

Internet Resource List for Parents and Professionals

Autism Links

Autism Center of VA Registry - Virginia Commonwealth University	http://www.vcuhealth.org/vtcc/Autism%20Registry.html	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	http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/dd/ddautism.htm	General informational links about Autism run by the CDC.
Autism Resources	http://www.autism-resources.com/	Long lists of information and resources.
Autism Society of America - Central Virginia Chapter	www.asacv.org	Support group for parents and professionals; newsletters, library, conferences and social activities.
Autistics.org Project	www.autistics.org	This project helps to connect people with autism with services needed to live whole and happy lives.
National Autistic Society	www.nas.org.uk	A British organization that provides facts, advice and educational services for autism.
Commonwealth Autism Service	www.autismva.org	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	www.dsagr.com	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	www.nas.com/downsyn/	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	www.ndsccenter.org	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	www.ndss.org	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	http://www.pde.state.pa.us/k12/cwp/search.asp?a=11	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.
Consortium on Inclusive Schooling Practices	http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/Community/cisp.asp	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	www.cec.sped.org/	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)	http://www.fen.com/	The Family Education Network (FEN) has built a site that includes a Special Needs channel.
Federation for Children with Special Needs	www.fcsn.org/	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	www.uni.edu/coe/inclusion/	Provided for teachers, parents and school staff about how to accomplish an inclusive education.
Internet Special Education Resources	http://www.iser.com/nps.html	List of resources and organizations by state.
J.P. Das Development Disabilities Centre	http://www.ualberta.ca/~jpdasddc/INDEX.html	Information and resources on inclusion for teachers, administrators and parents.
LiteraryAccess Online	http://www.peatc.org/lao.htm	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	http://www.mcgill.ca/conted-edu/programs/inclusive/	Designed to meet the needs of those interested in or involved in teaching those with special needs.
Project Participate	www.projectparticipate.org/	Provides families, educators, administrators and therapists with simple strategies to increase the active participation of students with disabilities in school programs.
Ridgecrest Pediatric Services	www.ridge-crest.org/	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	www.seriweb.com	A collection of internet resources for people involved in special education.

The Special Ed Advocate	www.wrightslaw.com	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	http://specialed.freeyellow.com/	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	www.ed.gov	The latest information on law, statutes, etc regarding education and special education.
University of Virginia's Special Education Site	http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/curry/dept/curry/ise/ose/	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	http://www.ablelink.org/public/default.htm	Connects young people with disabilities and chronic illnesses to peers and mentors with and without disabilities.
American Academy of Pediatrics	www.aap.org	All the latest health information about all infants, children, adolescents and young adults.
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry	www.aapd.org	This site provides a parent education section covering common pediatric dental health issues.
American Cancer Society	www.cancer.org	Provides medicine, transportation and funds for children with cancer. Financial capabilities offered and determined by the society.
American Lung Association	www.lungusa.org	Volunteer health organization for the fight against lung disease. Special interests include: asthma, tobacco control and environmental health.
ARC of Virginia	http://www.arcofva.org/	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	http://www.archrespite.org/	This site provides information to support service providers and families through training, technical assistance, evaluation and research.
Association for Advancement of Behavioral Therapy	http://www.aabt.org/	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	http://members.tripod.com/~imaware/backcare.html	Information on lifting heavy items.
Band-aids and Blackboards	http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/	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)	www.chadd.org	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	www.childrensdefense.org	A voice for children with particular attention to poor, minority and children with disabilities.
Children's Health Resources	www.healthtouch.com/	Find up-to-date information on health, wellness, diseases and illnesses.
ChronicIll Net	www.chronicillnet.org	An on-line library about chronic illnesses.
Disability is Natural	www.disabilityisnatural.com	This site offers a gentle rebellion against old attitudes and perceptions and a new way of thinking about people with disabilities.
ERIC on Line	http://www.eric.ed.gov/	The Educational Resources Information Center includes many links, resources, databases and the National Library of Education.
Federation for Children with Special Needs	www.fcsn.org/	Support for families with special-needs children.
IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)	www.ideapractices.org	IDEA Partnership Projects Information: projects with ASPIRE, ILIAD, FAPE and PMP)
Institute for Child Health Policy	www.ichp.edu/	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	www.ldanatl.org	Parent support group with state and national affiliations.
MCH Library: Non-English Materials and Resources	http://www.mchlibrary.info/nonenglish.html	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	www.ramom.org	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	www.nachri.org	A list of National Children's Hospitals.

National Kidney Foundation of Virginia, Inc.	www.kidneyva.org	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	http://www.ask.hrsa.gov/	A clearinghouse of maternal and child health publications.
National Organization of Rare Disorders	www.rarediseases.org/	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	www.nichcy.org/disabinf.htm	A list of specific disabilities, fact sheets and briefing pages.
NICHCY National Resources	http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/genresc/gr2.htm	A great list of National resources.
NICHCY News Digests	www.nichcy.org/newsdig.htm	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	www.nichcy.org/stateshe/va.htm	A list of Virginia state resources
NICHCY Publications	www.nichcy.org/pubs1.htm	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)	http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/	This University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities works to increase choices for individuals, change systems, improve services and affect public policy.
Pediatric Neuropsychology	http://members.aol.com/willmerz/#neuro	The explanation and need for Neuropsychology in children.
Harriet Lane Links	http://derm.med.jhmi.edu/poi/	A searchable collection of links to resources in Pediatrics and Child Health. (Formerly Pediatric Points of Interest)
Pennsylvania Health Law Project	www.phlp.org	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	http://www.prematurity.org/	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)	http://www.reachva.org/	Helping uninsured families find qualified health care in Richmond.

SCAN: Stop Child Abuse Now	http://www.scanva.org/	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	www.vasids.org	Parent and grandparent support groups, newsletters and outreach.
The DRM Guide to Disability Resource on the Internet: Alphabet Soup	www.disabilityresources.org/ABC.html	A Disability Resources Monthly guide to disability-related acronyms.
The DuPont Hospital for Children and the Nemours Children's Clinic	www.kidshealth.org/	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	http://www.omhrc.gov/	Provides referrals, publications and information on minority, public health issues.
Two Hands	http://www.twohandsinc.com/	Jewelry and gifts inspired by children with disabilities, disadvantages or serious illness.
Virginia Division of Legislative Services: Disability Commission	http://dls.state.va.us/disability.htm	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	www.specialolympicsva.com	State program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation.
Voices for Virginia's Children	www.childadvocacy.org	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	http://www.adaa.org	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	http://www.bpkids.org/	Information about children and adolescents with Bipolar Disorder

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance	http://www.dbsalliance.org/	Provides information on mood disorders, support groups, advocacy news and more.
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	www.nami.org	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	http://www.ocfoundation.org/	Several links and resources as well as a Q&A section about OCD.
Resources for Parents and their Families		
Alliance	www.taalliance.org	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	http://home.ptd.net/~rjd/autism/	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	www.biav.net	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	http://kidshealth.org/parent/system/ill/machine.html	Resource for caring for technology dependent children.
Care Connection for Children Resource Directory	http://www.vahealth.org/specialchildren/directory/health.asp	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	http://www.childcareaware.org/en/	Provides families with information on local child care centers.
Coping with ADD Class: Living with your ADHD-Child	www.co.chesterfield.va.us/HumanServices/YouthServices/classes.asp	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	www.eparent.com	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	http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/administration/communityservicesboard/csbhome.asp	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	www.familiesusa.org/	This site contains: Families USA's Issue-Oriented web sites, New Media Center, New Human Services & Advocacy, Job Bank and more.
Family Village	www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/school.htm	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	www.familyvoices.org/	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)	www.slowlane.com	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	www.healthychats.com	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	www.karengaffneyfoundation.com	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)	http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/mailman/consuner.htm	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	http://www.makinglemonade.com/	A website community for single parents that has a special needs channel with a number of resources.
My Family and Autism	www.members.tripod.com/~Beckyforrick/index-2.html	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	http://childwelfare.gov	This site provides information and resources to families on all aspects of adoption.
National Center for Fathering	www.fathers.com	Provides fathers with information and parenting tips.
National Center on Fathers and Families Databases	http://www.ncoff.gse.upenn.edu/database/index.html	Numerous databases.
National Child Care Information Center	http://nccic.org	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	www.fathersnetwork.org/page.php?page=554&	This site provides support and resources for fathers and families of children with chronic illness and developmental disabilities.
National Foster Parent Association, Inc.	www.nfpainc.org	Provides support and information to families caring for a foster child.
OCD and Parenting	http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ocdanparenting/	An online parenting support group for children with OCD
Parenting: Babies and Toddlers	http://babyparenting.about.com/cs/specialneeds1/?iam=bomis&terms=premature+babies	A link on About.com with regards to Babies and Toddlers with special needs.
Parent Resource Center: Hanover County	http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/instruction/parentresource/aboutthecenter.htm	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Hanover County.
Parent Resource Center: Richmond	http://www.richmond.k12.va.us/exed/index.cfm	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Richmond.
Parental Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)	www.peatc.org	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	http://specialchildren.about.com/cnl/1/psn04250116.htm	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	http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/htm/parents_pages/ptrc/parent_teacher_center.htm	Provides support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Chesterfield County.
Parent - to - Parent	http://www.ptpofva.com	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	www.pacer.org/	Lists many web sites with information and publications.
Parents and Children Coping Together: PACCT	www.pacct.net	"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	http://members.tripod.com/pex/PEXwelcome.html	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	www.parentsofallergicchildren.org	Support group for parents of children with learning or behavioral problems due to allergies.
Parents Reaching Out	http://vuneo.org/PROhp.htm	New resource group organized to link special-needs families with funds, services and resources; networking.

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States	www.siecus.org	Provides sexuality education, information and resources.
SNAP: Special Needs Advocate for Parents	www.snapinfo.org	Medical insurance advocacy; special needs estate planning; referrals.
Special Needs G.I.F.T.S.	http://www.specialneedsadvocate.com/	Support network for adults with children who have special needs or learning difficulties.
State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/schip/	A health insurance program for uninsured children.
Talking with Kids About Tough Topics	www.talkingwithkids.org	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	www.compassionatefriends.org	This site has information and links for those parents, grandparents and siblings who have suffered the loss of a child.
Specific Disability Links		
Arthritis Foundation	www.arthritis.org	A source of help for Virginians living with arthritis. Information and education services, community programs, research support and fundraising available.
Brain Injury Association of Virginia	www.biav.net	A website that has many links to resources and support groups concerning brain injury
Cerebral Palsy of Virginia	http://www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org/	Serves all persons with CP and other developmental disabilities. Information, referral, advocacy, technology resource center and respite weekends.
Congenital Heart Defects	www.kumc.edu/kumcpeds	Teaching resources for pediatric cardiology.
Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities	www.ldonline.org	This site gives information on learning disabilities for parents, teachers and other professionals.
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America	http://www.cffa.org/	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	http://qurlyjoe.bu.edu/cduchome.html	A website that has many links to information about CD, UC and IFD.
CSA - Richmond Celiac Sprue Support Group #87	http://www.csaceliacs.org/Chapter_Pages/RichmondVACht87.php	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	www.cff.org	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	http://www.efva.org/	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	www.interdys.org	Resources for parents and professionals; annual statewide conventions. Support groups for adults with dyslexia (but no parent support group).
Muscular Dystrophy Association	www.mdaua.org	New patient packets; support group for adults; no parent support group at this time.
National Spinal Cord Injury Association, Old Dominion Chapter	www.spinalcord.org	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	www.tsagw.org	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	www.access-able.com	This site offers information about access and travel around the world.
Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA)	www.atia.org/	This site is dedicated to ensure that the best products and services are delivered to people with disabilities.
Assistive Training Online Project	http://atto.buffalo.edu/	ATTO provides information on AT applications that help students with disabilities learn in elementary classrooms.
Center on Disabilities	www.csun.edu/cod	A site that offers training programs and conferences on Assistive Technology.
Center for Applied Science Technology (CAST)	www.cast.org/	A site that uses technology to expand opportunities for all people, including those with disabilities.
Center for Accessible Technology	www.cforat.org/	Provides information and services supporting technology use that respects individual 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 Accommodation (CITA)	http://www.icdri.org/technology/cita.htm	Coordinator for making information technology available accessible for people with disabilities.
DisAbility Link Barn	http://accessunlimited.com/html/link_barn.html	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)	www.rit.edu/~easi/	Online training of accessible information technology for persons with disabilities.
Illinois Assistive Technology Project	www.iltech.org/	Promotes independent living through technology.

Ken-Crest Medically Fragile Children	www.kencrest.org/index.htm	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	www.indiana.edu/~nca/	On this site, they are committed to accessibility of parks, recreation and tourism for people with disabilities.
Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)	www.resna.org/	A site with the purpose to improve the potential of people with disabilities to achieve their goals through the use of technology.
Sprout	http://www.gosprout.org/	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	www.utoronto.ca/atrc	A site dedicated to the research and development to find innovative ways solutions to accessibility challenges.
The Alliance for Technology Access	www.ataccess.org/	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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