

7. Disability Organizations, Services and Resources

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This section provides a number of resources that may be pertinent to parents at various stages of their children's development. The listings are grouped around topics and/or needs, with contact information for organizations and other resources that address those needs.

ADVOCACY

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Administration on Developmental Disabilities
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20447
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/states/pas.html
(Includes a listing of State Protection and Advocacy Systems)

COLLEGES

Selecting a college for students w/ learning disabilities
www.heath.gwu.edu/PDFs/Non-Degree1.pdf
www.heath.gwu.edu/PDFs/Non-Degree2.pdf

Resource Guide on Higher Education for People with Disabilities
www.txddc.state.tx.us/resources/publications/college.asp

Getzel, Elizabeth Evans, M.A., & Paul Wehman, PhD, Ed. *Going to College: Expanding Opportunities for People with Disabilities*. Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., Inc., 2005

Vocational Training Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
Gavilan College
5055 Santa Teresa Blvd.
Gilroy, CA 95020
408-848-4800
www.gavilan.edu/
www.gavilan.edu/dsps/classes.html

To find other colleges, search by the following on the Internet:
"Vocational Training Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities"

*Disability Organizations, Services and Resources***COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMS**

These programs typically offer information and training for students with developmental disabilities on being safe at home and in the community. They usually include the local police department.

Examples:

- Community Safety by The Arc of Arapahoe & Douglas Counties, Colorado
- Safety First by The ACL of Boulder County, Colorado

FAMILY FINANCIAL PLANNING

Includes estate planning, wills, supplemental care trusts, etc.

Use attorneys with experience in people with developmental disabilities.

Financial Planning for Adults with Disabilities

www.fragilex.org/html/financial.htm

GUARDIANSHIP

Should you become a guardian for your child?

Search by your state and “guardians for people with developmental disabilities”

Example:

Guardianship Alliance of Colorado

PO Box 740745

Arvada, CO 80006-0745

303-423-2898

www.guardianshipallianceofcolorado.org

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PLANNING (ISP)

All individuals receiving funded services are required to have an individualized plan of care or individual support plan.

Example:

Department of Human Services

Supports for Adults

Individual Service Planning (ISP)

500 Summer St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

503-945-5944

www.oregon.gov/DHS/dd/adults/isp.shtml

Spicer, Paul. *Individualized Service Plans*. Author House, USA 2005

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

Adult disability benefits

Social Security Online

800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

TRANSITION PLANNING

Each State Department of Education should have planning guidelines for the transition to post-school life.

Disability Solutions

Thinking About Tomorrow: The Transition to Adult Life

www.disabilitysolutions.org/pdf/6-1.pdf

National Down syndrome Society (NDSS)

www.ndss.org

Search “transition planning”

TRANSPORTATION

Investigate whether there is transportation available for your young adult, as well as transportation training, i.e. bus training in your community. Your local Arc or disability organization will have the most up-to-date information.

Travel Training for Youth with Disabilities

www.nichcy.org/pubs/transum/ts9txt.htm

GENERAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS/WEBSITES

The ARC

www.thearc.org

American Association on Mental Retardation

www.aamr.org

Developmental Disability Councils

Search by state and that term

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Administration for Children & Families

Administration on Developmental Disabilities

State Councils on Developmental Disabilities

www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/add/states/ddcs.html

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University of Illinois at Chicago
College of Applied Health Sciences
Aging with Developmental Disabilities
www.uic.edu/orgs/rrtcamr/

Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities
All the information you need, in one place. Separate listings for each state and territory.
www.yellowpagesforkids.com

BOOKS

The Official Parent's Sourcebook on Fragile X Syndrome: A Revised and Updated Directory for the Internet Age, ICON Health Publications
www.ebookmall.com/ebook/187953-ebook.htm

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information on the topics above, contact:

- Your local disability organization
- Your local Arc
- The National Fragile X Foundation