Resource Center is a nonprofit that seeks to provide social services, information, referral services, peer counseling, advocacy, transition, and independent living skills for individuals with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities.

<https://disabilityrc.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc Massachusetts

The Arc Massachusetts seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They are the head office of Massachusetts, with local chapters such as Northeast Arc operating under them. They offer a number of programs alongside advocacy, which is their primary focus being the head office for Massachusetts. The programs they offer include Operation House Call, Pathways to Friendship, SUPPORTbrokers, webinars, workshops, and training.

<https://thearcofmass.org/>

Northeast Arc

Northeast Arc seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They offer Early Intervention services, autism & ABA services, Family and Recreation services, community employment, long-term support, residential and living support, and clinical services.

<https://ne-arc.org/>

Michigan

Autism - Life Enhancement

Autism Alliance of Michigan

The AAoM works to address significant barriers for individuals living with autism spectrum disorder. They work in collaboration with partners to operate several programs. These include the Immunization Initiative, Watch Me Grow, the Michigan Parent, Advocate & Attorney Coalition, and the Special Education Coalition of Michigan. They also operate Upbound Staffing to provide employment opportunities for individuals with autism and related disabilities.

<https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/>

Autism- Empowerment

Autism Support of Michigan

ASM works to empower individuals with autism and their families. They provide educational resources and materials, manage a database of local resources throughout Michigan, and facilitate services that include art therapy, assistive technology, social skills, etc.

<https://autism-mi.org/>

Empowerment

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

MDRC is a nonprofit that seeks to assist people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead fulfilling lives. They focus their efforts on disability justice, ending violence, racial equity, increasing technology access, and cultivating leaders. They operate an assistive technology program as well as a Leadership Engagement and Advocacy Development program.

<https://mymdrc.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Michigan

Disability Rights is Michigan's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agency for those with disabilities. They represent people whose rights have been violated or who have been discriminated against based on their disability. They

provide information and referral services, individual advocacy, legal representation, education and training, and assistance with self-advocacy. They also monitor legislation and provide their expertise toward policy, provide training and outreach, perform voting advocacy, and assist with vaccine advocacy to assist with access to vaccines.

<https://www.drmich.org/>

The Arc Michigan

The Arc Massachusetts seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They current run several statewide projects which include Partners Advancing Self Determination, Michigan Alliance for Families, Person Centered Planning Quality Improvement Project, Pooled Amenities Trust, Work Incentives Planning and Assistance, Michigan Family Voices, Direct Care Workforce Crisis and Foster Care Disability Navigation.

<https://arcmi.org/>

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Minnesota

Autism - General

Minnesota Autism Center

MAC provides therapeutic services for children ages 18 months to 21 years who have ASD. Their team of behavioral therapists, clinical staff, and licensed mental health professionals strives to improve the lives of people with autism.

<https://www.mnautism.org/>

Autism- Empowerment

Autism Society of Minnesota

AuSM strives to empower everyone in the autism community with the resources they need to live fully. They provide an Autism Direct Support Certification training program, training for Inclusive Communities, and training for police officers and emergency responders. They also provide counseling and consulting services that include individual therapy, marriage, couples, and family therapy, psychoeducation, and trauma therapy. Finally, they provided onsite consultations, evaluations for autism for ages 16+, and second opinions on autism evaluations.

<https://ausm.org/>

Professional/Independent Development

Access North

Access North is the Center for Independent Living for northeastern Minnesota. They offer five core services, which includes Independent Living Skills Training, Information and Referral, Advocacy, Peer Mentoring and Group Support, and Transition to Community.

<https://www.accessnorth.net/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations:

Fraser

Fraser operates the Fraser School, licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, which offers infant child care, Toddler, Preschool, and Pre-K programs. They also offer Care Coordination, Career Planning and Employment, Case Management, and Community Living. Additional services include:

Integrated Healthcare, Fraser Family Consults, Mental Health services, Neuropsychology, and Pediatric Therapy.
<https://www.fraser.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Minnesota Council on Disability

The MCD advises the governor, state agencies, and the public on disability issues and works to create a barrier-free Minnesota for people with disabilities. On top of their policy analysis, advocacy, and advising, the MCD provides technical assistance and training and outreach for businesses and other organizations.

<https://www.disability.state.mn.us/>

Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

The OMHDD is an independent government office that receives complaints against the government and government-regulated agencies and officials that investigates and takes action if necessary. They assist with concerns or complaints about services, questions about rights, grievances, access to appropriate services, ideas for making services better, review guardian actions, and respond to general questions.

<https://mn.gov/omhdd/>

The Arc Minnesota

The Arc Minnesota seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They provide information and assistance, housing services operate a crisis housing assistance program, a peer-to-peer mentor program, healthcare assistance, abuse prevention, as well as scholarships and microgrants to help plan for the future. They also work to advocate for positive policy change.

<https://arcminnesota.org/>

Mississippi

Autism - General

Autism Center of North Mississippi

The ACNM is a nonprofit that serves children on the autism spectrum and other developmental delays. They offer ABA therapy, Mental Health services, and Social Skills training. Finally, they host workshops and community events.

<https://autismcenternms.com/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Mississippi Society for Disabilities

The Mississippi Society for Disabilities seeks to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing a client assistance program, holding events, and operating their Discover Wellness program. This program is designed to foster opportunities for sports, arts, healthy living, and inclusive play.

<https://www.msdisabilities.com/>

Empowerment

Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

The MSCCD is a nonprofit made up of people with disabilities and their families that works to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families. They collaborate with the Mississippi Parent Training Information Center to help provide resources, and they host events to empower people with disabilities to engage with the community.

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

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Mississippi

Disability Rights is Mississippi's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agency for those with disabilities. They represent people whose rights have been violated or who have been discriminated against based on their disability. They provide protection and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities, voting accessibility, individual rights, individuals with a mental illness, beneficiaries of Social Security, and individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury. They also advocate for various issues including, employment, education, community

accessibility, Medicaid, and work to strengthen protections for the Social Security Beneficiaries Act.

<http://www.drms.ms/>

Missouri

Autism - General

Autism Society of the Heartland (ASH)

ASH is a chapter of the Autism Society that serves the Kansas City metropolitan area in Missouri. They provide resources, support, and advocacy for individuals with autism and their families.

<https://www.asaheartland.org/>

Academic

State of Missouri Disability Portal Educational Resources

Educational resources to assist with success in school, employment, and community.

<https://disability.mo.gov/education.htm>

General

Missouri Department of Mental Health

The DMH provides resources and services for individuals with mental health and developmental disabilities, including neurodiverse conditions. They offer information on programs, treatment options, and resources.

<https://dmh.mo.gov/dev-disabilities/autism/resource-guide>

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County (DDRB)

DDRB offers services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in St. Charles County, Missouri. They provide resources, funding, and advocacy.

<https://www.ddrb.org/>

University of Missouri- Kansas City Community Resource Guide

This list shows services for low income members of the community who have a disability, or are a certain age. The list also shows resources that are free or are available to the public.

<https://ihd.umkc.edu/community-resources/>

Missouri Mental Health Foundation- Developmental Disabilities

This guide provides the websites of agencies and organizations in Missouri aimed to assist the neurodiverse community and their families.

<https://www.missourimhf.org/resources/developmental-disabilities/>

Advocacy and Policy

Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC)

MDDC advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. They offer information on services, advocacy initiatives, and resources.

<https://moddcouncil.org/>

Parent Empowerment

Missouri Parents Act (MPACT)

MPACT provides support and resources to parents of children with disabilities, including neurodiverse conditions. They offer training, workshops, and individualized assistance.

<https://www.missouriparentsact.org/>

Montana

General

Montana Association of School Psychologists

MASP is a non-profit organization that dedicates their time to supporting and creating a networking platform for school psychologists across the state of Montana.

<https://masponline.us/>

Office of Public Instruction Montana- Special Education

The Special education department is operated through the Office of Public Instruction Montana. They provide resources and support to those with disabilities and their loved ones.

<https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/School-Climate-Student-Wellness/Special-Education#10670212074-support-messages>

Montana Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP)

The DDP provides services and support to those with disabilities and their loved ones.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/BHDD/DisabilityServices/developmentaldisabilities/>

Empowerment

Montana Empowerment Center

Montana Empowerment Center, Inc. empowers, encourages, and educates individuals with disabilities and their loved ones. They provide Parent Training Information (PTI) to the families of children with disabilities in the state of Montana.

<https://mtempowermentcenter.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc Western Montana

The Arc Western Montana seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They seek to advocate for positive policies, organize grassroots actions, and provide legal advocacy. They

also have several initiatives including criminal justice, education, planning for the future, employment, health, and technology.

<https://thearc.org/chapter/the-arc-western-montana>

Nebraska

Autism - General

University of Nebraska-Lincoln- Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorders Network

This network is operated through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They provide current data and training scheduled about autism spectrum disorders throughout the state.

<https://www.unl.edu/asdnetwork/>

Academic

Nebraska Department of Education Early Childhood

The Nebraska Department of Education provides high quality environments for children, inclusive programs and services, community partnerships, professional development, and technical assistance to the children, parents, and education personnel in the state of Nebraska.

<https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/>

Nebraska Department of Education- Special Education

The office of special education in the Nebraska Department of Education aims to improve the outcomes for children and students with disabilities and their families through the effective use of collaboration, data, communication, and support.

<https://www.education.ne.gov/sped/>

Early Intervention

Nebraska Early Development Network

The Nebraska Early Development Network provides early intervention services to families with children from birth to 3 years-old with delays and health care needs.

<https://edn.ne.gov/cms/>

Nevada

Autism- General

University Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment

UCAN is composed of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who are concerned with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders in children.

<https://med.unr.edu/spa/clinical-education/ucan>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada (DSNNN)

The DSNNN is a group of individuals who are dedicated to providing education, support, and information to raise awareness about Down Syndrome in Northern Nevada.

<https://www.dsnnn.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

JUSTin Hope Foundation

Their mission is to build a community of empowerment, inclusion, and support for families and individuals with disabilities.

<https://www.justinhope.org/>

Arts for All Nevada

Arts for All Nevada is a non-profit organization seeking to integrate the arts and culture into the lives of all. They have an emphasis on those who have disabilities but serve all individuals in their community.

<https://www.artsforallnevada.org/>

Yoga for The Special Child

Sonia Sumar teaches yoga to children with special needs.

<https://www.specialyoga.com/>

Empowerment

Nevada PEP

Nevada PEP increases the success for children with disabilities along with their families and service providers in their communities and schools. They do this through encouragement, education, and empowerment activities.

<https://nvpep.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC)

The NDALC is a statewide non-profit organization that operates as Nevada's federally-mandated advocacy and protection system for the service rights for individuals with disabilities.

<https://ndalc.org/>

Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

The NGCDD is a self-governing organization operated through the State of Nebraska. They identify the most pressing needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They develop cost-effective ways to further advocacy.

<https://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/>

New Hampshire

General

New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services

The New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services is the largest agency in the state and is responsible for the safety, well-being, and health of the individuals of New Hampshire.

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/>

Northern Human Services

The Northern Human Services provide quality care to the citizens in Carroll, Coos, and Grafton county. They provide mental health care, and individualized services for individuals with developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.

<https://northernhs.org/>

PathWays

PathWays is a non-profit organization that serves individuals with disabilities in the Sullivan and Lower Grafton counties. This organization collaborates with local programs, agencies, and businesses to provide individuals with the resources they need to be involved in work, recreation, and community life.

<https://pathwaysnh.org/>

Lakes Region Community Services

Being a community partner, Lakes Region Community Services support individuals and the families of those with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders. They provide community-wide support and resources to these individuals in the Belknap and southern Grafton counties.

<https://www.lrcs.org/>

Community Bridges

Community Bridges offer support and well-being tools to individuals with disabilities so that they may thrive in their communities. They service a long list of counties in the state of New Hampshire.

<https://www.communitybridgesnh.org/>

Community Crossroads

Community Crossroads serves individuals with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders along with their families in 11 towns in the southeastern region of New Hampshire.

<https://communitycrossroadsnh.org/>

Professional/Independent Development

Monadnock Developmental Service

Monadnock Developmental Service has been in operation for 40 years. They specialize in providing those with developmental disabilities with the resources to live independently and thrive in their communities.

<http://www.mds-nh.org/index.php/home>

Gateways Community Services

Acting as the state designated area agency for the Greater Nashua area along with being a private non-profit organization, Gateways Community Services offer services and programs that promote independence for individuals who have disabilities.

<https://www.gatewayscs.org/>

The Moore Center

Operating from Manchester, The Moore Center creates unique and individualized programs for those with developmental disabilities.

<https://moorecenter.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Community Support Network, Inc. (CSNI)

CSNI's goal is to support and advance the local area agencies in their mission to enhance the community-based supports and services provided to those with disabilities.

<https://csni.org/>

New Jersey

General

New Jersey Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

DDD provides services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities in New Jersey, including neurodiverse conditions. They offer information on eligibility, programs, and resources.

<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/>

Navigate Services

This is a list of specialty services meeting neurodiverse needs in the New Jersey area.

<https://www.navigateresources.net/anj/MatchList.aspx?c::0::N:0:41610:Specialty%20Services;Clinical;63;Independent%20Educational%20Evaluations>

Autism- General

Autism New Jersey

Autism New Jersey is a nonprofit organization that supports individuals with autism and their families. They provide information, advocacy, resources, and training programs.

<https://autismnj.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education

The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education is dedicated to creating bright futures for students with disabilities—through inclusive education. The organization partners with neighborhood schools to create inclusive learning communities where students with disabilities and learning differences are welcomed as classmates, valued as learners, and empowered to succeed. Their services are sorted into three categories, Schools, Educators, and Parents. Services for schools include professional development, consultation, and coaching services. For educators, services also include professional development, consultation, and coaching, but they have additional publications and webinars to help educators enhance their teaching. For parents, their services include consultation and support, group training, resources, and a Summer Inclusion Leadership Conference.

<https://www.njcie.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc of New Jersey

The Arc of New Jersey promotes and protects the human rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes; and is committed to enhancing the quality of life of those individuals and their families through advocacy, empowerment, education and prevention. Their programs include children's advocacy, criminal justice advocacy, The Family Institute, government affairs, medical care, Project HIRE, self advocacy, training and consultation services, and transition services.

<https://www.arcnj.org/>

Disability Rights New Jersey

Disability Rights New Jersey is the designated Protection and Advocacy agency for the State of New Jersey. Their goal is to protect and advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of people with disabilities. Their areas of assistance are focused on abuse and neglect, assistive technology, community inclusion, employment, institutional rights, juvenile justice, special education, transition services, and voting.

<https://disabilityrightsnj.org/>

Academic

New Jersey Office of Special Education

This office operates out of the New Jersey Department of Education. They support the mission of the department by providing leadership that promotes improved outcomes for students with disabilities.

<https://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/>

New Mexico

Academic

New Mexico Public Education Department - Special Education

The Special Education Division under the New Mexico Public Education Department is focused on supporting districts, parents, and students with disabilities to create positive outcomes in education for students protected under IDEA.

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/special-education/>

Early Intervention

University of New Mexico - Center for Development & Disability - Early Childhood Network

Operated out of the CDD, the Early Childhood Network works in collaboration with 32 early intervention, community-based providers throughout New Mexico. They work to ensure that all eligible infants, toddlers, and their families receive high-quality early intervention services.

<https://cdd.health.unm.edu/ecln/early-childhood-network/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Tourette Association of America New Mexico Chapter

The New Mexico chapter is committed to raising public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and fostering social acceptance. They also work to advance scientific understanding, treatment options and care, educate professionals, and advocate for public policy and services. Finally, they have a youth ambassador program and an education in-service program.

<https://tourette.org/chapter/nm/>

University of New Mexico - Center for Development & Disability

The CDD seeks to provide exemplary services, research, education, and policies to support the well-being of New Mexicans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Center has a number of services including autism-specific programs, non-autism disability programs, evaluation clinics, training programs, and early childhood programs. They also advocate for children and families.

<https://hsc.unm.edu/cdd/>

Tresco

Tresco is a nonprofit that works to make a positive impact in the lives of children with developmental delays and people with disabilities in the community. They offer three programs. Tresco Works offers employment opportunities to people with varying disabilities through federal, state, city, and local contracts. TOTS is an early intervention program for children aged 0-3 and their families. Day One is a home visiting program that provides regular home visits by trained personnel to support relationships between parents and their child.

<https://trescoinc.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc of New Mexico

The Arc of New Mexico seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life. They conduct public policy advocacy, teach self-advocacy and leadership development, and operate several services. These include Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts, Representative Payee, and Personal Plan Facilitation.

<https://www.arcnm.org/>

New York

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

AHRC NYC

AHRC NYC is an organization that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their services include respite, family education, educational advocacy, guardianship and sibling services, day and clinical services, recreation and camps, in-home support and home health care, children's and residential services, and work support and training. Their locations of operations include schools, colleges, businesses, camps, residences, and clinics.

<https://www.ahrcnyc.org/>

New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

OPWDD is a government agency responsible for coordinating services for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, Prader-Willi syndrome and other neurological impairments. Supports and services, which include Medicaid funded long-term care services such as habilitation and clinical services, as well as residential supports and services for over 40,000 people, are primarily provided in community settings across the state. In addition to these Medicaid services, OPWDD also provides New York State-funded family support services, which are designed to assist families in providing care for their loved ones who live full-time in their family home, and employment supports, which include ongoing job coaching, job matching, and vocational training.

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/>

Autism- Empowerment

Autism Society Greater Hudson Region

The Greater Hudson Region chapter of the Autism Society seeks to empower everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. They promote lifelong access and opportunities for people on the autism spectrum and their families, so they can be fully participating, including members of their communities. They do this through advocacy, public awareness, education, and compassionate support.

<https://asghr.org/>

Autism- Life Enhancement

Autism Society Nassau/Suffolk (NSASA)

NSASA is a parent-run organization serving over 4,000 families on Long Island. Their mission is to support individuals with autism in our local community. They are able to provide free educational, social, and recreational opportunities to families touched by autism. NSASA also provides grants to local school programs that serve children with autism. They provide grants for technology, classroom materials, and community outings for autism programs. They also support education and advocacy at both the state and federal levels.

<https://www.nsasa.org/>

Professional/Independent Development

New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC)

NYSILC is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization responsible for jointly developing, monitoring, and evaluating the three-year Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

<https://nysilc.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights New York (DRNY)

DRNY provides free legal and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities. They are committed to enabling those we serve to exercise their own life choices and fully participate in community life. They are also the Protection and Advocacy (P & A) System and Client Assistance Program (CAP) for New York.

<https://www.drny.org/>

New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

The DDPC strives to enhance the lives of New Yorkers with Developmental Disabilities and their families through programs that promote self-advocacy, participation, and inclusion in all facets of community life. They provide funding (grants) for the development and implementation of demonstration projects in New York State. These projects are developed by the Council in response to the needs of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Each project must fulfill one or more goals within the DDPC State Plan. They also advocate for positive policy change, with a focus on voting, digital equity, accessible transportation, and meaningful employment.

<https://ddpc.ny.gov/>

Early Intervention

New York Early Intervention Program (Department of Health)

The New York State Early Intervention Program (EIP) is part of the national Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. To be eligible for services, children must be under 3 years of age and have a confirmed disability or established developmental delay, as defined by the State, in one or more of the following areas of development: physical, cognitive, communication, social-emotional, and/or adaptive. Early intervention services include assistive technology, audiology, family education and counseling, home visits, parent support groups, nursing, nutrition, service coordination, special instruction, speech pathology, and vision services. They also provide occupational and physical therapy, psychological services, and social work services.

https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/

North Carolina

Autism- General

Autism Society of North Carolina

The Autism Society of North Carolina provides support and resources for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. They offer educational programs, support groups, employment support, social recreation, and advocacy services

<https://www.autismsociety-nc.org/>

TEACCH Autism Program (University of North Carolina)

The TEACCH program provides community-based services, diagnostic evaluations, treatment planning, and training for individuals with autism and their families. They have several regional centers throughout North Carolina.

<https://teacch.com/>

Progressive Research on Neurodiversity

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute

The Institute works to promote positive developmental and educational outcomes for children of all backgrounds and abilities. They provide interdisciplinary research, evaluation, implementation, technical assistance, and outreach.

<https://fpg.unc.edu/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services

This government division oversees services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities. They can provide information on available programs, resources, and support options. They also offer adult mental health services, crisis services, information and support for Down syndrome, supported housing, and jail diversion, among many other programs.

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse-services>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights North Carolina

Disability Rights North Carolina is the state's Protection & Advocacy agency. They promote and protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in North Carolina. They offer advocacy services, legal assistance, and resources to ensure equal access to services and support. They handle cases involving discrimination, abuse and other rights violations. Their services are at no cost to North Carolinians with disabilities. They are a private, independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a member of the National Disability Rights Network.

<https://disabilityrightsnc.org/>

North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities

The Council works to promote independence, self-determination, and inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities. They provide resources, funding opportunities, and advocate for policy changes.

<https://www.nccdd.org/>

North Dakota

Autism- General

Autism Society of North Dakota (ASND)

ASND is a non-profit organization that offers support, resources, and advocacy for individuals with autism and their families. Their website provides information about local events, support groups, and services.

<https://ndautismcenter.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

North Dakota Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Services

These services provided by the North Dakota Health & Human Services provide training and support to individuals and families of those with disabilities. They maximize the importance of familial inclusion, independence, and self-sufficiency.

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/dd>

North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD)

NDCPD is a university-based organization that promotes independence, inclusion, and productivity for individuals with disabilities. They offer a range of services and resources, including training programs and research initiatives. It is located at Minot State University and is a University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research, and Services.

<https://ndcpd.org/>

Academic

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction Special Education-

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction Special Education Department, ensures that the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) is being upheld throughout North Dakota.

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/education-programs/special-education>

Advocacy and Policy

Protection & Advocacy Project (A.K.A. Disability Rights North Dakota)

Disability Rights North Dakota is the state's Protection & Advocacy agency. They advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities. They offer legal assistance, advocacy services, and information about disability rights.

<https://www.ndpanda.org/>

The Arc of North Dakota

The Arc of North Dakota seeks to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities over the course of their life.

<https://thearc.org/chapter/the-arc-of-north-dakota-inc/>

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Ohio

Autism- General

Autism Society of Ohio

Autism Society Ohio provides support, resources, and advocacy for individuals with autism and their families. They also provide information on local services, events, and educational resources, and coordinate with local Ohio affiliates.

<https://autismohio.org/>

Autism- Empowerment

Ohio Center for Autism & Low Incidence

OCALI works to ensure that people with disabilities succeed at home, school, work, and the community. The Autism Center works specifically to build the capacity of school districts to improve their instruction and support for individuals with autism. They work to build partnerships, inform policy, and enable efficient and positive practice.

<https://www.ocali.org/center/autism>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)

DODD offers a range of programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism. They provide information on eligibility, available services, and community resources, as well as operate several programs and initiatives.

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/home>

Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging is a nonprofit, statewide network of agencies that provide services for older Ohioans, people with disabilities, and their families. The Association engages in national and statewide advocacy to address issues which have an impact on the aging and disability network and older Ohioans and people with disabilities, provides services to members, and serves as a collective voice for Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).

<http://ohioaging.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

The Arc Ohio

The Arc of Ohio is a grassroots organization which advocates for human rights, personal dignity and community participation of individuals with developmental disabilities through legislative and social action, information and education, local chapter support, and family involvement.

<https://www.thearcofohio.org/>

Oklahoma

Autism- General

The Oklahoma Autism Center

Operating under the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, the Oklahoma Autism Center provides services and resources for individuals with autism and their families. They offer diagnostic evaluations, therapy services, and support groups. They also perform autism research on top of their services.

<https://okautism.org/>

Autism Oklahoma

Autism Oklahoma is dedicated to supporting individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. They offer various programs, events, and resources which include film programs, art programs, meet-ups, a pen pal program, camps, connection circles, family events, and at-home resources. They also work with various local partners and advocate for positive policy change.

<https://autismoklahoma.org/>

Academic

Oklahoma State Department of Education

Special Education Services within the Oklahoma State Department of Education provides guidance and support in education from infancy to adulthood for children with disabilities.

<https://sde.ok.gov/special-education>

Professional/Independent Development

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

DRS offers various programs and services to assist individuals with disabilities, including vocational rehabilitation, independent living programs, student assistance, and employment assistance. They also maintain a disability resource guide for Oklahoma.

<https://oklahoma.gov/okdrs.html>

Advocacy and Policy

Oklahoma Disability Law Center

The Oklahoma Disability Law Center is a nonprofit organization that provides legal advocacy and assistance to individuals with disabilities. They work to protect the rights and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Oklahoma.

<http://okdlc.org/>

Oregon

Academic

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Falling under the inclusive services of the Special Education Service system, this program is an evidence-based, multi-tiered framework to improve systems and practices affecting student outcomes.

https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/RegPrograms_BestPractice/Pages/Positive-Behavioral-Interventions-and-Supports.aspx

Early Intervention

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

Operating under the Oregon Department of Education, the Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Service system provides support to the developmental and educational needs of children 5 and under that require unique education services. They provide free evaluations and screenings, and their program works to assist with social/emotional skills, adaptive skills, cognitive skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, expressive communication, and receptive language.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/earlyintervention/Pages/default.aspx>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Foster Care Oregon

The foster care section of the Oregon Department of Education works to improve educational outcomes for children in the foster care system. They oversee the Every Student Succeeds Act, which replaces No Child Left Behind.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/fosteringconnections/Pages/default.aspx>

Oregon Youth Authority (OYA)

The OYA is part of Oregon's juvenile justice system that is responsible for youth ages 12 to 24 who commit crimes before age 18. They provide community supervision, close-custody facilities which include five youth correctional facilities and four youth transitional facilities, as well as rehabilitation services.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oia/Pages/default.aspx>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Regional Inclusion Services

RIS works in collaboration with local school districts, early intervention, early childhood special education programs, families, and community agencies to provide specialized education support for children with disabilities. They specifically provide services to individuals with low-incidence disabilities.

https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/RegPrograms_BestPractice/Pages/Regional-Programs.aspx

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Secondary Transition for Students with Disabilities

Falling under the inclusive services of the Special Education Service system, this program offers secondary transition services for students with disabilities. They explain key secondary transition provisions, provide a transition resource handbook, assist with planning to join the workforce, and several other transition-related tools.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/SecondaryTransition/Pages/Secondary-Transition-for-Students-with-Disabilities.aspx>

Oregon Early Childhood Inclusion

This program assists in coordinating with other state education agencies to facilitate the early learning system of Oregon. They work with family advocacy networks and policy makers to implement, sustain, and scale-up high-quality inclusive preschool settings.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/earlyintervention/Pages/oeci.aspx>

Dyslexia

Dyslexia - Department of Education Oregon

Falling under the inclusive services of the Special Education Service system, this program offers dyslexia-specific assistance and intervention. These services

include screening for risk factors, teacher training related to dyslexia, dyslexia-related guidance, and resources for students and families.

https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/RegPrograms_BestPractice/Pages/Dyslexia.aspx

Advocacy and Policy

State Advisory Council for Special Education (SACSE)

The SACSE provides policy guidance on special education and related services for children with disabilities. The Council seeks to advise the State on the educational needs of children with disabilities, make public comment on policies proposed by the State on educational needs, advise the State in developing evaluations, and report data to the U.S. Office of Special Education.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/SpecialEducation/Pages/sacse.aspx>

Pennsylvania

Autism- General

Autism Collaborative Centers of Excellence

The Centers work to connect individuals, families, and caregivers in Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania to autism spectrum disorder care via partnerships with community organizations.

<https://www.alloneforautism.org>

Autism- Empowerment

Pittsburgh Center for Autistic Advocacy

The Center works to improve the lives of autistic people by building a strong local community and support system, working with local organizations to advocate for the rights of autistic people, help and support autistic leaders, and helping autistic people become self-advocates. They provide training and professional development, advocacy, and speaking events.

<https://autisticpgh.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Keystone Human Services

Keystone works with children and families in poverty and people with disabilities to ensure the populations they serve can grow and have meaningful life choices. They also work to change and improve legal frameworks, create responsive support systems, and end institutionalization. They do this work in several states including, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut, and New Jersey. They do work in Moldova and India.

<https://www.khs.org>

Achieva

Achieva's mission is to advocate for and empower individuals with disabilities and their families throughout their lives. They do this by providing a community where all people with disabilities can live their lives with personal significance.

<https://www.achieva.info/>

The Arc Pennsylvania

The Arc of Pennsylvania enhances the human rights of those with disabilities. They support their full inclusion and participation in their communities throughout their lifespan.

<https://thearcpcpa.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

The Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center strives to be a place of intersectionality for the area's LGBTQ+ communities, regardless of race, culture, religion, abilities, SES, etc. On every third Tuesday of the month, the center hosts the PRISM LGBTQ+ Neurodivergent community group.

<https://www.bradburysullivancenter.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Temple University-Institute on Disabilities

The Institute on Disabilities operates through Temple University in Pennsylvania. They form partnerships with individuals with disabilities, their families, and allies. They work to change oppressive systems so that people can live in the communities of their choice and thrive.

<https://disabilities.temple.edu/>

Vision for Equality

Vision for Equality is composed of advocates, supporters, and leaders that have spearheaded change and progress in Pennsylvania's Intellectual Disability Rights Movement for the past 26 years.

<https://www.visionforequality.org/>

Professional/Independent Development

Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network

Collaborating with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Special Education, PaTTAN offers professional development and technical assistance that improves student results.

<https://www.pattan.net/about-us/pattan-consultants-listing/?pagesize=100&pageindex=&sortby=&key=&topic=&location=>

Rhode Island

Autism- General

The Autism Project Rhode Island

The Autism Project of Rhode Island provides a range of programs and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, including support groups, parent training, professional training, respite services, and social skills development.

<https://theautismproject.org/>

Healthcare/Health Promotion

Bradley Hospital (Brown University, Warren Alpert Medical School) -

Bradley Hospital is a private, not-for-profit hospital that provides expert, family-focused care to children and adolescents with psychological, developmental and behavioral problems through a wide range of inpatient, outpatient, residential and partial hospital programs.

<https://www.lifespan.org/locations/bradley-hospital>

General

Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH)

This state agency oversees a variety of programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism. They provide information on available resources and support.

<https://bhddh.ri.gov/>

Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council

The Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council believes that people with developmental disabilities should be empowered to fully participate in community life. They strive to discover and promote creative ways that families, service agencies and federal, state and local governments can work together on the long list of problems and issues when it comes to education, employment, transportation, housing, recreation, and health care that people with disabilities face.

<https://riddc.org/>

Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry

Enrolling in the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry lets police, fire, and other first responders better prepare for your needs in the case of an emergency or natural disaster.

<https://health.ri.gov/emergency/about/specialneedsregistry/>

Special Olympics Rhode Island

Special Olympics Rhode Island is a year-round sports training non-profit organization.

<https://specialolympicsri.org/>

Parent Empowerment

Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)

Offers support and resources for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities. They provide assistance with navigating the education and healthcare systems. They also offer resources for assistive technology, bullying, early childhood, the legal system, family needs and supports, self-advocacy, and independent living.

<https://ripin.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Advocates in Action Rhode Island

Advocates in Action is a statewide self-advocacy organization. They empower those with disabilities to advocate for themselves and others.

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

Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities at Rhode Island College

The Sherlock Center operates through Rhode Island College and is considered a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. Their mission is to advance policies, practices, and research to improve the overall well-being of individuals with disabilities and their families.

<https://w3.ric.edu/sherlockcenter/about.html>

South Carolina

Autism- General

Autism Society of South Carolina

The Autism Society of South Carolina provides resources, support groups, and advocacy for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. They also offer information on local events and services, and offer case management.

<https://scautism.org/>

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN)

The SCDDSN offers a range of services for individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury. They provide Early Intervention, eligibility determination, case management, respite services, employment services, adult day services, and service coordination.

<https://ddsn.sc.gov/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Lowcountry

The ADRC of the Lowcountry works under the guidance of the SC Department on Aging to provide assistance and services to eligible seniors and disabled persons. It works in tandem with the Lowcountry Area Agency and is focused on connecting people with disabilities to local resources, whereas the Lowcountry AAA identifies and prepares a plan to meet the needs of the senior population.

https://www.lowcountrycog.org/aging_and_disability_resources/index.php

Able South Carolina

Able South Carolina is a Center for Independent Living that promotes an independent living lifestyle and advocacy for individuals with disabilities, including those with neurological differences. They offer various programs and services to support individuals' independence and inclusion.

<https://www.able-sc.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights South Carolina

Disability Rights South Carolina is the Protection and Advocacy agency for South Carolina. They are a nonprofit organization that protects and advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities in South Carolina, providing legal representation, information, and referral services.

<https://www.disabilityrightssc.org/>

South Dakota

Early Intervention

South Dakota Department of Education Birth to Three

SD Birth to Three provides individualized early intervention services and supports through building family strengths through daily routines and learning experiences.

<https://doe.sd.gov/birthto3/>

General

South Dakota Department of Social Services

The Department of Social Services offers a wide variety of programs and services for individuals and agencies in the state of South Dakota.

<https://dss.sd.gov/default.aspx>

SD Step Ahead

This website is dedicated to providing knowledge about the developmental goals of children at each age level. They also offer ideas for helping children reach their full potential at each stage.

<https://sdstepahead.com/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights South Dakota

Disability Rights South Dakota is a non-profit legal services agency that is dedicated to advocating and protecting the rights of individuals in South Dakota with disabilities.

<https://www.drSDLaw.org/>

Parent Empowerment

South Dakota Parent Connection

The South Dakota Parent Connection provides families who care for individuals from birth to 26 with disabilities information, training, and resources.

<https://www.sdparent.org/>

Tennessee

Autism- Empowerment

Nashville Autism Peer Support (NAPS)

NAPS provides those with disabilities and their loved ones with the knowledge of how to be an advocate for themselves or loved ones. They provide resources, acceptance, and understanding while working to educate the community in order to increase awareness.

<https://www.nashvilleautismpeersupport.org/>

Autism Society East Tennessee

Autism Society East Tennessee's mission is to create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. They maintain a resource database, hold social and support programs that offer inclusion, compassion, and empowerment, provide sensory training, and participate in annual educational conferences.

<https://www.asaetc.org/>

Autism- Life Enhancement

Autism Tennessee

Autism Tennessee is a non profit organization that provides support, education, and advocacy for individuals with autism and their families in Tennessee. They offer workshops, outreach, teen & adult programs, scholarships, and social events.

<https://autismtennessee.wildapricot.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder is an organization that provides information and referral services for individuals with disabilities and their families. They help connect individuals to various support services and programs available in Tennessee.

<https://www.tnpathfinder.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Tennessee

Disability Rights Tennessee is the state's Protection & Advocacy agency. They advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities. They offer legal assistance, advocacy services, and information about disability rights.

<https://www.disabilityrightstn.org/>

Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities

The TCDD works to promote independence, inclusion, and self-determination for individuals with developmental disabilities, including those who are neurodiverse. They provide resources, training, and advocacy.

<https://www.tn.gov/cdd.html>

Texas

Autism- General

Autism Society of Texas

The Autism Society of Texas is the state's affiliate of the Autism Society of America. They create connections while empowering everyone within the autism community. They do this by providing individuals with the resources they need to live to the fullest capacity.

<https://www.texasautismsociety.org/>

Texas Autism Research and Resource Center (TARRC)

This program delivers services to families of children with autism. They provide these services through grant contracts and agencies and organizations that provide Applied Behavior Analysis.

<https://tarrc.org/>

Academic

Texas Education Agency- Special Education

The Special Education Program is operated through the Texas Education Agency. They commit their time to high expectations and strong systems that produce equitable outcomes for students with disabilities.

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/special-education>

Early Intervention

Lamar County Head Start

Lamar County Head Start promotes healthy, positive learning experiences for 3-4 year-old children and their families.

<https://lch.parisisd.net/>

Texas Early Learning Council

The Texas Early Learning Council is the state advisory council of Texas, and is required by the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007. They utilize their stakeholder representation to increase collaboration among state agencies, local programs, and service providers to improve the quality of access to early childhood services in Texas.

<https://earlylearningtexas.org/index.html>

Texas Education Agency- Early Childhood Special Education

ECSE is a state and federally mandated program for children with disabilities ages 3-5. They are entitled to free public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/special-education/programs-and-services/early-childhood-special-education-ecse>

Professional/Independent Development

Tufts University- Eliot- Pearson Department of Child Study & Human Development

The Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study & Human Development is a department that is operated through Tufts University. They are committed to making an impact in the lives of children, youth, and families. They provide a community that is dedicated to preparing students for their careers and research.

<https://as.tufts.edu/epcshd/>

General

Texas Project First

Texas Project provides consistent and accurate information on the Special Education Process in Texas.

<https://texasprojectfirst.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Texas A&M University- Center on Disability and Development

The Center is operated through Texas A&M University. They support the families and individuals with disabilities through education, research, and knowledge.

<https://cdd.tamu.edu/>

Progressive Research on Neurodiversity

The University of Texas at Austin- Texas Center for Disability Studies

The Texas Center for Disability Studies is operated through The University of Texas at Austin's School of Social Work. They create a better world for those with disabilities through research, education, practice, and policy.

<https://disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

This council enacts change so all people with disabilities can be fully included in their communities and have freedom over their own lives.

<https://tcdd.texas.gov/>

Dyslexia

Texas Education Agency- Dyslexia and Related Disorders

This website offers resources that assist in identifying and providing services for students with dyslexia and related disorders within Texan schools.

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/dyslexia-and-related-disorders>

Empowerment

Navigate Life Texas

NLT is supported by the Texas Health and Human Services and empowers parents of children with disabilities. They touch on many topics at NLT like education, insurance, healthcare, transition to adulthood, and medical diagnoses.

<https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/>

Advocacy and Policy

Texas Health and Human Services- Offices of Disability Prevention for Children (ODPC)

ODCP promotes respect, understanding, and highlights prevention and early intervention for the lives of Texas children and parents. They work to prevent disabilities in children from conception to age 12.

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/office-disability-prevention-children-odpc>

Parent Empowerment

Texas Parent to Parent

Texas Parent to Parent provides information, support, and education for families of children and adults with disabilities and other health care needs.

<https://www.txp2p.org/>

Partners Resource Network Texas

PRN is a non-profit agency in Texas that operates the network of Parent Training and Information Centers that serves parents of children with disabilities ages 0-26.

<https://prntexas.org/>

Parent Companion Texas First 5 years

Parent Companion Texas is a guide for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities birth- 5 years old in the state of Texas.

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

Utah

Autism- General

Autism Council of Utah

The Autism Council of Utah aims to improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families. They provide resources, support, and advocacy, and maintain a list of partners local to Utah.

<https://www.autismcouncilofutah.org/>

Parent Empowerment

Utah Parent Center

UPC is an aid to parents in supporting their children, youth, and other adults with disabilities. They provide information, peer support, and valuable training along with advocacy in order to help parents help other parents.

<https://utahparentcenter.org/>

Dyslexia

Decoding Dyslexia: Utah

Decoding Dyslexia: Utah is a grassroots movement that is composed of families that are concerned about the limited access to educational interventions for dyslexia and other learning disabilities within the public schools. They raise awareness about dyslexia, empower families, and inform policy makers on the best practices surrounding dyslexia.

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

General

Utah Department of Human Services - Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD)

The Utah DSPD offers services and support for individuals with disabilities, including intellectual and developmental disabilities. They provide access to programs and resources to enhance independence and community inclusion.

<https://www.dspd.utah.gov/>



Vermont

General

Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF)

DCF's goal is to enhance the safety and well-being of the individuals living in Vermont. They provide benefits, support, resources, and services to all the people living within the state.

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/>

Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL)

DAIL provides a range of services and supports for individuals with disabilities in Vermont, including those who are neurodiverse. They offer information on programs, advocacy, and resources related to disabilities.

<https://dail.vermont.gov/>

Vermont Family Network (VFN)

VFN is an organization that assists families of children with disabilities or special health needs. They offer support, information, resources, and referrals to various services throughout Vermont. They focus on Family Support and providing Resources, but also operate the Puppets in Education, a workshop and presentation program that teaches about disabilities using puppets.

<https://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/>

Vermont Association for Behavior Analysis (VtABA)

VtABA is an organization dedicated to promoting the science and practice of behavior analysis in Vermont. They provide resources, professional development opportunities, and information about behavior analysis services.

<https://www.vtaba.org/index.php>

Advocacy and Policy

State of Vermont Agency of Education

The Agency of Education implements and upholds state and federal laws, regulations, and policies. Their mission is for all residents of Vermont to have equitable access to high-quality learning opportunities.

<https://education.vermont.gov/>

Professional/Independent Development

Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)

VCIL is a statewide organization that promotes the rights and independence of individuals with disabilities. They provide information, support, and advocacy for individuals with various disabilities.

<https://vcil.org/>

Virginia

Autism- General

Virginia Commonwealth University Autism Center for Education

The Virginia Commonwealth University Autism Center for Education is a university-based professional development, technical assistance, and educational research center for Autism Spectrum Disorder in the state of Virginia.

<https://vcuautismcenter.org/>

Autism Society Central Virginia

The ASCV's mission is to support, empower, and build connections for our local autism community. Their services are broken down into five categories: Social & Recreational, Support, Educational, Scholarships, and Member Events. They also maintain a resource directory of local resources for Virginia.

<https://ascv.org/>

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)

The DBHDS offers a range of services and programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism. They provide information on services, local community resources, and support options.

<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/>

Virginia Institute of Autism

The Virginia Institute of Autism is dedicated to helping people overcome the challenges of autism through innovative, evidence-based programs in education, outreach, and adult services. Their programs and services are built around the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis and employ professionals in the fields of behavior analysis, childhood special education, speech-language therapy, clinical psychology, and occupational and physical therapies.

<https://viacenters.org/>

Professional/Independent Development

Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

DARS' mission is to improve the employment, quality of life, security, and independence of older Virginians, Virginians with disabilities, and their families.

Their services include the Division for Community Living, autism services,

business services, career pathways vocational rehabilitation, Adult Protective Services, and Disability Determination services.

<https://www.dars.virginia.gov/default.htm#gsc.tab=0>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Law Center of Virginia

The Disability Law Center provides legal advocacy and information to individuals with disabilities, including those who are neurodiverse. They can assist with disability-related legal issues and provide guidance on rights and resources.

<https://www.dlc.v.org/>

Washington

Academic

Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction- Special Education

The Special Education Program is operated through the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. This program fulfills all the requirements of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This act ensures that all children with disabilities have free access to public education.

<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/special-education>

Early Intervention

Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families- Early Support for Infants & Toddlers

This program operates through the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families. These services were designed to support children from birth-3 years-old with disabilities or developmental delays.

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-development-supports/esit>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families- Adoption Program

The Adoption program operates through the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families. They meet the permanency needs of children who are in the care of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. They strive to locate stable families that best meet the needs of the child that is in foster care.

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/adoption>

Family Reconciliation Services

FRS is a program where volunteers serve runaway youth. They target adolescents between the ages of 12-17. They resolve crises and prevent unnecessary out of home placement.

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/at-risk-youth/frs>

Empowerment

Echo Glen Children's Center

Echo Glen Children's Center is a volunteer community that supports the youth at Echo Glen Juvenile Correction Center. They help them build their self-esteem by providing a healthy foundation for development therefore breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect.

<https://www.echoglen.org/encouragestaff/>

Advocacy and Policy

Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)

The ICPC establishes legal and administrative procedures that control the placement of children and is statutory law along with a binding contract between members in all 52 member jurisdictions.

<https://aphsa.org/AAICPC/default.aspx>

Parent Empowerment

Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS) Seattle U

The Center for Change in Transition Services is operated through Seattle University. Its mission is to empower administrators and educators to improve the transition services that they offer to youth with disabilities. They do this through research, training, and partnerships.

<https://www.seattleu.edu/ccts/about/>

Kinship Care Services

Kinship care services operate through the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. It is a program dedicated to supporting individuals who are raising a child or another family member or family friend.

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/home-and-community-services-kinship-care/kinship-care>

West Virginia

Autism- Life Enhancement

West Virginia Autism Training Center (Marshall University)

The mission of the West Virginia Autism Training Center is to provide support to individuals with autism spectrum disorder as they pursue a life of quality. Their services are available to families of West Virginians with autism spectrum disorder as well as their educators and others significant in their lives. They offer person-centered direct services, the College Program for Students with ASD, operate a behavior and mental health technical assistance center, offer consultation, and autism mentor training. They also perform autism research and offer research opportunities.

<https://www.marshall.edu/atc/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

The Arc West Virginia

The mission of The Arc of the Mid Ohio Valley is to ensure a satisfying and productive life for the citizens we serve with intellectual, cognitive and related developmental disabilities and their families.

<http://thearcofww.org/>

West Virginia Aging & Disability Resource Center

The WVADRC provides resources to assist the aging population and individuals with disabilities with long-term services and support. They also work with local partners to provide services, and operate the WV Bureau of Senior Services Home Modification and Accessibility Program.

<https://www.wvadrc.com/>

Empowerment

West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council

The West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council promotes wellness, recovery, and resiliency for all West Virginians. They advocate for and evaluate the provision of community-based behavioral health services. They operate the Leadership Academy, a nationally recognized training program to enable people to take more responsibility in community planning and improvement, as well as the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), an evidence-based system widely

used by individuals dealing with any health challenge who want to achieve the highest possible level of wellness.

<https://wvbhpc.org/>

Mountain State Centers for Independent Living

The Mountain State Centers for Independent Living is a community-based organization that provides advocacy, networking, and resources to people with disabilities and their families. They seek to raise the community's level of awareness about disabilities, and their centers are a source of resources and advocacy for their communities. They also offer transition assistance, peer support, and skills training.

<https://mtstcil.org/>

West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council

The West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council is committed to promoting the Independent Living Philosophy and supports consumer control, self-help, peer support, self-determination, equal access, and individual and systems advocacy. They seek to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities.

<https://wvsilc.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights West Virginia

Disability Rights of West Virginia (DRWV) is the federally mandated protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities in West Virginia. DRWV is a private, nonprofit agency. They work to ensure that West Virginians with disabilities have access to the same opportunities afforded all members of society, and can live full, productive lives, totally integrated into their communities with as much self-direction and independence as possible. DRWV strives to promote systemic change to increase access to services, promote equality, and protect rights. They offer systemic advocacy services, community advocacy services, information & referral services, and direct advocacy services.

<https://www.drofww.org/>

West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council

The WVDDC works to ensure that citizens with developmental disabilities receive the services, support, and assistance they need to exercise self-determination and achieve independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in the community. They operate several grant projects, provide training and resources, and advocate for positive policy changes.

<https://ddc.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

West Virginia Department of Education-Special Education

The Office of Special Education operates through the West Virginia Department of Education. Their mission is to improve the results for children and youth with disabilities. They do this through leadership and financial support to local education agencies.

<https://wvde.us/special-education/>

Wisconsin

Autism- Life Enhancement

Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin

The Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin seeks to provide a community for individuals affected by autism, their families, and professionals who serve them. Their goal is to increase the quality of life for those affected by autism and respond to the emerging needs of the autism community. They participate in Autism Acceptance Month to promote acceptance and understanding, run the Autism Friendly Communities program, hold conferences and trainings, provide individual and family support, respite care, sensory friendly vaccine clinics, and offer virtual programs.

<https://www.autismgreaterwi.org/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Wisconsin Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

The ADRC provides information on a variety of programs and services. That includes long-term care options. The ADRC also helps people apply for programs and benefits, including publicly funded long-term care. Their services include adaptive equipment, caregiver support, dementia care services, health, nutrition, and home-delivery meal programs, housekeeping and chore services, housing options, and long-term care programs. They also offer support for Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, offer safety updates, transportation, and wellness programs.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm>

Wisconsin Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)

The Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) provides information and referral services on a variety of topics tailored to the unique needs of Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or hard of hearing residents. Their services include technologies for accessibility, community services and resources, communicating with people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind. They also work to promote equal communication access in a number of systems including, legal, medical, emergency care, emergency response, mental health, educational, long-term care, government, employment, vocational, and private, public, and commercial entities.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/odhh/index.htm>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

The BPDD wants all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have the lives they want. They acknowledge that not all people are living the lives they want because of racism and discrimination and are committed to finding and addressing these inequities at BPDD and in the service systems. Every five years, the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) submits a plan to the federal government for systems change focused on improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through full inclusion and participation in all aspects of community life.

<https://wi-bpdd.org/>

Progressive Research on Neurodiversity

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Waisman Center

The Waisman Center is committed to providing high-quality services to children and adults with autism and their families. They are primarily focused on research and treatment. They also offer training for competency in Autism.

<https://www.waisman.wisc.edu/outreach/autism-hub/>

Advocacy and Policy

Disability Rights Wisconsin

Disability Rights Wisconsin is a nonprofit that works to protect the rights of people with disabilities. It is the protection and advocacy agency for Wisconsin. Their mission is to advance the dignity, equality, and self-determination of people with disabilities. They offer protection and advocacy, disability benefits specialists training and support, a disability drug benefit helpline, family care and IRIS Ombudsman, SSI managed care external advocacy project, and victim advocacy.

<https://disabilityrightswi.org/>

Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a group of nine people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind and hearing (e.g., parent of a deaf child, teacher of the deaf, interpreter) appointed by the Governor to advise him, the Department of Health Services and the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing about issues and concerns affecting over 500,000 people in Wisconsin who are deaf, hard of hearing and/or deaf-blind.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dhhcouncil/index.htm>

Wyoming

Early Intervention

Wyoming Department of Health- Early Intervention and Education Program (EIEP)

The Early Intervention and Education Program of Wyoming provides free screenings and services to help children get on track to a successful future.

<https://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/early-intervention-education-program-eiep/staff/>

Professional/Independent Development

RENEW Wyoming

The Rehabilitation Enterprises of North Eastern Wyoming is a community-based organization that offers vital services to individuals with disabilities of all ages.

They provide clients with valuable life skills.

<http://www.renew-wyo.com/>

Nowcap Services

NOWCAP is a mission-based organization that creates opportunities for all individuals with disabilities. They provide community based services, commercial ventures, employment, residential support, and natural support for people with disabilities in the community.

<https://www.nowcapservices.org/>

Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources

WATR is the Assistive Technology Act program in Wyoming. It is a resource for all assistive technology needs in Wyoming. Assistive technology can be a solution or device that enhances an individual's ability to live, work, or play independently.

<https://www.uwyo.edu/wind/watr/>

I-Reach 2

I-REACH 2's goal is to increase independence in adults with developmental disabilities and brain injuries. They do this through real-life experiences and progressive support.

<https://www.ireach2.com/>

Sol Domus, Inc.

Sol Domus is a small organization with a huge impact. They offer many services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

<https://www.soldomuswy.com/>

Big Horn Enterprises, Inc

Big Horn Enterprises aim to enhance the quality of life of individuals with disabilities by providing opportunities that result in greater independence for all participants.

<https://www.bighornenterprises.org/>

Community Entry Services Wyoming

CED dedicates their time to empowering and supporting individuals with disabilities to maximize their independence and lead satisfying lives in the community.

<https://www.ces-usa.com/>

Ark Regional Services

The Ark Regional services in Wyoming support individuals with disabilities by offering them opportunities for living independently, learning, working, and playing.

<https://www.arkregionalservices.org/>

General

Wyoming Department of Education-Special Education Programs

The Special Education Department in Wyoming's mission is to support students across the state who have disabilities.

<https://edu.wyoming.gov/for-district-leadership/special-programs/>

Overall Life Enhancement/Enrichment

Mountain Regional Services, Inc

MRSI provides services to individuals with disabilities and acquired brain injuries. Their mission is to improve the individuals served with their quality of life. They serve each individual with purpose, respect, and dignity.

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

Uplift Wyoming

Uplift was created in 1990 as a statewide organization of parents of children with all forms of mental health challenges. They promote the emotional health and well-being of families across Wyoming.

<https://www.upliftwy.org/>

Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports

PBIS's purpose is to improve the state educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and schools. They improve the outcomes for students who have or are at risk for having disabilities. They also want to enhance the safety, overall school climate, and improve conditions that promote well-being.

<https://www.pbis.org/>

Overture

Overture provides support and services for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Some of the supports they offer are residential, employment, children's, behavior, and in-home support services. They partner with their local community through education and communication.

<https://overturesvs.com/wyoming>

Lincoln Self Reliance, Inc

LSR is a non-profit organization that provides services, dignity, and respect to persons with special needs. LSR was established to meet the needs in the community to develop more opportunities and to improve the quality of life for those with disabilities in Lincoln County.

<https://lsrservices.org/>

Align Services

Align services supports individuals with disabilities, brain injuries, and the aging to live fulfilling lives. Align's mission is to promote independence and self-advocacy.

<https://alignservices.org/>

Inclusivity and Accommodations

Diversified Services Inc.

Located in Torrington, Wyoming, DSI serves 38 participants throughout the community. Their participants engage in several extracurricular activities for individuals with all forms of disabilities.

<https://www.dsiwy.org/index.html>

Empowerment

Magic City Enterprises, Inc.

The Magic City Enterprises supports individuals with disabilities living in the Cheyenne area. They strive to empower people to experience equality and self-worth.

<https://mcewyo.org/>

Advocacy and Policy

Wyoming Community Service Providers

WCSP is a local grassroots effort that was organized by concerned parents, citizens, and providers of children with developmental disabilities. They advocate for Wyoming providers at the federal and state level. They work with elected officials such as legislators to enhance advocacy and care that the disability providers in Wyoming display.

<https://www.wyomingcsp.org/welcome.html>

Wyoming Department of Health- Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

The DDAC advises the Home and Community-Based Services Section for formulating and amending rules, policies, and procedures related to programs and activities, and to assist and advise the Section on implementing a statewide service delivery system for people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries.

<https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/hcbs/dd-advisory-council/>

Parent Empowerment

Parents Helping Parents of Wyoming

This group helps families in Wyoming who are impacted by disabilities of special education needs from birth to age 26. These individuals are aided in finding their voice, personal advocacy, and educational endeavors.

<https://www.wpic.org/resources>
