





## GENERATIONS UNITED

# GRAND RESOURCES

A Resource Directory for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children with Disabilities





## **Grand Resources**

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#### Introduction

This resource directory serves as a companion piece to the Generations United publication *Grand Resources: A Grandparent's and Other Relative's Guide to Raising Children with Disabilities* (available at www.gu.org). It provides a detailed list of the quality services, resources, information, and advocacy tools vital for children with disabilities. The purpose is to equip the caregivers, including those that provide full and part time care to relative children, with the national resources they need to help their children thrive, now and in the future. This guide does not contain every resource available, however, it will be updated periodically to include new resources.

If you have additional resources that you would like to add please send the information to gu@gu.org.

For more information regarding grandfamilies raising grandchildren, you can visit Generations United's National Center on Grandfamilies at: <a href="http://www.gu.org/OURWORK/Grandfamilies.aspx">http://www.gu.org/OURWORK/Grandfamilies.aspx</a>.

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## **Definitions of Description Areas**

## **Health and Mental Health:**

An individual might need health or mental health resources when they are not in a state of emotional, psychological, or physical well-being and are not able to use cognitive and emotional capabilities, function in society, or meet the ordinary demands of everyday life.

## Respite:

Respite resources provide access to services that give caregivers a chance for rest and relief.

### Financial:

Financial resources help caregivers prepare budgets and obtain access to programs that help lighten the financial weight of caregiving.

### Child Welfare:

These resources help caregivers navigate the child welfare system (Foster Care, Child Protective Services) and are used to make sure every child has access to a happy, healthy, and prosperous life.

#### Education:

Educational resources help inform caregivers about important enrollment, retention, and in school service information. They provides information regarding children with disabilities rights in school and how to make sure your child is getting what they need to succeed.

#### <u>Art:</u>

Art resources provide information on art activities to do at home, and organization that facilitate art programs as therapeutic exercises.

#### **Social Supports:**

Social Supports provide assistance and resources for caregivers and the children they're raising. These forums may share advice, service information or tips on how to raise a child with disabilities.

## Legal:

Legal resources provide hotlines, legislation factsheets, and information on what to be aware of when navigating the caregiver and disability legal systems.

## <u>Transition to Adulthood/Employment:</u>

Transition and Employment resources provide information on disability employment and how to transition a child from relative care to independent adulthood.

## Advocacy:

Advocacy resources provide information and recommendations on what kinship and disability issues are important to advocate for and how to engage in the advocacy process.

## General Support for Children with Disabilities:

General Support resources cover information and organizations that assist children with any disability.

## Supports for Children with Specific Disabilities:

Specific Disability resources cover information and organizations that assist children with specific disabilities. This section is organized according to type of disability.

## **Additional Resources:**

Additional Resources include books and legislation that may be helpful to caregiver raising children with disabilities.

## **Information and Referral/211**

The 211 Resource Line is a great way to find local resources in your area. They provide free and confidential information that can help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more. 211 has 100% coverage in 39 states, however, all states have at least partial coverage. Visit <a href="http://www.211.org/">http://www.211.org/</a> and type in your zip code or dial 211 on your phone for more information.

## **Health and Mental Health**

Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
The Academy is the professional organization for child and adolescent	Facts for Families page:  http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/ facts_for_families/facts_for_f  amilies	Children and Families	3615 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016 202-966-7300 www.aacap.org
has information sheets on many different mental health topics. "Facts for Families" are available in English, Spanish, German, and	unines		www.uacup.org
CDF provides research on children's survival, protection and development in all racial and income groups and independent analyses of how federal and state policies affect children, their families and their communities.  Information for public on how effectively their elected officials stand up for children. They also provide Mental Health fact sheets.	Link to Mental Health policy page: http://www.childrensdefense. org/child-research-data- publications/data/mental- health-factsheet.pdf  Caregiver's Guide to Health Insurance for Children: http://www.childrensdefense. org/child-research-data- publications/data/healthy- ties-guide-to-health- insurance.pdf  Grandparent's Guide to Raising Children with Disabilities: http://www.childrensdefense. org/child-research-data- publications/data/grandparent s-relative-caregivers-guide- raising children with	Children	http://www.childrensdefense. org
	The Academy is the professional organization for child and adolescent psychiatrists. Their website has information sheets on many different mental health topics. "Facts for Families" are available in English, Spanish, German, and French.  CDF provides research on children's survival, protection and development in all racial and income groups and independent analyses of how federal and state policies affect children, their families and their communities. Information for public on how effectively their elected officials stand up for children. They also provide Mental	The Academy is the professional organization for child and adolescent psychiatrists. Their website has information sheets on many different mental health topics. "Facts for Families" are available in English, Spanish, German, and French.  CDF provides research on children's survival, protection and development in all racial and income groups and independent analyses of how federal and state policies affect children, their families and their communities. Information for public on how effectively their elected officials stand up for children. They also provide Mental Health fact sheets.  Facts for Families page: http://www.acacap.org/cs/root/facts for families/facts for f	The Academy is the professional organization for child and adolescent psychiatrists. Their website has information sheets on many different mental health topics. "Facts for Families" are available in English, Spanish, German, and French.  CDF provides research on children's survival, protection and development in all racial and income groups and independent analyses of how federal and state policies affect children, their families and their communities. Information for public on how effectively their elected officials stand up for children. They also provide Mental Health fact sheets.  Facts for Families page:

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Children Health Insurance	The Children's Health	State by State Information:	Children	7500 Security Boulevard
Program (CHIP)	Insurance Program (CHIP)	http://www.medicaid.gov/Me		Baltimore, MD 21244
	provides health coverage to	dicaid-CHIP-Program-		http://www.medicaid.gov
	nearly 8 million children in	<u>Information/By-</u>		
	families with incomes too	Topics/Childrens-Health-		
	high to qualify for Medicaid,	Insurance-Program-		
	but can't afford private	CHIP/CHIP-State-Program-		
	coverage. Signed into law in 1997, CHIP provides federal	Information.html		
	matching funds to states to	CHIP Program Information:		
	provide this coverage.	http://www.medicaid.gov/me		
	provide and coverage.	dicaid-chip-program-		
		information/by-		
		topics/childrens-health-		
		insurance-program-		
		chip/childrens-health-		
		insurance-program-chip.html		
Families USA	Families USA is a national	Medicaid Factsheet:	Children and Families	www.familiesusa.org
	nonprofit, non-partisan	http://familiesusa.org/issues/		
	organization dedicated to the	medicaid/		
	achievement of high-quality,			
	affordable health care for all	Children's Health Insurance		
	Americans. They provide	Program Factsheet:		
	information on CHIP	http://www.familiesusa.org/is		
	(Children's Health Insurance	sues/childrens-health/about-		
	Program) for those not	<u>chip/</u>		
	eligible for Medicaid.			
Federation of Families for	The Federation is a national	Find a state chapter:	Children with mental health	http://www.ffcmh.org/
Children's Mental Health	organization run by and for	http://www.ffcmh.org/find-	needs	
	families whose children and	<u>local-chapter</u>		
	grandchildren have mental			
	health problems. They have			
	chapters in most states.			
	Chapters have staff and			
	members who are raising			
	children with mental,			
	emotional, and behavioral			
	problems. They understand			
	what you face and can discuss			

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	ways for you to get help.			
Healthfinder.gov	Healthfinder.gov has topics		Everyone	http://www.healthfinder.gov/
	and tools to help children and			<u>HealthTopics/</u>
	families stay healthy.			
Health Resources and	Federal Title V Maternal and		Children	http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/pr
Services Administration-	Child Health programs			ograms/titlevgrants/index.htm
Maternal and Child Health	provided a foundation for			<u>1</u>
	ensuring the health of the			
	Nation's mothers, women,			
	children and youth, including			
	children and youth with			
	special health care needs, and			
	their families.			
Insure Kids Now	Insure Kids Now provides		Children and Families	1-877-Kids-Now
	information about Medicaid			(1-877-543-7669)
	and CHIP services for			http://www.insurekidsnow.go
	families who need health			<u>v/</u>
	insurance coverage. These			
	programs are designed to be			
	affordable for families who			
	are not able to purchase			
	health insurance coverage in			
	the private market or do not			
	have coverage available to			
	them.			
Mental Health America	MHA works to improve the		Individuals with mental	2000 North Beauregard
(MHA)	mental health of all		health disorders	Street, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor
	Americans through advocacy,			Alexandria, VA 22311
	education, research, and			703-684-7722
	service. They provides			1-800 969-NMHA (6642)
	information and referrals for			800-433-5959 (TTY)
	individuals seeking help for			www.mentalhealthAmerica.n
	themselves, family members,			<u>et</u>
	or friends			
	through the Mental Health			
	Information Center. They			
	have pamphlets on many			
	topics, including children's			
	mental health.			

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
National Center for Learning Disabilities	NCLD connects parents and others with essential resources, provides educators with evidence-based tools, and engages advocates in public policy initiatives.		Parents, Teacher, Advocates	http://www.ncld.org/
National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health	The Federation is a national parent and caregiver-run organization to address the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families. A list of state and local chapters that you can call in your area is available on webpage.	List of state and local chapters: http://www.ffcmh.org/find-local-chapter	Children with mental disorders and their families	9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 280 Rockville, MD 20850 240-403-1901 E-mail: ffcmh@ffcmh.org www.ffcmh.org
National Institute of Health	NIH provides health information regarding Children and teens, Seniors, men, women, minorities, wellness and lifestyles. It is also a source for research, trainings, funding and grant opportunities.	Child and Teen Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category /ChildTeenHealth  Senior Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category /SeniorsHealth  Men's Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category /MensHealth  Women's Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category /WomensHealth  Minority Health Topics: http://health.nih.gov/category /WinorityHealth.nih.gov/category /MinorityHealth.nih.gov/category /MinorityHealth.nih.gov/category /MinorityHealth	Everyone	www.nih.gov

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
		/WellnessLifestyle		
National Institute of Mental Health	NIMH provides information, resources, and statistics about older adults and mental health.	Statistics: <a href="http://www.nimh.nih.gov/statistics/index.shtml">http://www.nimh.nih.gov/statistics/index.shtml</a> Mental Health and Older  Adults: <a href="http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/older-adults-and-mental-health/index.shtml">http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/older-adults-and-mental-health/index.shtml</a>	Everyone	http://www.nimh.nih.gov/ind ex.shtml
National Partnership for Women and Families	The Partnership provides information about laws and policies for health care, work, and family issues.		Women and Families	1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 650 Washington, DC 20009 Phone: 202-986-2600 E-mail: info@nationalpartnership.org www.nationalpartnership.org
Office for Civil Rights, US Department for Health and Human Services (HQ)	The Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) enforces federal laws that prohibit discrimination by health care and human service providers that receive funds from HHS. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex or religion, by those who receive funds from HHS, you may file a complaint with OCR.	To file a complaint: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilr ights/complaints/index.html	Everyone	Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 509F 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201 1-800-368-1019 1-877-696-6775 Toll Free 1-800-877-8339 TDD/TTY E-mail:OCRMAIL@hhs.gov www.hhs.gov/ocr
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	SAMHSA provides substance abuse and mental health information, resources, and grants.	Center for Mental Health Services' (CMHS): http://www.samhsa.gov/about /cmhs.aspx	Everyone	http://www.samhsa.gov/
TASH	TASH provides parents, educators, advocates, organizations and members of		Everyone	http://tash.org/

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	the media, resources and			
	information regarding			
	disability advocacy and			
	inclusion of people with			
	disabilities.			
US Department of Health and	The Department of Health	Locate health care providers	Everyone	200 Independence Ave
Human Services	and Human Services (HHS)	and facilities at:		SW Washington, District of
	is the United States	http://www.hhs.gov/children/i		Columbia 20201
	government's principal	<u>ndex.html</u>		(202) 690-7000
	agency for protecting the			http://www.hhs.gov/
	health of all Americans and			
	providing essential human			
	services, especially for those			
	who are least able to help			
	themselves.			
	Get information on the health			
	of infants, children, teens,			
	adults, seniors, veterans,			
	caregivers, individuals with			
	disabilities, and travelers.			
Women, Infant, Children	WIC can help eligible		Children	www.fns.usda.gov/wic/
Program (WIC)	families, including relative			
	caregivers, meet nutrition			
	needs of children they raise			
	under age 5. Children must			
	have certain types of health			
	conditions to qualify.			

## Respite

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
ARCH Respite-National	The National Respite Locator	Family Care Navigator State-	Caregivers	800 Eastowne Drive, Suite
Respite Network	Service helps caregivers find	by-State Help for Family		105
	respite services in their area.	Caregivers:		Chapel Hill, NC 27514
		www.caregiver.org/caregiver/		919-490-5577
		jsp/fcn content node.jsp?nod		1-800-773-5433 (Call
		eid=2083		weekdays 8:30 a.m 5:00
				p.m. EST)
		Respite Factsheets:		919-490-4905 Fax
		http://archrespite.org/products		http://www.respitelocator.org
		publications/arch-fact-		
		sheets#FS2		
Administration for	ACL brings together the	National Family Caregiver	Older Adults and disabled	http://acl.gov/About ACL/In
Community Living	efforts and achievements of	Support:	individuals	dex.aspx
	the Administration on Aging,	http://www.aoa.gov/aoaroot/P		
	the Administration on	ress Room/Products Materia		
	Intellectual and	ls/fact/pdf/Natl_Family_Care		
	Developmental Disabilities,	giver_Support.pdf		
	and the HHS Office on			
	Disability to serve as the			
	Federal agency responsible			
	for increasing access to			
	community supports, while			
	focusing attention and			
	resources on the unique needs			
	of older Americans and			
	people with disabilities across			
	the lifespan.			
Brookdale Foundation Group	The Brookdale National		Human Service Organizations	http://www.brookdalefoundat
	Group Respite Program			ion.org/Respite/respiteprogra
	awards seed grants to			m2008.html
	organizations to develop and			
	implement social model			
	group respite programs. In			
	addition they feature key			
	resources frequently used by			

## Respite

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	the organizations they serve.			
GrandFact Sheet	The American Association of		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
	Retired People (AARP) along			
	with other sponsors provide			
	factsheets on specific issues			
	for grandfamilies by state.			
Generations United	Generations United is a	Respite information and	Caregivers	1331 H. St NW
	national membership	resources:		Washington, DC 20005
	organization that helps	http://www.gu.org/OURWO		www.gu.org
	seniors, children, and youth	RK/PublicPolicy/SocialSupp		
	through intergenerational	orts/LifespanRespite.asp		
	strategies, policies and			
	programs. They also provide			
	respite information on their			
	website.			

## **Financial**

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Additional Child Tax Credit	The Additional Child Tax		Grandfamilies and other	http://www.irs.gov/publicatio
	Credit may help if a caregiver		caregivers	ns/p972/ar02.html#en US 20
	doesn't owe enough taxes.			12_publink100012090
	Unlike the child tax credit,			
	this tax credit is refundable.			
	They will get a refund check			
	with the IRS.			
Adoption Tax Credit	The Adoption Tax Credit can			www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.
	help if grandfamilies that			<u>html</u>
	have adopted their			
	grandchild. It can give them			
	a credit for the money they			
	spent to adopt. The			
	Affordable Care Act made			
	the credit refundable for 2010			
	and 2011, so if they adopted			
	during those years, they could file an amended tax return			
	and potentially receive a			
	refund check.			
AARP	The AARP Foundation has	Benefits Quick Link:	Older adults	http://www.aarp.org/aarp-
AAM	information and resources	https://www.benefitscheckup.	Order addits	foundation/our-
	about finances and income	org/cf/index.cfm?partner id=		work/income.html
	for seniors.	<u>22</u>		work/meome.num
	Tor semors.	<u> </u>		
		Grand Factsheets:		
		http://www.aarp.org/relations		
		hips/friends-		
		family/grandfacts-sheets/		
		Grandparents Tool:		
		http://www.aarp.org/relations		
		hips/friends-family/info-08-		
		2011/grandfamlies-guide-		
		<u>resources.html</u>		

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Cambridge Credit	Cambridge Credit		Grandparents and other	Link to video <i>Help for</i>
	Counseling is a 501(c)(3)		caregivers raising children	Grandparents Raising
	non-profit agency offering			their Grandchildren:
	credit counseling, housing			http://www.youtube.com/w
	counseling, reverse			atch?v=irnrdaDNO0g
	mortgage counseling, and			
	bankruptcy counseling			
	services. They are a			
	national organization			
	providing assistance for a			
	wide-range of financial			
	issues. They offer a short			
	helpful financial video for			
	grandparents raising			
	grandchildren.			
Child Dependent Tax Credit	The Child Dependent Tax		Grandfamilies and other	http://www.irs.gov/uac/Ten-
1	Credit may help a		caregivers	Things-to-Know-About-the-
	grandfamily if they've hired			Child-and-Dependent-Care-
	someone to help care for the			Credit
	child so they could work or			
	look for work. They may be			
	able to claim up to \$3,000 in			
CLULT C. III	expenses per child.		G 16 31 1 1	
Child Tax Credit	Grandfamilies and other		Grandfamilies and other	www.irs.gov/newsroom/articl
	caregivers may be eligible for the Child Tax Credit if their		caregivers	e/0%2C%2Cid=106182%2C0 0.html
	grandchild is dependent on			<u>0.111111</u>
	them and under age 17. They			
	can claim up to \$1,000 per			
	child. But, this is not			
	refundable. So, if they don't			
	owe enough taxes, it won't			
	help.			
Early Childhood Technical	ECTAC provides information		Families with children in	Campus Box 8040, UNC-CH
Assistance Center (ECTAC)	about the early intervention		preschool	Chapel Hill, NC 27599
	and preschool grant programs			919-962-2001
	funded by the federal			E-mail: ectacenter@unc.edu

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	government.			http://www.ectacenter.org
Earned Income Tax Credit	EITC is a refundable tax		Grandfamilies and other	www.irs.gov/individuals/artic
(EITC)	credit that caregivers may be		relative caregivers	<u>le/0,,id=96406,00.html</u>
	eligible for. To qualify, your			
	grandchild must have lived			
	with you for more than half			
	the year. This tax credit will			
	apply until your grandchild			
	turns 19 (or 24 if a full time			
	student). If your grandchild			
	is totally and permanently			
	disabled, there is no age			
	requirement.			
Generations United	Generations United is a	The benefits of Social	Everyone	1331 H. St. NW
	national membership	Security for		Washington, DC 20002
	organization that helps	Children: http://www.gu.org/L		202-289-3979
	seniors, children, and youth	inkClick.aspx?fileticket=xFk		www.gu.org
	through intergenerational	kEa96KGM%3d&tabid=157		
	strategies, policies and	<u>∣=606</u>		
	programs. They also provide			
	financial information on their	The benefits of Social		
	website.	Security for Grandfamilies:		
		http://www.gu.org/LinkClick.		
		aspx?fileticket=Vi04p7fvMdI		
		%3d&tabid=157∣=606		
GrandFact Sheet	The American Association of		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
	Retired People (AARP) along			
	with other sponsors provide			
	factsheets on specific issues			
	for grandfamilies by state.			
Grandfamilies State Law and	Grandfamilies.org provides	http://www2.grandfamilies.or	Grandfamilies	www.grandfamilies.org
Policy Resource Center	information on state and	g/FinancialAssistance.aspx		
	federal policies, bills and			
	laws on financial assistance			
	available for grandfamilies.			
Possibilities: a financial	Possibilities provides		Parents raising disabled	http://www.pacer.org/publicat
resource for parents of	resources and financial		children	ions/possibilities/your-
children with disabilities	information for parents who			disability-insurance/120-
	are raising disabled children.			sources-of-disability-

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
				insurance.html
The Social Security Administration	The Social Security Administration is the federal office that Administers Social Security Benefits including Disability Benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).	Frequently Asked Questions and information about applying for SSI:  http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/ http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/disa bility.htm -	Seniors and children	www.ssa.gov
	income (331).	Frequently Asked Questions and information about applying of Disability Benefits: <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/survivors.htm">http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/survivors.htm</a>		
		Frequently Asked Questions and information about applying for Survivors Benefits: <a href="http://www.benefits.gov/ssa">http://www.benefits.gov/ssa</a>		
		Benefit eligibility screening tool helps you find out if you could get benefits based on your answers to the questions:  http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability/child.htm		
		Apply for disability benefits-child: <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10026.pdf">http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10026.pdf</a>		
		Benefits for children with Disabilities: www.Socialsecurity.gov		
		National and State resources		

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
		concerning frequently asked questions about benefits:  www.disability.gov		
		Social Security Disability Help: <a href="http://www.disability-benefits-help.org/">http://www.disability-benefits-help.org/</a>		
		Social Security Income Eligibility Planner: www.ssa.gov/d&s1.htm		
Special Needs Planning	Special Needs Planning works with families to help create a life plan. They focus on the individual with special needs and what resources they would benefit from most.	Financial Life Plan: <a href="http://specialneedsplanning.n">http://specialneedsplanning.n</a> <a href="et/services/comprehensive-special-needs-financial-life-plan/">et/services/comprehensive-special-needs-financial-life-plan/</a>	Children with special needs and their families	http://www.specialneedsplann ing.com/
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)  Formally known as the Food	SNAP provides low income families with funds to get the proper nutrition they need.	How to Apply for Benefits: <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant-recipients/apply.ht">http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant-recipients/apply.ht</a> <a href="mailto:moreover-nc-recipients/apply.ht">m</a>	Low income families	www.fns.usda.gov
Stamp Program		Eligibility for benefits: http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant_recipients/eligibility.htm		
		How to use SNAP: http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap /applicant_recipients/using_f oodstamps.htm		
TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	The TANF programs provides financial assistance for families in need	The TANF/SSI connection: http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v66n4/v66n4p21.html	Low income families	http://www.tanf- benefits.com/
		Frequently asked questions/policy guidance: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilr		

#### Financial

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
		ights/resources/specialtopics/t		
		anf/index.html		

## **Child Welfare**

Organization	Description	Resources	Population Served	Contact
Child Welfare Information Gateway	The Child Welfare Information Gateway has information if someone wants to adopt or has adopted a child. The focus is on adopting children from the foster care system, but it includes other types of adoptions as well.		Grandfamilies and other caregivers that want to adopt or have adopted a child	https://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/
Child Welfare League of America	CWLA provides data and research, publications, advocacy, and trainings about children in the child welfare system.	Kinship Care Factsheet: http://www.cwla.org/program s/kinship/factsheet.htm	Children and families	http://www.cwla.org/
Children's Defense Fund	The Children's Defense Fund provides advocacy, information, and publications about child welfare. They also have state by state data.	State Specific data: http://www.childrensdefense. org/child-research-data- publications/us-state-child- data.html	Children and families	http://www.childrensdefense. org/
First Focus	First Focus is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions. First Focus leads a comprehensive advocacy strategy, with its hands-on experience with federal policymaking and a commitment to seeking policy solutions.		Children and families	www.firstfocus.net
Generations United	Generations United is a national membership organization that helps	Grandfamilies caring for a second family publication: <a href="http://www.gu.org/LinkClick">http://www.gu.org/LinkClick</a> .	Everyone	1331 H. St. NW Washington, DC 20005 www.gu.org

Organization	Description	Resources	Population Served	Contact
	seniors, children, and youth	aspx?fileticket=QVMe4AInp		
	through intergenerational	Og%3d&tabid=157∣=60		
	strategies, policies and	<u>6</u>		
	programs. They also provide			
	child welfare information on			
	their website.			
GrandFact Sheet	The American Association of		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
	Retired People (AARP) along			
	with other sponsors provide			
	factsheets on specific issues			
	for grandfamilies by state.			
Grandfamilies State Law and	The Grandfamilies State Law	Child Welfare information:	Grandfamilies	www.grandfamilies.org
Policy Center	and Policy Resource Center	http://www2.grandfamilies.or		
	(grandfamilies.org) serves as	g/CareandCustody.aspx		
	a national legal resource in			
	support of grandfamilies			
	within and outside the child			
	welfare system.			
Grand's Place	Grand's Place is a website			www.grandsplace.org
	designed by grandparents that			
	provides advocacy, resources,			
	and child welfare			
	information.			44.
National Resource Center for	The National Resource		Families and organizations	2180 Third Avenue, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Permanency and Family	Center for Permanency and		that serve them	New York, NY 10035
Connections (NRCPFC)	Family Connections is a			www.nrcpfc.org
	training, technical assistance,			
	and information services			
	organization dedicated to			
	help strengthen the capacity			
	of State, local, Tribal and			
	other publicly administered			
	or supported child welfare			
	agencies to: institutionalize a			
	safety-focused, family-			
	centered, and community-			
	based approach to meet the			
	needs of children, youth and			
	families.			

## Child Welfare

Organization	Description	Resources	Population Served	Contact
US Department of Health and	The Department of Health	Child Welfare Factsheet:	Children and Families	www.childwelfare.gov
Human Services-	and Human Services (HHS)	https://www.childwelfare.gov		_
Administration for Children	is the United States	/pubs/factsheets/cpswork.cfm		
and Families	government's principal			
	agency for protecting the	Kinship caregivers and the		
	health of all Americans and	child welfare system		
	providing essential human	Factsheet:		
	services, especially for those	https://www.childwelfare.gov		
	who are least able to help	/pubs/f_kinshi/index.cfm		
	themselves.			
	Get information on the health			
	of infants, children, teens,			
	adults, seniors, veterans,			
	caregivers, individuals with			
	disabilities, and travelers.			
	They also provide a fact sheet			
	that overviews the child			
	welfare system.			

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Alliance for Technology	These Technology Centers		Children with disabilities	http://www.ataccess.org/inde
Access Center	are in many communities			x.php/reading-room/centers
	around the country and have			
	programs to help people with			
	disabilities get the assistive			
	technology devices that they			
	need.			
American Bar Association-	The American Bar	Policy Center for foster care	Children and Families	http://www.americanbar.org/
Center on Children and the	Association has resources for	and education:		groups/child law.html
Law	lawyers, publications and	http://www.americanbar.org/		
	advocacy information. Their	groups/child_law/what_we_d		
	Center on Children and the	o/projects/education.html		
	Law is specific to children,			
	families, education, and child	Bar Association in your area:		
	welfare issues.	http://www.lsc.gov/local-		
		programs/program-profiles		
Center for Law and	The Center for Law and		Children and families	http://www.cleweb.org/
Education (CLE)	Education (CLE) is a national			
	support center that strives to			
	make the right of all students			
	to quality education a reality			
	and to help enable			
	communities to address their			
	own education problems			
	effectively, with an emphasis			
	on assistance to low-income			
	students. CLE has			
	information on legal rights			
	and responsibilities of			
	students and school personnel			
	as well as key education			
	programs and initiatives,			
	including Title I, vocational			
	education programs and			
	school to work systems, and			

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	special education for students with disabilities.			
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	The Office of Child Care in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). CCDF helps lowincome families obtain child care so they can work or attend training/education.		Grandfamilies and other caregivers	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/progr ams/ccb/
Child Find	Child Find provides information and resources related to the earliest possible identification of young children and their families who may benefit from early intervention or education services.	Office of Special Education Programs (IDEA) http://idea.ed.gov/explore/ho me  IDEA home page: http://idea.ed.gov/  Department of Education, Parent Technical Assistance Center Network: http://www.parentcenternetw ork.org/parentcenterlisting.ht ml	Children who may have special needs and their families	www.childfindidea.org
Disibilityresources.org	Disabilities resources.org list resources for education, specifically assistive technology, early intervention, distance education, higher education, and individualized education programs.		Youth with disabilities	http://www.disabilityresource s.org/EDUCATION.html
Do to Learn	The Do to Learn provides learning material complied from expert teachers and clinicians.		Everyone	http://www.do2learn.com/
DO-IT	DO-IT provides resources		Youth with disabilities	http://www.washington.edu/d

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Disabilities, Opportunities,	and programs with a focus on			oit/
Internetworking, and	access to technology, college			
Technology	and careers for youth with			
	disabilities.			
Early Childhood Technical	ECTAC provides information	Find your state coordinator	Children	Campus Box 8040, UNC-CH
Assistance Center (ECTAC)	about the early intervention	that will test children under 3		Chapel Hill, NC 27599
	and preschool grant programs	for special needs:		919-962-2001
	funded by the federal	http://ectacenter.org/contact/6		E-mail: ectacenter@unc.edu
	government.	19coord.asp		http://www.ectacenter.org
Families and Advocates	FAPE.org provides parents,		Parents and caregivers,	PACER Center
Partnership for Education	educators, service providers,		educators, service providers,	8161 Normandale Blvd.
(FAPE)	and policymakers with		and policymakers	Minneapolis, MN 55437
	important national			952-838-9000
	information. The FAPE			1-800-537-2237 Toll Free
	project, funded from 1997-			952-838-0190 TTY
	2004, linked families and			E-mail: <u>fape@pacer.org</u>
	advocates to information			
	about the Individuals with			www.fape.org
	Disabilities Education Act			
	(IDEA). Although the FAPE			
	project has ended, PACER			
	maintains this website to keep			
	families and professionals			
	informed of important issues			
	related to IDEA and other			
	relevant education topics.			
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
	sponsors provide factsheets			
	on specific issues for			
	grandfamilies by state.			
Generations United	Generations United is a		Children and their families	http://www.gu.org/RESOUR
	membership organization that			CES/LearningActivities.aspx
	seeks to help children, youth,			
	and seniors by promoting			
	intergenerational policies,			
	programs, and strategies.			
	They provide learning			
	activities for children to			
	practice and master essential			

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	skills.			
Head Start Bureau	The Head Start Bureau provides information on the program and how to enroll your child.	Find a local Head Start:  http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/h slc/HeadStartOffices	Children and families	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/progr ams/ohs/
K-12 Academics	K-12 Academics has over 80+ national and international education directories and 450,000+ pages of educational content for educators, administrators, parents and students.		Educators, parents and caregivers, and children	http://www.k12academics.co m/
National Center on Secondary Education and Transition	National Center on Secondary Education and Transition assists with creating opportunities for youth with disabilities to achieve successful futures.	Frequently asked question about supports available in post-secondary education: <a href="http://www.ncset.org/topics/psesupports/faqs.asp?topic=5">http://www.ncset.org/topics/psesupports/faqs.asp?topic=5</a>	Youth with disabilities	http://www.ncset.org/
Office for Civil Rights, US Department of Education	The Office for Civil Rights of the U. S. Department of Education ensures equal access to education throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights laws. OCR enforces several federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance from the Department of Education. A complaint declaring discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age can be filed with OCR.		Everyone	Lyndon Baines Johnson Dept. of Education Bldg. 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201 202-453-6020   1-800-421- 3481 1-877-521-2172 (TDD) 202-453-6012 Fax E-mail: OCR@ed.gov http://www2.ed.gov/about/off ices/list/ocr/complaintprocess .html
Office of Specialized Education and Rehabilitation Services	The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) is		Children with disabilities, their families, and schools	http://www2.ed.gov/about/off ices/list/osers/index.html

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	committed to improving			
	results and outcomes for			
	people with disabilities of all			
	ages. OSERS provides a wide			
	array of supports to parents,			
	individuals, school districts			
	and states through			
	information, research, policy			
	and funding.			
Parents Helping Parents	PHP provides services,	Frequently Asked Questions	Children with special needs,	1400 Parkmoor Avenue
	resources, and support for	(Education):	their families and caregivers.	Suite 100
	children with special needs,	http://www.php.com/faqs/edu		San Jose, CA 95126
	their families, and caregivers.	cation		408-727-5775
				www.php.com
Transcen inc.	Transcen inc. provides		Youth with disabilities	http://www.transcen.org/
	resources for improving			
	educational and employment			
	outcomes.			
US Department of Education	The US Department of	State by State search:	Everyone	http://www.ed.gov/
	Education provides research,	http://www2.ed.gov/about/co		
	news, and information about	ntacts/state/index.html		
	the education system in the			
	United States.			

## Arts

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Generations United	Generations United is a membership organization that seeks to help children, youth, and seniors by promoting intergenerational policies, programs, and strategies. They also provide learning activities for children to practice their artistic skills.	Link to art page: http://www.gu.org/RESOUR CES/LearningActivities/Inter generationalLearningActivitie sArts.aspx	Children and their families	1331 H St. NW Washington, DC 20002 www.gu.org
National Arts and Disability Center	The NADC is an artistic consulting organization for the disabilities community. They provide information for artists with disabilities, arts organizations, arts administrators, disability organizations, performing arts organizations, art centers, universities, and arts educators.	State by State resource guide: http://www.semel.ucla.edu/na dc/resources	Disabled individuals	http://www.semel.ucla.edu/nadc
VSA (Very Special Arts)	VSA, the international organization on arts and disability, provides art and education opportunities for people with disabilities to increase access to the arts for all.	VSA Programs: http://www.kennedy- center.org/education/vsa/prog rams/  VSA Affiliates: http://www.kennedy- center.org/education/vsa/affili ates/	Disabled individuals	http://www.kennedy- center.org/education/vsa/

## **Social Supports**

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Administration for	ACL brings together the	National Family Caregiver	Older Adults and disabled	http://acl.gov/About_ACL/In
Community Living.	efforts and achievements of	Support:	individuals	<u>dex.aspx</u>
	the Administration on Aging,	http://www.aoa.gov/aoaroot/P		
	the Administration on	ress_Room/Products_Materia		
	Intellectual and	ls/fact/pdf/Natl Family Care		
	Developmental Disabilities,	giver_Support.pdf		
	and the HHS Office on			
	Disability to serve as the			
	Federal agency responsible			
	for increasing access to			
	community supports, while			
	focusing attention and			
	resources on the unique needs			
	of older Americans and			
	people with disabilities across			
D 111 E 12	the lifespan.		D.L.C.	1,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Brookdale Foundation	RAPP provides extensive		Relative Caregivers	http://www.brookdalefoundati
Support Groups-Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP)	services, primarily to relative			on.org/RAPP/rapp.html
Parents Program (RAPP)	caregivers caring for children outside the foster care system,			
	in 44 States, the District of			
	Columbia, and Puerto Rico.			
	They conduct a National			
	Orientation and Training			
	Conference and provide			
	technical assistance through			
	site bulletins, a listsery, our			
	annual newsletter, conference			
	calls and webchats to			
	facilitate opportunities for			
	networking and information			
	exchange.			
eXtension: Americas	eXtension is an interactive	Family Caregivers-	Grandfamilies and other	http://www.extension.org/
Research-based Learning	learning environment that	Grandparents Raising	relatives caregivers	Intp.// w w w.catchston.org/
Network	delivers researched-based	Grandchildren Information:	101411100 0410611010	
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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	information and connects knowledge consumers with knowledge providers. They provide information	http://www.extension.org/cate gory/family_caregiving_gran dparents_raising_grandchildr en		
	on grandparents raising grandchildren and children with disabilities.	Information for Children with Disabilities: http://www.extension.org/main/search?cx=0025946108942 10374936%3Ahggphannnzi&cof=FORID%3A11&q=child+disability		
eXFamilyCaregiving	eXFamilyCaregiving is part of the eXtension National Initiative. They provide research-based information for family caregivers from America's land-grant colleges & universities. They also have a link to a short video giving advice to Grandparents and other relatives raising grandchildren.		Grandparents and other caregivers raising children	Link to video, Words of Wisdom for Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq7x4FHBHWY  Other information can be found on their Twitter: https://twitter.com/FamiliesCaring
Families Anonymous	Families Anonymous provides Twelve-Step support groups to family members of a loved one who is addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, or other mind-altering substances; or who has behavior problems. FA also has public information materials.		Families of those with addictions or behavioral problems	http://familiesanonymous.org/
Family Ties	Family Ties provides parent to Parent support program.		Parents and caregivers	http://massfamilyties.org/inde x.php

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Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
The Morgan Project	The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project is a national, community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is to promote awareness and facilitate support of parents caring for their children with special health care needs, and to enhance the Quality-of-Life for these special families.		Parents and caregivers with children who have special health needs	http://www.themorganproject. org/
Parents Helping Parents (PHP)	PHP provides services, resources, and support for children with special needs, their families, and caregivers.	Frequently Asked Questions: <a href="http://www.php.com/faqs">http://www.php.com/faqs</a>	Children with special needs, their families, and caregivers.	1400 Parkmoor Avenue Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95126 408-727-5775 www.php.com

## Legal

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
American Association of	AARP provides free legal	Factsheets can be found at:	Older Adults	http://www.aarp.org/states/dc
Retired People (AARP)	services for seniors. They	www.grandfactsheets.org		/LCE/
_	also have a legal hotline,			
	publications, and other legal			
	information.			
American Bar Association-	The American Bar	Bar Association in your area:	Everyone	http://www.americanbar.org/
Center on Children and the	Association has resources for	http://www.lsc.gov/local-		groups/child_law.html
Law	lawyers, publications and	programs/program-profiles		
	advocacy information. Their			
	Center on Children and the			
	Law is specific to children,			
	families, education, and child			
	welfare issues.			
The Bazelon Center for	The mission of the Judge		Children with mental	http://www.bazelon.org/
Mental Health Law	David L. Bazelon Center for		disabilities	
	Mental Health Law is to			
	protect and advance the rights			
	of adults and children who			
	have mental disabilities.			
Children's Bureau	The Children's Bureau		States, child welfare agencies,	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/progr
	provides guidance to states,		families	ams/cb/laws-policies
	tribes, child welfare agencies,			
	and families on the complex			
	and varied federal laws as			
	they relate to child welfare.			
The Grandfamilies State Law	The Grandfamilies State Law		Grandfamilies	www.grandfamilies.org
and Policy Resource Center	and Policy Resource Center			
	(grandfamilies.org) serves as			
	a national legal resource in			
	support of grandfamilies			
	within and outside the child			
	welfare system.			
National Association of the	NADAC provides		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/issues/ab
Deaf law and Advocacy	information, advocacy, and			out-law-and-advocacy-center
Center	legal information for people			

## Legal

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
(NADAC)	in the deaf community.			
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)	NDRN is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP). Collectively, the P&A/CAP network is the largest provider of legally based advocacy services to people with disabilities in the United States.		Disabled individuals	http://www.ndrn.org/index.ph p
SpecialNeeds.com	Specialneeds.com has activities, legal information and resources for special need children and their families.		Special needs children and their families	http://www.specialneeds.com/
Wrightslaw	Wrightslaw provides information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.		Children with disabilities	http://www.wrightslaw.com/

## Transition to Adulthood/Employment

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Department of Labor	The Department of Labor has		Disabled individuals and	http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/
	several agencies that can help		employers	disability/index.htm
	people with disabilities find			
	meaningful work and launch			
	successful careers, help			
	employers hire people with			
	disabilities, and help federal			
	contractors stay within the			
	law when hiring.			
Easter Seals	Easter Seals provides services	Employment and Training	Disabled Individuals	http://www.easterseals.com/
	to children with physical and	Page:		
	mental disabilities and other	http://www.easterseals.com/o		
	special needs. Services	ur-programs/employment-		
	include early intervention,	training/		
	physical and occupational			
	therapy, and speech and	Local Easter Seals:		
	hearing therapy. They also	http://www.easterseals.com/c		
	provide job training and	onnect-locally/		
	employment information.			
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
	sponsors provide factsheets on			
	specific issues for			
	grandfamilies by state.			
Job Access and Ability	Job Access and Ability seeks		Disabled individuals	http://www.jobaccess.org/
	to enable people with			
	disabilities to enhance their			
	professional lives by			
	providing a system for finding			
	employment.			
National Association of	NAPCSE provides resources		Disabled individuals and their	http://www.napcse.org/transiti
Parents with Children in	addressing transition services,		families	onservices.php
Special Education	employment planning,			
	recreational activities, social			
	and sexual issues, assistive			
	technology and residential			

## Transition to Adulthood/Employment

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	placement.			
National Collaborative on	The National Collaborative on	Guideposts for Success	Disabled youth	http://www.ncwd-youth.info/
Workforce and Disability for	Workforce and Disability for	(workbook):		
Youth	Youth provides information	http://www.ncwd-		
	on youth with disabilities	youth.info/guideposts/		
	transitioning into the			
	workforce.			
Transcen inc.	Resources for improving		Disabled individuals	http://www.transcen.org
	educational and employment			
	outcomes for disabled			
	individuals.			
US Department of Labor-	The US Department of Labor		Disabled youth	http://www.dol.gov/odep/topi
Office of Disability	offers transitional resources			cs/Youth/
Employment Policy	for youth to go from school to			
	adulthood to work.			

# **Advocacy**

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Administration on Intellectual	The AIDD has Protection and		Disabled	370 L'Enfant Promenade,
and Developmental	Advocacy Systems (P&As)		individuals	S.W.
Disabilities (AIDD)	that work at the state level to			Washington, D.C. 20447
	protect individuals with			http://www.acf.hhs.gov/progr
	developmental disabilities by			ams/aidd/
	empowering them and			
	advocating on their behalf.			
	There are 57 P&As in the			
	United States and its			
	territories, and all are			
	independent of service-			
	providing agencies within			
	their states. The AIDD also			
	has resources and information			
	available on their website.			
American Association of	AAPD promotes legislation		Disabled students and recent	http://www.aapd.com/
People with Disabilities	and policy that endorse		graduates	
	opportunities for people with			
	disabilities, partner with			
	employers to improve			
	business practices, develop			
	mentoring programs, and			
	offer career opportunities to			
	students and recent graduates			
	with disabilities.			
Bazelon Center for Mental	The Bazelon Center is a non-		Disabled individuals	http://www.bazelon.org/
Health Law	profit legal advocacy			
	organization to protect and			
	advance the rights of adults			
	and children who have mental			
	disabilities.			
The Broad Reach Centre	The Broad Reach Center		Disabled individuals	http://www.broadreachtrainin
	provides disability awareness			g.com/
	training, counseling, and			
	mediation.			

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Child Welfare League of America	CWLA provides data and research, publications, advocacy, and trainings about children in the child welfare system.		Children and families	http://www.cwla.org/
Children's Defense Fund	The Children's Defense Fund provides advocacy, information, and publications about child welfare. They also have state by state data.	State Specific data: http://www.childrensdefense. org/child-research-data- publications/us-state-child- data.html		http://www.childrensdefense. org/
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)	COPAA works to increase the quality and quantity of representation and ensure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected.		Disabled children and their families	http://www.copaa.org/
Family Caregiver Alliance	The Family Caregiver Alliance provides information, education, services, advocacy, and research for caregivers.	Information, services, and advocacy for caregivers	Caregivers	http://www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/home.jsp
Family Voices	Family Voices is a national grassroots network of families and friends speaking on behalf of all children with or at risk for special needs. Family Voices has chapters across the country.	State chapters and other organizations in each state: http://www.familyvoices.org/states	Special needs children and their families and friends.	3701 San Mateo Blvd NE, Suite 103 Albuquerque, NM 87110 505-872-4774   1-888-835- 5669 www.familyvoices.org
GrandFact Sheet	AARP along with other sponsors provide factsheets on specific issues for grandfamilies by state.		Older Adults	www.grandfactsheets.org
Generations United	Generations United is a national membership organization that helps seniors, children, and youth through intergenerational	Granfamilies Policy Page: http://www.gu.org/OURWO RK/Grandfamilies.aspx	Children, grandparents, and kinship families	www.gu.org

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	strategies, policies and programs. They offer information and advocacy materials for grandparents and other relative caregivers, including information on state and federal legislation, educational enrollment issues, subsidized guardianship, and guarent groups.			
Grandfamilies of America	support groups.  Grandfamilies of America brings together grandparents/relative caregivers, to provide them with the education and tools, to enable them to provide 24/7 safety and permanency for the children in their care, while at the same time preserving their family ties and heritage for future generations. GFA accomplishes these goals through collaboration with these caregivers, child welfare advocates, and other organizations and agencies, which share GFA's vision. GFA is dedicated to empowering caregivers to take back control of life altering decision-making, from outside sources, as it affects their family.		Grandparents and other relatives raising children	http://grandfamiliesofamerica .com/index.html 6525 Fish Hatchery Road Thurmont, Maryland 21788 Direct: 301- 898-8023 - Toll Free: 866-203-8926, ext. 8103 301-898-4462 Fax
Listening and Spoken	The Listening and Spoken		Individuals with hearing loss	http://www.agbell.org/
Language Knowledge Center	Language Knowledge Center provides information, advocacy and services for children, adults, and			

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	professional that experience hearing loss.			
The Morgan Project	The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project is a national, community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is to promote awareness and facilitate support of parents caring for their children with special health care needs, and to enhance the Quality-of-Life for these special families.		Parents and caregivers of children who have special health needs	http://www.themorganproject .org/
National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center	National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center provides information, advocacy, and legal information for people in the deaf community.		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/issues/ab out-law-and-advocacy-center
National Committee of Grandparents for Grandchildren's Rights	The National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights is a nationwide network of grandparents, community members, and professionals working together to provide education and support, advocacy, and thought leadership for children, grandparents, and kinship families.		Grandparents, children, and kinship families	http://www.grandparentsforchildren.org/
National Disabilities Rights Network (NDRN)	NDRN is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP). There is a P&A/CAP agency in every state and U.S. territory as well as one	State by State Search:  http://www.ndrn.org/en/ndrn- member-agencies.html	Disabled individuals	900 Second Street, NE, Suite 211 Washington, DC 20002 202-408-9514 ext.122 202-408-9521 (TTY) E-mail: info@ndrn.org http://www.ndrn.org

#### Advocacy

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
	serving the Native American			
	population in the four corners			
	region.			
TASH Advocates for Equity,	TASH promotes the full		Disabled children and their	http://tash.org/about/mission/
Opportunities, Social Justice	inclusion and participation of		families	
and Human Rights	children and adults with			
_	significant disabilities in			
	every aspect of their			
	community, and eliminates			
	the social injustices that			
	diminish human rights. They			
	do this by advocating, sharing			
	resources, and hosting events.			
Wrightslaw	Wrightslaw provides		Disabled youth	http://www.wrightslaw.com/
	information about special			
	education law, education law,			
	and advocacy for children			
	with disabilities.			

## **General Supports for Children with Disabilities**

Organization	Description	Key Resources	Population Served	Contact
Administration on Intellectual	Protection and Advocacy		Disabled	370 L'Enfant Promenade,
and Developmental	Systems (P&As) work at the		individuals	S.W.
Disabilities	state level to protect			Washington, D.C. 20447
	individuals with			http://www.acf.hhs.gov/progr
	developmental disabilities by			ams/aidd/
	empowering them and			
	advocating on their behalf.			
	There are 57 P&As in the			
	United States and its			
	territories, and all are			
	independent of service-			
	providing agencies within			
	their states. The AIDD also			
	has resources and information			
	available on their website.			
American Association of	AAPD provides information,		Disabled individuals	http://www.aapd.com/what-
People with Disabilities	resources, and advocacy			we-do/
(AAPD)	opportunities for people with			
	disabilities.			
The Arc of the United States	The Arc works to promote	State Chapters:	Disabled individuals	1825 K Street NW, Suite 1200
	and improve benefits,	http://www.thearc.org/find-a-		Washington, DC 20006
	supports, and services for	<u>chapter</u>		202-534-3700  800-433-5255
	children and adults with			Toll Free
	intellectual and developmental			E-mail: <u>info@thearc.org</u>
	disabilities and related			
	disabilities so that they can			www.thearc.org
	live with their families and in			
	the community. The Arc has			
	state and local chapters across			
	the country to provide basic			
	information or refer you to			
	other agencies.			
Council on Disability	CDD has information on	State DD Councils:	Disabled individuals and their	1151 South Fourth Street
Development (CDD)	each state's organizations that	http://www.nacdd.org/about-	families	Louisville, KY 40214
	plan and coordinate	nacdd/councils-on-		502-584-1239

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	services for adults and	developmental-		E-mail:
	children with developmental	<u>disabilities.aspx</u>		info@councilondd.org
	disabilities. Many DD			
	Councils provide grants to			www.councilondd.org
	nonprofit organizations that			
	serve families. Others train			
	people with disabilities and			
	family members to be their			
	own advocates through a			
	program called Partners in			
	Policymaking.			
	The DD Councils provide			
	basic information to all adults			
	and children who have			
	developmental disabilities and			
	their families.			
Disability.gov	Disability.gov is the federal		Disabled individuals	https://www.disability.gov/
	government website for			
	comprehensive information on			
	disability programs and			
	services in communities			
	nationwide. The site links to			
	more than 14,000 resources			
	from federal, state and local			
	government agencies,			
	academic institutions, and			
	nonprofit organizations.			
Easter Seals	Easter Seals provides services	Ages and Stages	Disabled individuals	233 South Wacker, Suite 2400
	to children with physical and	Questionnaire (developmental		Chicago, IL 60606
	mental disabilities and other	milestone screening):		312-726-6200   1-800-221-
	special needs. Services	http://es.easterseals.com/site/P		6827
	include early intervention,	ageServer?pagename=ntlc10_		E-mail: info@easterseals.org
	physical and occupational	mffc homepageasq		
	therapy, and speech and			http://www.easter-seals.org/
	hearing therapy. They also	Local Easter Seals:		
	operate child care centers	http://www.easterseals.com/co		
	around the country that serve	nnect-locally/		
	children with disabilities.			
ED.gov- My Child's Special	ED.gov provides information		Disabled children	http://www2.ed.gov/parents/n

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Needs	and resources for children with special needs.			eeds/speced/edpicks.jhtml
Federation for Children with Special Needs	The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. They are committed to listening to and learning from families, and encouraging full participation in community life by all people, especially those with disabilities.		Parents and caregivers of disabled children	The Schrafft Center   529 Main Street, Suite 1102   Boston, MA 02129 Phone: (617) 236-7210 http://fcsn.org/about_us.php
Friends of Disabled Adults and Children	Friends provides durable medical equipment (DME) such as wheelchairs and hospital beds at little or no cost to the disabled individual and their families.		Disabled individuals	http://www.fodac.org/
National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)	NASDDDS helps state agencies develop service delivery systems and supports for people with developmental disabilities.	State offices: <a href="http://www.nasddds.org/Mem">http://www.nasddds.org/Mem</a> <a href="berAgencies/index.shtml">berAgencies/index.shtml</a>	Disabled individuals	113 Oronoco Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-683-4202 703-684-1395 Fax E-mail: ksnyder@nasddds.org http://www.nasddds.org/index .shtml
National Council on Disability	NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities.		Disabled individuals	http://www.ncd.gov/
National Dissemination Center for Children with	NICHCY serves as a national information and referral	State Resource Sheets: http://nichcy.org/state-	Disabled individuals and their families	1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW

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Disabilities	center about disabilities for	organization-search-by-state		Washington, DC 20009
	families and professionals,			1-800-695-0285 (Voice/TTY)
	especially on issues for			(202) 884-8200
	children and youth from birth			E-mail: nichyafhi360.com
	to age 22. NICHCY has			
	bilingual information			http://www.nichcy.org
	specialists who can answer			
	specific questions from			
	parents in both English and			
	Spanish.			
National Inclusion Project	The National Inclusion		Children with disabilities	http://www.inclusionproject.o
	Projects provides inclusive			rg/level 1.php?id=4
	programs for children with			
	disabilities.			
National Organization for	The NOFAS provides		Children with Fetal Alcohol	http://www.nofas.org/
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	information and resources for		Spectrum Disorder	
(NOFAS)	children with Fetal Alcohol			
	Spectrum Disorder.			
Our Kids-Adults	Our Kids provides support		Disabled individuals and their	http://www.our-
	and information for parents		families	<u>kids.org/okadults/</u>
	and caregivers of teens and			
	adults with disabilities.			
Parent Center Network	The Parent Center Network		Parents and caregivers of	http://www.parentcenternetwo
	provides technical assistance		disabled children	<u>rk.org/</u>
	for parents of disabled			
	children.			
Parent Technical Assistance	PTACN expand opportunities	National PTAC:	Families with disabled	PACER Center
Center Network (PTACN)	and enhance the quality of life	www.parentcenternetwork.org	children	8161 Normandale Blvd.
	of children and young adults	/national/resources.html		Minneapolis, MN 55437
	with all disabilities and their			952-838-9000   1-888-248-
	families, based on the concept	Map:		0822 Toll Free
	of parents helping parents.	www.parentcenternetwork.org		952-838-0190 TTY
	Each state has at least one	/parentcenters.html		E-mail:
	parent-run organization to			alliance@taalliance.org
	help parents learn more about	List of centers in each state:		
	the needs of their children	www.parentcenternetwork.org		http://www.parentcenternetwo
	with disabilities. They provide	/parentcenterlisting.html		rk.org/
	information to parents of	or call 1-888-248-0822		
	infants, toddlers, school-aged			

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	children, and young adults with disabilities.			
PAS (Personal Assistance Services)	PAS provides information and resources on personal assistance services.		Disabled individuals	http://www.pascenter.org/hom e/index.php
PBS Parents	PBS Parents provides information and resources for children with disabilities and their families.		Parents and caregivers of disabled children	http://www.pbs.org/parents/disabilities/
Possibilities: a financial resource for parents of children with disabilities	Possibilities provides resources and financial information for families who are raising disabled children.		Parents and caregivers raising disabled children	http://www.pacer.org/publicat ions/possibilities/your- disability-insurance/120- sources-of-disability- insurance.html
TASH	TASH provides parents, educators, advocates, organizations and members of the media, resources and information regarding disability advocacy and inclusion of people with disabilities.		Everyone	http://tash.org/

# **Supports for Children with Specific Disabilities**

Organization	Description	Area of Focus	Resources	Population Served	Contact
Attention Deficit	The ADDA offers ADD	ADD		Individuals with ADD	http://www.add.org/
Disorder Association	resources, information,				
(ADDA)	advocacy opportunities				
	and support for those				
	who experience ADD				
	and their families.				
National Resource	The National Resource	ADHD		Individuals with ADHD	http://www.help4adhd.o
Center on ADHD	Center provides				<u>rg/</u>
	information and				
	resources on ADHD.				
Autism speaks	Autism Speaks provides	Autism		Parents and caregivers	www.autismspeaks.org
	education resources for			of Autistic children	
	parents with autistic				
	children.				
Autism Society of	ASA provides	Autism		Autistic individuals and	http://www.autism-
America (ASA)	information, resources,			their families	society.org/
	and the latest research				
	on Autism.				
American Council for	ACB and its affiliates	Blindness		Blind individuals	http://www.acb.org/
the Blind	create policies, provide				
	publications and				
	resources and				
	collaborate with Vision				
	Rehabilitation Service				
	providers to develop the				
	principles and values				
	that should be at the				
	heart of providing				
	adjustment and				
	placement services to				
	people who are blind.				
National Federation of	NFB advocates for the	Blindness		Blind individuals	https://nfb.org/
the Blind	civil rights and equality				
	of blind Americans, and				
	develops innovative				

Organization	Description	Area of Focus	Resources	Population Served	Contact
	education, technology, and training programs to provide the blind and those who are losing vision with the tools they need to become independent and successful.				
Brain Injury Association Inc, BIA	The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) is the country's oldest and largest nationwide brain injury advocacy organization.	Brain Injury		Individuals with a brain injury	1608 Spring Hill Road, Suite 110 Vienna, VA 22182 Phone: 703-761-0750 http://www.biausa.org/
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)	United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) educates advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities.	Cerebral Palsy		Individuals with cerebral palsy	http://www.ucp.org/
National Association of the Deaf	The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is a civil rights organization, by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. They offer resources, information, and advocacy for deaf individuals.	Deafness		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/
Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	The Alexander Graham Bell Association has research, advocacy opportunities, and educational trainings for people with hearing loss.	Deafness		Deaf individuals	3417 Volta Place, NW Washington, DC 20007 Tel: 202/337-5220 TTY: 202/337-5221 http://www.betterhearing.org/hearing_loss_resources/_viewResource.cf m/resourceID/17/resour

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National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center	National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center provides information, advocacy, and legal information for people in the deaf community.	Deafness		Deaf individuals	http://www.nad.org/issu es/about-law-and- advocacy-center
Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center	The Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center provides information, advocacy and services for children, adults, and professional that experience hearing loss.	Deafness		Individuals with hearing loss	http://www.agbell.org/
National Association for Down Syndrome (NADS)	NADS offers information, support, and advocacy for individuals with down syndrome and their families.	Down Syndrome		Individuals with down syndrome and their families	http://www.nads.org/
Epilepsy Foundation	The Epilepsy Foundation offers information, resources, advocacy opportunities and events centered on Epilepsy.	Epilepsy		Individuals with epilepsy	8301 Professional Place Landover MD 20785 1-800-332-1000 http://www.epilepsyfou ndation.org/
The National Fragile X Foundation	NFXF provides research, resources, and advocacy information on Fragile X disorders.	Fragile X Disorder		Individuals with fragile X disorder	1615 Bonanza St. Suite 202 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (800) 688-8765 http://www.nfxf.org/
National Center for Learning Disabilities	The National Center for Learning Disabilities improves the lives of all	Learning Disabilities		Learning disabled individuals, their families and support	http://www.ncld.org/

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	people with learning			systems	
	difficulties and				
	disabilities by				
	empowering parents,				
	enabling young adults,				
	transforming schools,				
	and creating policy and				
	advocacy impact. They				
	also provide general				
	information and				
	resources.				
Learning Disabilities	LDAA is a non-profit	Learning disabilities		Learning disabled	4156 Library Road
Association of America	volunteer organization			people and their	Pittsburgh, PA 15234-
	advocating for			families	1349
	individuals with				(412) 341-1515
	learning disabilities and				http://www.ldanatl.org/
	has over 200 state and				
	local affiliates in 42				
	states and Puerto Rico.				
	They also provide				
	information and				
	resources for people				
	with learning				
	disabilities.				

### **Additional Resources**

Organization	Description	Resources	<b>Population Served</b>	Contact
Americans with Disabilities	Information and technical		Disabled individuals	http://www.ada.gov/2010_re
Act	assistance on the Americans			gs.htm
	with Disabilities Act.			
Children's Defense Fund's	CDF provides information		Grandfamilies and relative	25 E Street, NW
Publications for	and resources on issues		caregivers.	Washington, DC 20001
Grandparents and Other	facing			202-628-8787   800-233-
Relative Caregivers	grandparents and other			1200
	relative caregivers, including			E-mail:
	information			cdfinfo@childrensdefense.or
	on federal legislation that			g
	helps kinship care families.			
	CDF also has a number of			http://www.childrensdefense.
	publications for kinship			<u>org</u>
	caregivers			
	including three more guides			
	like this one in different			
	areas: health insurance, food			
	and nutrition programs,			
	and child care and early			
	childhood education			
	programs.			
Grandparents as Carers of	This book contains		Disabled individuals and	ISBN-0-7890-1192-1
Children with Disabilities	information regarding		their caregivers	The Haworth Press Inc.
(book by: Philip McCallion)	grandparent caregivers and			
	the disabled children they			
	care for. Specific chapter on			
	Latino grandparents.			
Grandparents as Parents: A	This book provides			ISBN-978-1-4625-0915-7
Survival Guide for Raising a	information for grandparents			The Guilford Press
Second Family (book by:	raising grandchildren. There			
Sylvie de Toledo and	is a specific section on			
Deborah Edler Brown)	"Special Education and Early			
	Intervention."			



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