

## Internet Resource List for Parents and Professionals

### Autism Links

Autism Center of VA Registry - Virginia Commonwealth University	<a href="http://www.vcuhealth.org/vtcc/Autism%20Registry.html">http://www.vcuhealth.org/vtcc/Autism%20Registry.html</a>	A registry available for those children with autism to help track the progression, treatment and possible cures for the disease.
Autism Information Center - National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/dd/ddautism.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/dd/ddautism.htm</a>	General informational links about Autism run by the CDC.
Autism Resources	<a href="http://www.autism-resources.com/">http://www.autism-resources.com/</a>	Long lists of information and resources.
Autism Society of America - Central Virginia Chapter	<a href="http://www.asacv.org">www.asacv.org</a>	Support group for parents and professionals; newsletters, library, conferences and social activities.
Autistics.org Project	<a href="http://www.autistics.org">www.autistics.org</a>	This project helps to connect people with autism with services needed to live whole and happy lives.
National Autistic Society	<a href="http://www.nas.org.uk">www.nas.org.uk</a>	A British organization that provides facts, advice and educational services for autism.
Commonwealth Autism Service	<a href="http://www.autismva.org">www.autismva.org</a>	This page provides an easy access to a variety of types of information about TAPA-VA. Consultation and follow-up; training; networking for parents, consumers and professionals; collaboration with other organizations, agencies, etc.

### Down Syndrome Links

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond	<a href="http://www.dsagr.com">www.dsagr.com</a>	Provides current and accurate information on Down Syndrome; fosters programs that focus on education, community services, public awareness, medical issues, research advocacy, legal issues and parenting.
Down Syndrome WWW Page	<a href="http://www.nas.com/downsyn/">www.nas.com/downsyn/</a>	A site composed of contributions from experienced professionals and knowledgeable parents as well as the parents of a wonderful son who was diagnosed with Down Syndrome at birth in 1993
National Down Syndrome Congress	<a href="http://www.ndscenter.org">www.ndscenter.org</a>	This site offers membership into a web community, information regarding a book written by and for persons with Down Syndrome and many other informative links.
National Down Syndrome Society	<a href="http://www.ndss.org">www.ndss.org</a>	The most comprehensive information source on Down Syndrome.

## Education of Children w/Special Needs - A listing of websites that focus on education for children w/special needs.

Basic Education Circulars	<a href="http://www.pde.state.pa.us/k12/cwp/search.asp?a=11">http://www.pde.state.pa.us/k12/cwp/search.asp?a=11</a>	This Basic Education Circular (BEC) site provides guidance from the Department of Education relating to the Pennsylvania School Code, state board of education regulations and standards and federal law and regulations.
Cerebreon	<a href="http://www.cerebreon.com/">www.cerebreon.com/</a>	The Education Division of The National Brain Injury Association.
Consortium on Inclusive Schooling Practices	<a href="http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/Community/cisp.asp">http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/Community/cisp.asp</a>	Consortium on Inclusive Schooling Practices is a collaborative effort to build the capacity of state and local education agencies to serve children and youth with and without disabilities in school and community.
Council for Exceptional Children	<a href="http://www.cec.sped.org/">www.cec.sped.org/</a>	This is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving education outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities and the gifted.
Family Education Network (FEN)	<a href="http://www.fen.com/">http://www.fen.com/</a>	The Family Education Network (FEN) has built a site that includes a Special Needs channel.
Federation for Children with Special Needs	<a href="http://www.fcsn.org/">www.fcsn.org/</a>	This site is for families with children who have special needs to keep them informed of their rights in the areas of education, health care and other topics of concern.
Inclusive Education	<a href="http://www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion/">www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion/</a>	Provided for teachers, parents and school staff about how to accomplish an inclusive education.
Internet Special Education Resources	<a href="http://www.iser.com/nps.html">http://www.iser.com/nps.html</a>	List of resources and organizations by state.
J.P. Das Development Disabilities Centre	<a href="http://www.ualberta.ca/~jpdasddc/INDEX.html">http://www.ualberta.ca/~jpdasddc/INDEX.html</a>	Information and resources on inclusion for teachers, administrators and parents.
Literary Access Online	<a href="http://www.peatc.org/lao.htm">http://www.peatc.org/lao.htm</a>	This site is a tool for parents when they are teaching literacy skills to children with disabilities in 4th-8th grades but can be used as a basis for other ages. (provided by PEATC)
McGill Inclusive Education	<a href="http://www.mcgill.ca/conted-edu/programs/inclusive/">http://www.mcgill.ca/conted-edu/programs/inclusive/</a>	Designed to meet the needs of those interested in or involved in teaching those with special needs.
Project Participate	<a href="http://www.projectparticipate.org/">www.projectparticipate.org/</a>	Provides families, educators, administrators and therapists with simple strategies to increase the active participation of students with disabilities in school programs.

Resources on Inclusive Education	<a href="http://www.libertycornercomputing.com/sri/Inclusion.html">www.libertycornercomputing.com/sri/Inclusion.html</a>	Worthwhile links to valuable inclusive resources.
Ridgecrest Pediatric Services	<a href="http://www.ridge-crest.org/">www.ridge-crest.org/</a>	Their mission is to provide services to the medically fragile and technology dependant children in a warm and homey environment.
Special Education Resources on the Internet	<a href="http://www.seriweb.com">www.seriweb.com</a>	A collection of internet resources for people involved in special education.
The Special Ed Advocate	<a href="http://www.wrightslaw.com">www.wrightslaw.com</a>	This site offers parents, educators, attorneys and other helping professionals with the information they need to be effective advocates for special needs children.
The Special Education Homepage	<a href="http://specialed.freeyellow.com/">http://specialed.freeyellow.com/</a>	An internet source that has neatly organized a wide variety of resources and web pages into one condensed site that is very easy to manage.
U.S. Department of Education	<a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>	The latest information on law, statutes, etc regarding education and special education.
University of Virginia's Special Education Site	<a href="http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/curry/dept/cise/ose/">http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/curry/dept/cise/ose/</a>	Special Education Resources from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. Information about special education history, disabilities, events, interventions, etc.

### General Links

Ability On-Line Support Network	<a href="http://www.ablelink.org/public/default.htm">http://www.ablelink.org/public/default.htm</a>	Connects young people with disabilities and chronic illnesses to peers and mentors with and without disabilities.
American Academy of Pediatrics	<a href="http://www.aap.org">www.aap.org</a>	All the latest health information about all infants, children, adolescents and young adults.
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry	<a href="http://www.aapd.org">www.aapd.org</a>	This site provides a parent education section covering common pediatric dental health issues.
American Cancer Society	<a href="http://www.cancer.org">www.cancer.org</a>	Provides medicine, transportaion and funds for children with cancer. Financial capabilities offered and determined by the society.
American Lung Association	<a href="http://www.lungusa.org">www.lungusa.org</a>	Volunteer health organization for the fight against lung disease. Special interests include: asthma, tobacco control and environmental health.
ARC of Virginia	<a href="http://www.arcofva.org/">http://www.arcofva.org/</a>	State advocacy organization for people with individual support needs due to mental retardation, autism, developmental delays or other developmental disabilities.

ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center	<a href="http://www.archrespite.org/">http://www.archrespite.org/</a>	This site provides information to support service providers and families through training, technical assistance, evaluation and research.
Association for Advancement of Behavioral Therapy	<a href="http://www.aabt.org/">http://www.aabt.org/</a>	A professional, interdisciplinary organization concerned with the application of behavioral and cognitive sciences to understanding human behavior, developing interventions to enhance the human condition, and promoting the proper utilization of these interventions.
Back Care and Lifting	<a href="http://members.tripod.com/~imaware/backcare.html">http://members.tripod.com/~imaware/backcare.html</a>	Information on lifting heavy items.
Band-aids and Blackboards	<a href="http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/">http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/</a>	Designed to help children cope with the stigma and isolation that a chronic medical condition can sometimes bring.
Ch.A.D.D. (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder)	<a href="http://www.chadd.org">www.chadd.org</a>	Provides general (non-clinical) information on AD/HD in children, teens and adults as well as others links to more sites.
Children's Defense Fund	<a href="http://www.childrensdefense.org">www.childrensdefense.org</a>	A voice for children with particular attention to poor, minority and children with disabilities.
Children's Health Resources	<a href="http://www.healthtouch.com/">www.healthtouch.com/</a>	Find up-to-date information on health, wellness, diseases and illnesses.
ChronicIll Net	<a href="http://www.chronicillnet.org">www.chronicillnet.org</a>	An on-line library about chronic illnesses.
Connect for Kids	<a href="http://www.connectforkids.com">www.connectforkids.com</a>	Provides information and advocacy tools for families to address state and national issues regarding children.
Disability is Natural	<a href="http://www.disabilityisnatural.com">www.disabilityisnatural.com</a>	This site offers a gentle rebellion against old attitudes and perceptions and a new way of thinking about people with disabilities.
ERIC on Line	<a href="http://www.eric.ed.gov/">http://www.eric.ed.gov/</a>	The Educational Resources Information Center includes many links, resources, databases and the National Library of Education.
Family Voices of Virginia	<a href="http://www.familyvoices.org/st/VA.htm">http://www.familyvoices.org/st/VA.htm</a>	Family Voices is a national, grassroots clearinghouse for information and education concerning the health care of children with special health needs.
Federation for Children with Special Needs	<a href="http://www.fcsn.org/">www.fcsn.org/</a>	Support for families with special-needs children.
IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)	<a href="http://www.idea.practices.org">www.idea.practices.org</a>	IDEA Partnership Projects Information: projects with ASPIRE, ILIAD, FAPE and PMP)

Institute for Child Health Policy	<a href="http://www.ichp.edu/">www.ichp.edu/</a>	Our goal is to research, evaluate, formulate, and advance health policies, programs, and systems that promote the health and well-being of children and youth in the state of Florida and nationally.
Learning Disabilities Association of America	<a href="http://www.ldanatl.org">www.ldanatl.org</a>	Parent support group with state and national affiliations.
National Center on Low-Incidence Disabilities	<a href="http://nclid.unco.edu/newnclid/">http://nclid.unco.edu/newnclid/</a>	This site provides extensive information on the education of students with special needs and low incidence disabilities.
MCH Library: Non-English Materials and Resources	<a href="http://www.mchlibrary.info/nonenglish.html">http://www.mchlibrary.info/nonenglish.html</a>	This index page provides new, easy access to information in the MCH Library that is available in over 60 languages. The index page lists each language for which information is available and provides automated searching of library databases.
Mothers of Multiples	<a href="http://www.ramom.org">www.ramom.org</a>	Monthly meetings; large, active support groups for parents; subgroups include families with multiple children with disabilities and/or prematurity.
National Association of Children's Hospitals	<a href="http://www.nachri.org">www.nachri.org</a>	A list of National Children's Hospitals.
National Kidney Foundation of Virginia, Inc.	<a href="http://www.kidneyva.org">www.kidneyva.org</a>	Volunteer, non-profit health agency whose mission is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, to improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and to increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.
National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse	<a href="http://www.ask.hrsa.gov/">http://www.ask.hrsa.gov/</a>	A clearinghouse of maternal and child health publications.
National Organization of Rare Disorders	<a href="http://www.rarediseases.org/">www.rarediseases.org/</a>	NORD provides the largest searchable database on rare disorders. This site also contains a comprehensive database of information on foundations, organizations, agencies and support groups that assist people affected by rare disorders and much more.
NICHCY Fact Sheets	<a href="http://www.nichcy.org/disabinf.htm">www.nichcy.org/disabinf.htm</a>	A list of specific disabilities, fact sheets and briefing pages.
NICHCY National Resources	<a href="http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/genresc/gr2.htm">http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/genresc/gr2.htm</a>	A great list of National resources.
NICHCY News Digests	<a href="http://www.nichcy.org/newsdig.htm">www.nichcy.org/newsdig.htm</a>	This series of publications takes an in-depth look at some of the current disability issues as parent concerns, legal issues, assessment, inclusion and siblings of children with disabilities.
NICHCY - Virginia Resources	<a href="http://www.nichcy.org/stateshe/va.htm">www.nichcy.org/stateshe/va.htm</a>	A list of Virginia state resources

NICHCY Publications	<a href="http://www.nichcy.org/pubs1.htm">www.nichcy.org/pubs1.htm</a>	A list of publications from NICHCY ranging in all sorts of topics for children with disabilities.
Partnership for People with Disabilities (formerly Virginia Institute for Developmental Disabilities)	<a href="http://www.vcu.edu/partnerhip/">http://www.vcu.edu/partnerhip/</a>	This University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities works to increase choices for individuals, change systems, improve services and affect public policy.
Pediatric Neuropsychology	<a href="http://members.aol.com/willmerz/#neuro">http://members.aol.com/willmerz/#neuro</a>	The explanation and need for Neuropsychology in children.
Harriet Lane Links	<a href="http://derm.med.jhmi.edu/poi/">http://derm.med.jhmi.edu/poi/</a>	A searchable collection of links to resources in Pediatrics and Child Health. (Formerly Pediatric Points of Interest)
Pennsylvania Health Law Project	<a href="http://www.phlp.org">www.phlp.org</a>	Information and help with access to healthcare for lower income families and their children, elderly and children/adults with disabilities in Pennsylvania.
Premature Baby Premature Child	<a href="http://www.prematurity.org/">http://www.prematurity.org/</a>	This site gives a wealth of resources for parents of premature babies/children as well as resources for parents of premature babies/children with special needs.
Richmond Enhancing Access to Community Healthcare (REACH)	<a href="http://www.reachva.org/">http://www.reachva.org/</a>	Helping uninsured families find qualified health care in Richmond.
SCAN: Stop Child Abuse Now	<a href="http://www.scanva.org/">http://www.scanva.org/</a>	Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of children, improve parent-child relations and prevent child abuse and neglect
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Virginia SIDS Alliance	<a href="http://www.vasids.org">www.vasids.org</a>	Parent and grandparent support groups, newsletters and outreach.
The DRM Guide to Disability Resource on the Internet: Alphabet Soup	<a href="http://www.disabilityresources.org/ABC.html">www.disabilityresources.org/ABC.html</a>	A Disability Resources Monthly guide to disability-related acronyms.
The DuPont Hospital for Children and the Nemours Children's Clinic	<a href="http://www.kidshealth.org/">www.kidshealth.org/</a>	This site is devoted to the health of children and provides information on growth, fitness, childhood infections, immunizations, medical and surgical conditions and the latest medical treatments.
The Office of Minority Health Resource Center	<a href="http://www.omhrc.gov/">http://www.omhrc.gov/</a>	Provides referrals, publications and information on minority, public health issues.
Two Hands	<a href="http://www.twohandsinc.com/">http://www.twohandsinc.com/</a>	Jewelry and gifts inspired by children with disabilities, disadvantages or serious illness.

Va-LEND: Virginia Leadership in Excellence in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	<a href="http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/Va-LEND/">http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/Va-LEND/</a>	Interdisciplinary training and leadership development program for health professionals and related disciplines to develop advanced clinical skills and leadership abilities in the field of childhood neurodevelopmental disabilities.
Virginia Division of Legislative Services: Disability Commission	<a href="http://dls.state.va.us/disability.htm">http://dls.state.va.us/disability.htm</a>	A primary forum through which the needs and issues of people with disabilities can be addressed through the collaboration of members of the legislature. The Disability Commission seeks to maximize the self-sufficiency of Virginians with physical and sensory disabilities
Virginia Special Olympics	<a href="http://www.specialolympicsva.com">www.specialolympicsva.com</a>	State program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation.
Voices for Virginia's Children	<a href="http://www.childadvocacy.org">www.childadvocacy.org</a>	Voices for America's Children is a national organization committed to working at the state and local levels to improve the well-being of children. With member organizations in almost every state, Voices provides a voice for the voiceless - children - in city halls and statehouses across the country.

### Mental Illness Links

Anxiety Disorders Association of America	<a href="http://www.adaa.org">http://www.adaa.org</a>	The website provides information about anxiety disorders, has a bookstore and various other resources including a section on women, and self-help.
Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation	<a href="http://www.bpkids.org/">http://www.bpkids.org/</a>	Information about children and adolescents with Bipolar Disorder
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance	<a href="http://www.dbsalliance.org/">http://www.dbsalliance.org/</a>	Provides information on mood disorders, support groups, advocacy news and more.
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	<a href="http://www.nami.org">www.nami.org</a>	A nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with severe mental illnesses, panic and other severe anxiety disorders, autism and pervasive developmental disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and other severe and persistent mental illnesses that affect the brain.
Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation	<a href="http://www.ocfoundation.org/">http://www.ocfoundation.org/</a>	Several links and resources as well as a Q&A section about OCD.

### Resources for Parents and their Families

Alliance	<a href="http://www.taalliance.org">www.taalliance.org</a>	National network of state parent centers providing information and training for families of children with disabilities with particular focus on special education, early intervention, multicultural issues and issues for adolescents as they become adults.
Autism Depot	<a href="http://home.ptd.net/~rjd/autism/">http://home.ptd.net/~rjd/autism/</a>	A parent of a child with autism lists helpful books and some short lists of training and support organizations.
Brain Injury Association of Virginia, Richmond Supportive Survivors	<a href="http://www.biav.net">www.biav.net</a>	Support group for adult survivors of brain injury and family members. Newsletters, informal activities and outings. Weekly meetings scheduled.
Caring for Children Dependent on Medical Technology	<a href="http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/ill/machine.html">http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/ill/machine.html</a>	Resource for caring for technology dependent children.
Care Connection for Children Resource Directory	<a href="http://www.vahealth.org/specialchildren/directory/health.asp">http://www.vahealth.org/specialchildren/directory/health.asp</a>	This directory, created for parents, children, health providers and community organizations, allows you to search a list of local and Virginia resources for contact information on various medical conditions, advocacy and support groups, insurance, community support organizations and public and private agencies providing services for children with special health care needs.
Child Care Aware	<a href="http://www.childcareaware.org/en/">http://www.childcareaware.org/en/</a>	Provides families with information on local child care centers.
Coping with ADD Class: Living with your ADHD-Child	<a href="http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/HumanServices/YouthServices/classes.asp">www.co.chesterfield.va.us/HumanServices/YouthServices/classes.asp</a>	Parenting class for parents of children with ADHD. It is held 2-3 times a year with priority given to Chesterfield county residents; children aged 5-11.
Exceptional Parent Magazine	<a href="http://www.eparent.com">www.eparent.com</a>	For parents of children and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs so they can participate in a network of caring parents and professionals throughout the world.
Family Intervention Program: Chesterfield Community Services Board	<a href="http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/administration/communityservicesboard/csbhome.asp">http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/administration/communityservicesboard/csbhome.asp</a>	Family Intervention Services are available for Chesterfield County residents with a child that has a developmental disability. Behavioral, sibling, socialization and disability awareness support groups are available.
Families USA	<a href="http://www.familiesusa.org/">www.familiesusa.org/</a>	This site contains: Families USA's Issue-Oriented web sites, New Media Center, New Human Services & Advocacy, Job Bank and more.

Family Village	<a href="http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/school.htm">www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/school.htm</a>	This site integrates information, resources and communication opportunities on the internet for persons with mental retardation and other disabilities, for their families and for those that provide them services and support.
Family Voices	<a href="http://www.familyvoices.org/">www.familyvoices.org/</a>	Families, caregivers, professionals and friends whose lives have been touched by children with special health care needs. A diverse group, representing a wide variety of children, health conditions, families and communities.
Fathers Resource Center (Slowlane)	<a href="http://www.slowlane.com">www.slowlane.com</a>	The center's website provides a directory of their programs, an online newsletter and links to other sites valuable to single and stay at home dads.
Healthy Chats	<a href="http://www.healthychats.com">www.healthychats.com</a>	This site was created to help educate parents of young children and preteens on how to better communicate with their children about sexuality.
Karen Gaffney Foundation	<a href="http://www.karengaffneyfoundation.com">www.karengaffneyfoundation.com</a>	A site dedicated to championing the journey to full inclusion in families, schools, communities and workplace for people with Down Syndrome or other learning disabilities.
Mailman Center for Child Development: Developmental Disabilities Online Database (DDD)	<a href="http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/mailman/consumer.htm">http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/mailman/consumer.htm</a>	The purpose of this site is to provide a public resource for parents, families, & consumers containing documents, website links, and videos developed by the Mailman Center for Child Development, University of Miami School of Medicine with support by the Florida Developmental Disability Council.
Making Lemonade - The Single Parent Network	<a href="http://www.makinglemonade.com/">http://www.makinglemonade.com/</a>	A website community for single parents that has a special needs channel with a number of resources.
My Family and Autism	<a href="http://www.members.tripod.com/~Beckyforrick/index-2.html">www.members.tripod.com/~Beckyforrick/index-2.html</a>	Personal insights and information from the mother of a non-verbal son with autism including a section on the myths about autism.
National Adoption Information Clearinghouse	<a href="http://childwelfare.gov">http://childwelfare.gov</a>	This site provides information and resources to families on all aspects of adoption.
National Center for Fathering	<a href="http://www.fathers.com">www.fathers.com</a>	Provides fathers with information and parenting tips.
National Center on Fathers and Families Databases	<a href="http://www.ncoff.gse.upenn.edu/database/index.html">http://www.ncoff.gse.upenn.edu/database/index.html</a>	Numerous databases.

National Child Care Information Center	<a href="http://nccic.org">http://nccic.org</a>	This site has everything you need to know about anything to do with the government and child care regulations, research, funding, etc.
National Fathers Network	<a href="http://www.fathersnetwork.org/page.php?page=554&amp;">www.fathersnetwork.org/page.php?page=554&amp;</a>	This site provides support and resources for fathers and families of children with chronic illness and developmental disabilities.
National Foster Parent Association, Inc.	<a href="http://www.nfpainc.org">www.nfpainc.org</a>	Provides support and information to families caring for a foster child.
OCD and Parenting	<a href="http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ocdandparenting/">http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ocdandparenting/</a>	An online parenting support group for children with OCD
Parenting: Babies and Toddlers	<a href="http://babyparenting.about.com/cs/specialneeds1/?iam=bomis&amp;terms=premat+babies">http://babyparenting.about.com/cs/specialneeds1/?iam=bomis&amp;terms=premat+babies</a>	A link on About.com with regards to Babies and Toddlers with special needs.
Parent Resource Center: Hanover County	<a href="http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/instruction/parentresource/aboutthecenter.htm">http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/instruction/parentresource/aboutthecenter.htm</a>	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Hanover County.
Parent Resource Center: Henrico County	<a href="http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/ParentResourceCtr/">http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/ParentResourceCtr/</a>	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Henrico County.
Parent Resource Center: Richmond	<a href="http://www.richmond.k12.va.us/exed/index.cfm">http://www.richmond.k12.va.us/exed/index.cfm</a>	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Richmond.
Parental Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)	<a href="http://www.peatc.org">www.peatc.org</a>	Contains special education information in Virginia and in general, "Fact Sheets" about different topics and issues, information in regards to transitioning into an adult and foster care for children with disabilities and so much more.
Parenting Special Needs	<a href="http://specialchildren.about.com/cn/1/psn04250116.htm">http://specialchildren.about.com/cn/1/psn04250116.htm</a>	A link on About.com with newsletters and other links for parents of children with special needs.
Parent Teacher Resource Center: Chesterfield County Public Schools	<a href="http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/html/parents_pages/ptrc/parent_teacher_center.htm">http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/html/parents_pages/ptrc/parent_teacher_center.htm</a>	Provides support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Chesterfield County.
Parent - to - Parent	<a href="http://www.ptpofva.com">http://www.ptpofva.com</a>	Matches a parent just learning of their child's diagnosis with a volunteer veteran parent of a child with a similar diagnosis. Veteran parent is specially trained to provide informational and emotional support.
Parent Training and Info Centers	<a href="http://www.pacer.org/">www.pacer.org/</a>	Lists many web sites with information and publications.

Parents and Children Coping Together: PACCT	<a href="http://www.pacct.net">www.pacct.net</a>	"A support group for support groups." Mini-grants for parent support groups; newsletter and lending library; develops and maintains state network of local support groups and promotes statewide advocacy network.
Parents Exchange	<a href="http://members.tripod.com/pex/PEX_welcome.html">http://members.tripod.com/pex/PEX_welcome.html</a>	Parents Exchange is an information, referral and advocacy service for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities and professionals who work with our families.
Parents of Allergic Children	<a href="http://www.parentsofallergicchildren.org">www.parentsofallergicchildren.org</a>	Support group for parents of children with learning or behavioral problems due to allergies.
Parents Reaching Out	<a href="http://vuneo.org/PROhp.htm">http://vuneo.org/PROhp.htm</a>	New resource group organized to link special-needs families with funds, services and resources; networking.
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States	<a href="http://www.siecus.org">www.siecus.org</a>	Provides sexuality education, information and resources.
SNAP: Special Needs Advocate for Parents	<a href="http://www.snapinfo.org">www.snapinfo.org</a>	Medical insurance advocacy; special needs estate planning; referrals.
Special Needs G.I.F.T.S.	<a href="http://www.specialneedsadvocate.com/">http://www.specialneedsadvocate.com/</a>	Support network for adults with children who have special needs or learning difficulties.
State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/schip/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/schip/</a>	A health insurance program for uninsured children.
Talking with Kids About Tough Topics	<a href="http://www.talkingwithkids.org">www.talkingwithkids.org</a>	This site is designed to help parents talk with their children about sex, drugs, HIV/AIDS, violence and alcohol as well as providing links to other various resources.
The Compassionate Friends	<a href="http://www.compassionatefriends.org">www.compassionatefriends.org</a>	This site has information and links for those parents, grandparents and siblings who have suffered the loss of a child.
The Sibling Support Project	<a href="http://www.thearc.org/siblingsupport/">http://www.thearc.org/siblingsupport/</a>	A national program dedicated to the interests of brothers and sisters of people with special health and developmental needs.
<b>Specific Disability Links</b>		
Arthritis Foundation	<a href="http://www.arthritis.org">www.arthritis.org</a>	A source of help for Virginians living with arthritis. Information and education services, community programs, research support and fundraising available.

Cerebral Palsy of Virginia	<a href="http://www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org/">http://www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org/</a>	Serves all persons with CP and other developmental disabilities. Information, referral, advocacy, technology resource center and respite weekends.
Congenital Heart Defects	<a href="http://www.kumc.edu/kumcpeds">www.kumc.edu/kumcpeds</a>	Teaching resources for pediatric cardiology.
Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities	<a href="http://www.ldonline.org">www.ldonline.org</a>	This site gives information on learning disabilities for parents, teachers and other professionals.
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America	<a href="http://www.cffa.org/">http://www.cffa.org/</a>	Disease information and the latest research; offers a wide range of educational programs for patients and health-care professionals, and provides supportive services to help people cope with these chronic intestinal diseases.
Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease	<a href="http://qurlyjoe.bu.edu/cduchome.html">http://qurlyjoe.bu.edu/cduchome.html</a>	A website that has many links to information about CD, UC and IFD.
CSA - Richmond Celiac Sprue Support Group #87	<a href="http://www.csaceliacs.org/Chapter_Pages/RichmondVACHpt87.php">http://www.csaceliacs.org/Chapter_Pages/RichmondVACHpt87.php</a>	Support group for all persons with Celiac Sprue and family members; support, recipes, vendor contacts, education; meets 3rd Mondays at Johnson Willis Hospital, Johnson Willis Drive
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	<a href="http://www.cff.org">www.cff.org</a>	A resource of information about cystic fibrosis whose mission is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease.
Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, Central Virginia Chapter	<a href="http://www.efva.org/">http://www.efva.org/</a>	Support group for teens and adults with epilepsy; trying to start parent support group; community outreach, training for seizure, first aid; educational issues.
International Dyslexia Association: Virginia Branch	<a href="http://www.interdys.org">www.interdys.org</a>	Resources for parents and professionals; annual statewide conventions. Support groups for adults with dyslexia (but no parent support group).
Muscular Dystrophy Association	<a href="http://www.mdausa.org">www.mdausa.org</a>	New patient packets; support group for adults; no parent support group at this time.
National Spinal Cord Injury Association, Old Dominion Chapter	<a href="http://www.spinalcord.org">www.spinalcord.org</a>	Information and referral services for SCI survivors and their families; peer and family support groups; prevention programs in schools. Quarterly meetings scheduled.
Tourette Syndrome Association of Greater Washington	<a href="http://www.tsagw.org">www.tsagw.org</a>	Offers resource ideas and networking. A local chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Washington.

**[Traveling with a disability - A listing of web sites that focus on travel assistance for persons with disabilities.](#)**

Access-able	<a href="http://www.access-able.com">www.access-able.com</a>	This site offers information about access and travel around the world.
Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA)	<a href="http://www.atia.org/">www.atia.org/</a>	This site is dedicated to ensure that they best products and services are delivered to people with disabilities.
Assistive Training Online Project	<a href="http://atto.buffalo.edu/">http://atto.buffalo.edu/</a>	ATTO provides information on AT applications that help students with disabilities learn in elementary classrooms.
Center on Disabilities	<a href="http://www.csun.edu/cod">www.csun.edu/cod</a>	A site that offers training programs and conferences on Assistive Technology.
Center for Applied Science Technology (CAST)	<a href="http://www.cast.org/">www.cast.org/</a>	A site that uses technology to expand opportunities for all people, including those with disabilities.
Center for Accessible Technology	<a href="http://www.cforat.org/">www.cforat.org/</a>	Provides information and services supporting technology use that respects individuals differences, encourages each person's right to make informed choices and builds the community's capacity to support the assistive technology user.
Center for IT Accomodation (CITA)	<a href="http://www.icdri.org/technology/cita.htm">http://www.icdri.org/technology/cita.htm</a>	Coordinator for making information technology available accessible for people with disabilities.
DisAbility Link Barn	<a href="http://accessunlimited.com/html/ink_barn.html">http://accessunlimited.com/html/ink_barn.html</a>	This site has links to information and sites of all kinds of travel including Bed and Breakfast and medical assistance for travelers.
Equal Access to Software and Information (EASI)	<a href="http://www.rit.edu/~easi/">www.rit.edu/~easi/</a>	Online training of accessible information technology for persons with disabilities.
Illinois Assistive Technology Project	<a href="http://www.iltech.org/">www.iltech.org/</a>	Promotes independent living through technology.
Ken-Crest Medically Fragile Children	<a href="http://www.kencrest.org/index.htm">www.kencrest.org/index.htm</a>	A list of resources, information about the Transitional Care Home Program (TCHP) and a database of care providers for children with severe chronic medical problems.
National Center on Accessibility	<a href="http://www.indiana.edu/~nca/">www.indiana.edu/~nca/</a>	On this site, they are committed to accessibility of parks, recreation and tourism for people with disabilities.
Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Techonology Society of North America (RESNA)	<a href="http://www.resna.org/">www.resna.org/</a>	A site with the purpose to improve the potential of people with disabilities to achieve their goals through the use of technology.
Sprout	<a href="http://www.gosprout.org/">http://www.gosprout.org/</a>	Sprout is a non-profit organization based in New York that is dedicated to assisting individuals with developmental disabilities and special needs to have a safe travel experience.

The Adaptive Technology Resource Centre	<a href="http://www.utoronto.ca/atrc">www.utoronto.ca/atrc</a>	A site dedicated to the research and development to find innovative ways solutions to accessibility challenges.
The Alliance for Technology Access	<a href="http://www.ataccess.org/">www.ataccess.org/</a>	A network of community based resource centers, Developers and Vendors, Affiliates and Associates dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities, and increasing their use of standard, assistive and information technologies.
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