

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

We hope that as your child develops and grows that your family is able to use some of these resources. At the same time, remember that your child is in many ways just like everyone else's infant/toddler and has the right to live, work, worship and play in the community with their brothers sisters and peers.

Statewide Agencies:

Advocacy:

- Disability Rights New Jersey (800)922-7233 www.drnj.org
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) (800)654-SPAN www.spannj.org
- Education Law Center www.edlawcenter.org

Assistive Technology

- Assistive Technology & Advocacy Center (800)Dial-Tec www.njpanda.org
- The Center for Rehabilitation Technology (888)707-3422 www.helenhayeshospital.org
- Rehabilitation Technology Services and Technology Lending Center (CPNJ) (888)322-1918

Child Care:

- Map to Inclusive Childcare (609)292-8444
- NJ Inclusive Childcare Project (800)654-7726 x108 www.spannj.org/njiccp

Disabilities:

- The Arc of New Jersey (732)246-2525 www.arcnj.org
- Council on Developmental Disabilities (800)216-1199 www.njddc.org
- Division on Developmental Disabilities (800)832-9173 www.state.nj.us/humanservices.ddd
- National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities (800)695-0285 www.nichcy.org
- Supplemental Security Disability Insurance (800)772-1213 www.ssa.gov

Early Intervention:

- New Jersey Early Intervention System (609)777-7734 www.nj.gov/health
- NJ State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) (877)909-SICC
- Helpful Hands Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (REIC) (973) 256-8484 www.nreic.org
- Family Link Northwest Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (REIC) (908) 964-5303 www.njeis.org
- Mid Jersey CARES Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (REIC) (732) 937- KIDS www.njeis.org
- Southern Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (REIC) (856) 768-6747 www.snjeic.org

Education:

- NJ Coalition for Inclusive Education (732)613-0400 www.njcie.net
- NJ Dept. of Education www.state.nj.us/education (609)292-4469
- NJ Inclusive Childcare Project (800)654-7726 x108 www.spannj.org/njiccp
- Office of Special Education Programs/Learning Resource Center (973)631-6349

Family Support:

- Family Support Center of NJ (800)FSC-NJ10 www.fscnj.org
- NJ Self-Help Clearinghouse (800)FOR-MASH
- Exceptional Parent Resource Guide (800)E-Parent www.eparent.com
- Options Manual (800)FSC-NJ10 www.fscnj.org

Health Care:

- Boggs Center (732)235-9300 <http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter>
- Community Health Law Project (888)838-3180
- Family Voices (Health Issues): (800)654-SPAN x110 www.familyvoices@spannj.org
- NJ Family Care (Health Coverage) (800)701-0710 www.njfamilycare.org

Parent to Parent Support:

- National Father's Network www.fathersnetwork.org
- NJEISFamilies@yahoogroups.com Early Intervention Parent to Parent Listserv
- NJ Statewide Parent to Parent: (908)537-4673 or parent2parent@spannj.org

Social Services:

- Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) (877)652-2873
- Women, Infant and Children (WIC) (800)328-3838 www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/wic/index.shtml
- Division of Youth and Family Services www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dyfs

DISABILITY RELATED/SPECIFIC RESOURCES:

Autism:

- NJ Center for Outreach & Services for the Autism Community (COSAC) (800)4-Autism www.NJCOSAC.org
- Autism Speaks (888)777-6227 www.autismspeaks.org
- Autism Society of America (800)328-8476 www.autism-society.org

Visual Impairment:

- Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (973)648-3333 (Central Office)
- National Federation of the Blind (410)659-9314 www.nfb.org
- American Foundation for the Blind (800)232-5463 www.afb.org

Cerebral Palsy:

- United Cerebral Palsy Association of NJ, Inc. (800)322-1918 www.cpodnj.org

Hearing Impairment:

- Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (800)792-8339 www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh

Down Syndrome:

- National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) (800)221-4602 www.ndss.org
- National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) (800)232-NDSC www.ndsccenter.org
- The Arc of NJ (732)246-2525 www.arcnj.org
- The Judy Center for Down Syndrome (healthcare) (201)996-JUDY
- Down Syndrome Web Page www.downsyndrome.com

Fragile X:

- The National Fragile X Foundation (800)688-8765 www.FragileX.org
- The Fragile X Association of NJ www.fragilex.org/html/new_jersey.htm

Spina Bifida:

- Spina Bifida Assoc. of the Tri- State region (908)782-7475 www.sbatsr.org

Sibling Resources:

- The Sibling Support Project (206)297-6368 www.siblingsupport.org
- Parents and Agencies Supporting Siblings (PASS) (908)537-4673
- Frequently Asked Questions Siblings Need to Know About their Brother or Sister with Special Needs:
For a copy, contact Mid-Jersey Cares REIC (732)937-5437

Transition Resources:

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) www.ideapractices.org
- Wrights Law www.wrightslaw.com
- National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) www.nectac.org
- Head Start Programs www.state.nj.us/humanservices/oece/head_start.htm
- NJEIS Transition to Preschool Handbook *Speak with a Service Coordinator*; see www.njeis.org
- "Special Needs Successful Inclusion: A Guide to Planning Community Activities for Children with Special Needs": To order, go to www.cnjmchc.org
- NECTAC: Transition www.nectac.org/topics/transition/transition.asp
- NECTAC: Inclusion www.nectac.org/inclusion

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