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ABSTRACT

Approximately 200 organizational resources concerned with postsecondary education and disability are listed and described in this directory. Resources are listed under six broad categories: (1) advocacy, access, and awareness; (2) community integration (in the arts, employment, independent living, recreation, and rehabilitation); (3) disability-specific organizations; (4) funding; (5) legal assistance; and (6) information on the Americans with Disabilities Act. Each listing usually includes the following information: name and address, phone numbers, e-mail address, Web site, and a one-paragraph description. A separate section lists toll-free telephone numbers for most of the organizations. (DB)

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# HEATH RESOURCE CENTER
## National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities

The HEATH Resource Center is the clearinghouse that operates under congressional legislative mandate to collect and disseminate information nationally about disability issues in postsecondary education. Funding from the U.S. Department of Education enables HEATH to increase the flow of information about educational support services, policies, and procedures related to educating or training people with disabilities after they have left high school.

The HEATH Resource Center is designed to:

- Identify and describe educational and training opportunities.
- Promote accommodations that enable full participation by people with disabilities in regular, as well as specialized, postsecondary programs.
- Recommend strategies that encourage participation in the least restrictive and most productive environment possible for each individual.

To accomplish these goals, HEATH has an extensive publication program, a toll-free telephone service, and a professional staff that participates in a strong network of colleagues across the country.

HEATH resource papers, fact sheets, guides, and directories focus on disability-related issues as they emerge on college campuses or in vocational-technical training schools, adult education programs, independent living centers, and other community-based training programs. Single copies of HEATH publications are available at no cost and may be reproduced. Publications are available in alternate formats (audiocassette and computer disk) and also may be directly downloaded from the HEATH web site at www.heath-resource-center.org.

HEATH's constituency is comprised of postsecondary administrators and campus disability service providers, teachers and instructors, high school and vocational rehabilitation counselors, government officials, librarians, health professionals, and journalists, as well as those with disabilities and their families. The toll-free telephone line is available to encourage direct interaction with HEATH staff.

Participation by HEATH staff in national, regional, and statewide conferences and training workshops has led to the development of a national network of professionals. This network enables staff to suggest speakers, access options, and obtain audiovisual materials and other resources to enhance such meetings.

HEATH staff can be reached Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time at (800) 544-3284 or, in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, at (202) 939-9320; both lines are available for voice or TTY calls. HEATH also may be contacted via electronic mail at heath@ace.nche.edu.

Inquiries also may be mailed to HEATH at One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036-1193. Inquiries will receive prompt attention.

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The *HEATH National Resource Directory on Postsecondary Education and Disability* is a selection of resources in the major areas of interest in the field of postsecondary education and disability, rather than a comprehensive list of such resources. Many of the organizations included can respond to questions about an individual's own situation, and most can provide published materials. In addition, staff may be asked about sources of assistance close to the caller's location.

The *Directory's* table of contents provides an outline of its organization. The index lists names of organizations described in each section, and the list of toll-free telephone services reproduces only numbers from this *Directory*. HEATH has resource papers on many of the *Directory* topics. Publications may be ordered, at no cost, by writing, faxing, e-mailing, or calling HEATH.

Dottie Jones, Editor; Mario Payne, Editorial Advisor; Dan Gardner, Editorial Assistant; and Vickie M. Barr, Director, HEATH Resource Center. June 2001.

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# ADVOCACY, ACCESS, AND AWARENESS

## Advocacy and Awareness Across Disability

CEC
***Council for Exceptional Children***
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Arlington, VA 22201-5704
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(703) 264-9446
(888) CEC-SPED (232-7733) (TTY)
(703) 264-9494 (FAX)
service@cec.sped.org
http://www.cec.sped.org

CEC is an international professional organization dedicated to improving educational success for exceptional individuals —students with disabilities and/or students who are gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved exceptional individuals, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice. CEC also houses two disability-related clearinghouses, both of which are described elsewhere in this directory—the ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education and the National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education. Call or write for information on conventions, conferences, and a wide array of CEC publications.

Disability Statistics RRTC
***Disability Statistics Rehabilitation, Research and Training Center***
Institute for Health and Aging
University of California-San Francisco
3333 California Street, Room 340
San Francisco, CA 94121
(415) 502-5217
(415) 502-5216
(415) 502-5208 (FAX)
distats@itsa.ucsf.edu
http://www.dsc.ucsf.edu

Disability Statistics Rehabilitation, Research and Training Center is a program funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) to train individuals and develop statistical information on disability in the United States. The Disability Statistics RRTC Information Service provides statistical information to inquirers on a wide range of topics as they relate to disability, such as demography; epidemiology; health services use, coverage, and costs; employment and earnings; and social services and benefits. The center also disseminates statistical information through its publications, which include abstracts, reports, journal articles, and proceedings.

DAV
***Disabled American Veterans***
807 Maine Avenue SW
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(202) 554-3581 (FAX)
cst@davmail.org
http://www.dav.org

DAV is a national membership organization of service-oriented veterans with disabilities, their families, and survivors. Its National Service Office (NSO) advises members and nonmembers across the country. Without charge, DAV's National Service Officers act as advocates for individuals seeking to obtain the benefits to which they are entitled. DAV works to lower the rate of unemployment among veterans with disabilities and to prevent discrimination against them. DAV's Voluntary Services operates nationwide, as does its Transportation Network.

***Easter Seals National Headquarters***
230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, IL 60606-4802
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(800) 221-6827
(312) 726-4258 (TTY)
(312) 726-1494 (FAX)
info@easter-seals.org
http://www.easter-seals.org

The Easter Seals National Headquarters offers a wide range of quality rehabilitation services and programs to assist adults and children with disabilities and their families. Easter Seals centers offer employment opportunities for physical, occupational, speech, and other rehabilitation professionals.

NCES

***National Center for Education Statistics***

1990 K Street NW, Suite 9114
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 502-7300
(202) 502-7466 (FAX)
barbara.marenus@ed.gov
http://www.nces.ed.gov

NCES collects, analyzes, and disseminates data on education in the United States, conducts international comparisons of education statistics, and provides leadership in developing and promoting the use of standardized terminology and definitions for the collection of those statistics. In carrying out its function, NCES works collaboratively with states, local education agencies, other federal agencies, international organizations, and education constituent groups.

NCD

***National Council on Disability***

1331 F Street NW, Suite 1050
Washington, DC 20004
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(202) 272-2074 (TTY)
(202) 272-2022 (FAX)
mquigley@ncd.gov
http://www.ncd.gov

NCD is an independent federal agency comprising 15 members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. It is charged with addressing, analyzing, and making recommendations on issues of public policy which affect people with disabilities. The National Council originated and developed the first draft of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The National Council distributes a free monthly publication, *The NCD BULLETIN.*

NOD

***National Organization on Disability***

910 16th Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 293-5960 (Voice/TTY)
(202) 293-7999 (FAX)
ability@nod.org
http://www.nod.org

NOD promotes the full participation of Americans with disabilities in all aspects of community life. Its primary program is the Community Partnership Program, a network of 4,100 towns, cities, and counties nationwide. NOD's community partnerships undertake many different activities to improve attitudes toward people with disabilities, to expand educational and employment opportunities, to eliminate physical barriers, and to expand religious, cultural, and recreational activities. A quarterly newsletter, *REPORT*, is available upon request.

OSERS

***U.S. Department of Education***
***Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services***

330 C Street SW, Room 3132
Washington, DC 20202-2524
(202) 205-8241
(202) 205-4208 (TTY)
(202) 401-2608 (FAX)
http://www.cd.pubs/offices/osers

OSERS's mission is to provide leadership to achieve full integration and participation in society of people with disabilities by ensuring equal opportunity and access to and excellence in education, employment, and community living. To achieve this mission, OSERS is divided into three program areas: the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). Each program area supports a variety of projects and initiatives.

# Architectural Access

AIA

***American Institute of Architects***

Library and Archives
1735 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 626-7300
(800) 242-3837
(202) 626-7587 (FAX)
library@aia.org
http://www.aia.org

Through AIA's Library and Archives, inquirers can locate specific books or magazine articles and have a wide range of questions answered by QuickSweep, which provides access to all of the library's resources. QuickSweep is a free service and is accessible via the phone, e-mail, fax, or mail. Additionally, through Archways, AIA library staff are available to perform in-depth research and help locate elusive information. Call to discuss research questions and to obtain a cost estimate.

Access Board

***Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board***

1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004-1111
(202) 272-5434
(800) 872-2253 (Voice/TTY)
(202) 272-5449 (TTY)
(800) 993-2822 (TTY)
(202) 272-5447 (FAX)
info@access-board.gov
http://www.access-board.gov

An independent federal agency, the 25-member Access Board includes 13 presidentially appointed public members as well as representatives of 12 federal departments and agencies. The agency was created in 1973 to enforce requirements for access to federally funded buildings and facilities under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. The agency also sets guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and provides technical assistance and information on removal of architectural, transportation, communication, and attitudinal barriers affecting persons with disabilities.

APPA

***The Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers***

1643 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2818
(703) 684-1446
(703) 549-2772 (FAX)
steve@appa.org
http://www.appa.org

APPA (formerly the Association of Physical Plant Administrators) is an international association whose purpose is to promote excellence in the administration, care, operation, planning, and development of higher education facilities. Regional directors throughout the country provide referrals to speakers on the topic of accessibility in educational facilities. *Removing the Barriers: Accessibility Guidelines and Specifications* (1991) offers detailed information. The book is available from APPA Publications, at a cost of $10 plus $1 for shipping and handling.

# Education and Career Access

ACCSCT

***Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology***

2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302
Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 247-4212
(703) 247-4533 (FAX)
info@accsct.org
http://www.accsct.org

ACCSCT is nationally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an institutional accrediting agency that accredits postsecondary private vocational schools and colleges throughout the United States. There are more than 760 ACCSCT-accredited schools in the United States, offering quality education which ranges from certificate to baccalaureate-level degree programs. ACCSCT has been a provider of quality assessment for accrediting review since its inception in 1967.

ACT

***ACT Universal (and Special) Testing***

P.O. Box 4028
Iowa City, IA 52243
(319) 337-1332
(319) 337-1701
(319) 337-1285 (FAX)
http://www.act.org

ACT arranges for individual administration of the ACT assessment for students with physical or perceptual disabilities, given proper documentation of the disability. Individual administrations may be approved, for example, for those who cannot attend established test centers, nor take the tests within the allotted time using regular-type test booklets, or who are confined to hospitals on all scheduled test dates. Accommodations may include use of large-type or Braille editions or audiocassette tapes. For further information, call or write for a Request for Special Testing.

AAAS

***American Association for the Advancement of Science***

Project on Science, Technology, and Disability
1200 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 326-6670 (Voice/TTY)
(202) 371-9849 (FAX)
http://www.entrypoint.org
http://www.aaas.org

The Project on Science, Technology, and Disability was founded in 1975 as a project of AAAS to improve the entry and advancement of people with disabilities in science,

math, and engineering. Primarily an information center, the project links people with disabilities, their families, professors, teachers, and counselors with scientists, mathematicians, and engineers who have disabilities and who can share their coping strategies in education and career advancement in technical fields. The project also offers advice on making professional meetings and museum exhibits accessible. A major project, ENTRY POINT!, places students with disabilities in internships in the public and private sectors. AAAS offers several publications including *The Resource Directory of Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities* (3rd Edition, 1995). Two videotapes, *The Problem Solvers: People with Disabilities in Engineering Careers* and *A Critical Difference: Mentoring Students with Disabilities in Science and Engineering* are also available.

AACRAO

### *American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers*

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Washington, DC 20036-1171
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(202) 872-8857 (FAX)
info@aacrao.org
http://www.aacrao.com

Founded in 1910, AACRAO is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional education association of degree-granting postsecondary institutions, government agencies and higher education coordinating boards, private educational organizations, and education-oriented businesses. Its goal is to promote higher education and further the professional development of members working in admissions, enrollment management, financial aid, institutional research, records, and registration.

ACS

### *American Chemical Society*

1155 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
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(800) 227-5558
(202) 872-6067 (FAX)
service@acs.org
http://www.acs.org

ACS is the world's largest scientific organization, with an international membership of more than 150,000 chemists and chemical engineers. Although most of its members work in industry, many are also in academe and government. Many of ACS's efforts are directed at serving the public interest. The Society's Committee on Chemists with Disabilities publishes a manual, *Teaching Chemistry to Students with Disabilities.*

ACRES

### *American Council on Rural Special Education*

Kansas State University
2323 Anderson Avenue, Suite 226
Manhattan, KS 66502-2912
(785) 53-ACRES (2-2737)
(785) 532-7732 (FAX)
http://www.ksu.edu/acres

Dedicated to the education-related interests of individuals with disabilities living in rural areas, ACRES publishes the *ACRES Ruralink.* Membership provides access to the ACRES annual conference, monographs, and *Rural Special Education Quarterly,* as well as other resources.

ACA

### *American Counseling Association*

5999 Stevenson Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22304-3300
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(800) 347-6647
(703) 823-6862 (TTY)
(703) 823-0252 (FAX)
lpeele@counseling.org
http://www.counseling.org

ACA is the parent organization for counselors from educational and social service settings across the country. ACA has 15 subdivisions including postsecondary, secondary, and elementary school counselors; career counselors; mental health, employment, diagnostic/evaluation and rehabilitation counselors; and other interested professionals. Each group has its own newsletter, publications, and conferences. An ACA publications list is available.

ASAHP

### *Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions*

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Washington, DC 20036
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(800) 497-8080
(202) 293-4852 (FAX)
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ASAHP seeks to strengthen allied health academic units and programs, enhance public appreciation and support of allied health education, advance allied health education through cooperation and collaboration with other professional organizations, and secure a coalition of allied health academic units and programs. ASAHP publishes *Trends,* a monthly newsletter for allied health professionals which includes information about integrating people with disabilities into the field. It also publishes *Alliances in Health and Education: Serving Youngsters with Special Needs,* which includes an instructors' guide of strategies for teaching and ways to incorporate relevant topics into curricula, workshops, and conferences ($19.95). Their *Journal* ($70) and *Trends* ($55) are included with membership.

AHEAD

### *Association on Higher Education And Disability*

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The Association on Higher Education And Disability (AHEAD) is an international, multicultural organization of professionals committed to full participation in higher education for persons with disabilities. The association promotes excellence through education, communication, and training, and thus sponsors numerous training programs, workshops, and conferences, while also making available an array of publications. AHEAD was founded in 1977 to address the need and concern for upgrading the quality of services and support available to persons with disabilities in higher education.

### *College Board SAT Services for Students with Disabilities*

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Princeton, NJ 08541-6226
(609) 771-7137
(609) 882-4118 (TTY)
(609) 771-7944 (FAX)
ssd@info.collegeboard.org
http://www.collegeboard.com

Through its Admissions Testing Program, the College Board provides special arrangements to minimize the possible effects of disabilities on test performance. Call or write for *Information for Students with Special Needs* or *Information for Counselors and Admissions Officers.*

DETC

### *Distance Education and Training Council*

1601 18th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009-2529
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(202) 332-1386 (FAX)
detc@detc.org
http://www.detc.org

DETC is a voluntary association of accredited distance education schools, founded in 1926 to promote sound educational standards and ethical business practices within the correspondence field. Through its Accrediting Commission, it recognizes nearly 100 schools and centers which sponsor courses of study that can be completed by students outside of the classroom, including degree as well as nondegree programs.

EEC

### *Educational Equity Concepts, Incorporated*

National Clearinghouse on Women and Girls with Disabilities
100 Fifth Avenue, Second Floor
New York, NY 10011
(212) 243-1110 (Voice/TTY)
(212) 627-0407 (FAX)
information@edequity.org
http://www.edequity.org

EEC's commitment to equity for people with disabilities focuses on two goals: to increase public awareness and understanding of the issues concerning women and girls with disabilities, and to increase the integration of adults and children with disabilities into all aspects of educational, work, social, and family life. The National Clearinghouse on Women and Girls with Disabilities, a project of EEC, publishes *Bridging the Gap: A National Directory of Services* (1998) and *Building Community: A Manual Exploring Issues of Women and Disability.* Further outreach is provided through the publication, *Only Half the Battle: A Report on Women with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education* (1993).

ERIC/ACVE

### *ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career and Vocational Education*

1900 Kenny Road
Columbus, OH 43210-1090
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(800) 848-4815, x2-7069
(614) 688-8734 (TTY)
(614) 292-1260 (FAX)
ericacve@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu
http://ericacve.org

The ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career and Vocational Education is located within the Center on Education and Training for Employment (CETE) at Ohio State University. Part of the College of Education, CETE's mission is to facilitate the career and occupational preparation and advancement of youth and adults. ERIC/ACVE supports this mission by providing comprehensive information services in adult and continuing education, career education (childhood through adult), and vocational and technical education—including employment, referrals, orientations, and training workshops.

ERIC/EC

***ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education***

The Council for Exceptional Children
1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300
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(800) 328-0272
(703) 620-2521 (FAX)
ericec@cec.sped.org
http://ericec.org

The ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education covers all aspects of education and development, including identification, assessment, intervention, and enrichment, both in special settings and within the mainstream.

ERIC/HE

***ERIC Clearinghouse on Higher Education***

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eric-he@eric-he.edu
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The ERIC Clearinghouse on Higher Education addresses college and university issues: programs, students, curriculum and instruction, and institutional research. ERIC/HE offers various publications, a web site, a question and answer service, and an ERIC database.

FSD

***Foundation for Science and Disability***

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FSD is an organization of scientists and professionals in various fields, most of whom have disabilities, who offer their skills to help solve disability-related problems. Inquirers are referred to members who respond to requests for guidance, problem solving, or career suggestions. Members assist education institutions and industry to create favorable conditions for people with disabilities. Some grants are available to graduate students with disabilities who are college seniors or beyond, already accepted or enrolled in graduate or professional school, and are in science, mathematics, or engineering. Requests for information on grants should be addressed to the director, E.C. Keller Jr., West Virginia University, Box 6057, Morgantown, WV 26506-6057.

***Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and Law School Admission Services (LSAS)***

661 Penn Street
P.O. Box 2000
Newtown, PA 18940-0998
(215) 968-1001
(215) 968-1128 (TTY)
(215) 968-1119 (FAX)
lsacinfo@lsac.org
http://www.lsac.org

LSAS is the operating arm of the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), which exists to help both law schools and applicants with the admission process. LSAC is a nonprofit membership organization of 141 law schools in the United States and Canada. LSAS administers the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), which is required for admission to all American Bar Association (ABA)-approved law schools. Disability-related information regarding access to tests and law school is available upon request.

MIUSA

***Mobility International, USA***

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MIUSA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding equal opportunities for persons with disabilities in international educational exchange, leadership development, disability rights training, and community service. MIUSA's international educational exchanges last from two to four weeks and are held throughout the year in the United States and abroad. Delegates live with homestay families and participate in leadership training, workshops and seminars, adaptive recreation, language classes, and community service projects. Exchanges have been coordinated in Africa, Asia, Central America, Europe, and South America. Contact MIUSA for membership information, a listing of available publications and videos, as well as information regarding volunteer/intern opportunities.

MIUSA also manages the National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange (NCDE), which provides free information and referral to individuals with disabilities regarding volunteer, short-term work, and study and research opportunities abroad. NCDE also advises international exchange organizations on recruiting and accommodating people with disabilities in their programs.

NAPAS

### *National Association of Protection & Advocacy Systems*

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NAPAS is the membership association of the directors of three federally funded programs: the Protection & Advocacy Systems (P&As) for Persons with Developmental Disabilities; the P&As for Persons with Mental Illness, which provide legal advocacy for clients; and the Client Assistance Program (CAP), which assists clients of vocational rehabilitation services with eligibility and legal problems. NAPAS provides technical assistance and training for members and staffs, and monitors congressional and federal agency activities related to disability issues.

### *National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education*

1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201-5704
(800) 641-7824
(866) 915-5000 (TTY)
(703) 264-1637 (FAX)
ncpse@cec.sped.org
http://www-specialedcareers.org

The National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education is committed to enhancing the nation's capacity to recruit, prepare, and retain well-qualified diverse educators and related services personnel for children with disabilities. The clearinghouse serves as an information resource for professionals and students in the fields of special education and related services professions. As the only information center of its type, the clearinghouse gathers, develops, and disseminates information on recruitment, preparation, and retention of special educators. It also provides information related to financial aid and employment in the field of special education.

NSF

### *National Science Foundation*

Programs for Persons with Disabilities (PPD)
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hrdppd@nsf.gov
http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/ehr/hrd/ppd.asp

The National Science Foundation provides awards for research and education in the sciences and engineering. The Programs for Persons with Disabilities is committed to bringing about needed change in academic and professional climates, and to developing new methods of teaching science and mathematics for students with disabilities.

WID

### *World Institute on Disability*

510 16th Street, Suite 100
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 763-4100
(510) 208-9493 (TTY)
(510) 763-4109 (FAX)
wid@wid.org
http://www.wid.org

WID is a public policy institute which seeks solutions to major problems faced by people with disabilities of all ages. Founded in 1983, it offers information on independent living, personal attendant care, and results of studies in foreign countries.

# Family Support

### *American Self-Help Clearinghouse*

St. Clares Hospital
100 Hanover Avenue, Suite 202
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
(973) 326-6789
(973) 326-9467 (FAX)
ashc@cybernex.net
http://www.selfhelpgroups.org

The clearinghouse provides information on a wide range of self-help groups as well as state and local self-help clearinghouses. It also publishes *The Self-Help Sourcebook,* a directory of national and model groups. Staff can provide consultation on starting new self-help networks or groups.

### *Beach Center on Families and Disability*

Bureau of Child Research
University of Kansas
1200 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 3136
Lawrence, KS 66045-7534
(785) 864-7600
(785) 864-7605 (FAX)
graham@dole.lsi.ukans.edu
http:www.beachcenter.org

The Beach Center on Families and Disability is a research and training center that examines family issues as they relate to disability. Funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Education, the Beach Center conducts research dedicated to supporting the inherent strengths of families across disability. While the center does not provide direct services to families, information from the Beach Center's research, as well as from the work of others, is shared with both families and professionals. Those interested in receiving the free newsletter *Families and Disability* should contact the Beach Center.

### *Disabled and Alone/Life Services for the Handicapped, Incorporated*

352 Park Avenue South, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10010
(212) 532-6740
(800) 995-0066
(212) 532-3588 (FAX)
disabledandalone@aol.com
http://www.disabledandalone.org

Life Services, a national nonprofit organization, works to provide a safe and caring world for people with disabilities after the death of caregivers (usually a parent). Working through local groups, the goal of the program is to secure a high quality of life, without isolation and loneliness, for each member. Life Services gives parents an answer to the question "Who will look after our child when we are gone?" Call Life Services for information on lifetime care and planning and for a subscription to the newsletter *LifeLines,* published three times a year at a cost of $25 for a two-year subscription.

NICHCY

### *National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities*

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013-1492
(202) 884-8200
(800) 695-0285
(202) 884-8441 (FAX)
nichcy@aed.org
http://www.nichcy.org

NICHCY is a nonprofit national information and referral clearinghouse which responds to questions about children and youth ages 0-22 (through high school) on all issues of disability. NICHCY publishes issue briefs, fact sheets, and general information in addition to maintaining a library and database of additional information. NICHCY provides information and makes referrals in areas related to specific disabilities, early intervention, special education and related services, individualized education programs, family issues, disability organizations, professional associations, education rights, transition to adult life, and other relevant topics.

NPND

***National Parent Network on Disabilities***

1130 17th Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 463-2299
(202) 463-9405 (FAX)
jfosse@mindspring.com
http://www.npnd.org

NPND is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth, and adults with disabilities and their families. Services that NPND provides include legislative representation, reference and referral, national and regional conferences, outreach to parents, materials development and distribution, and a database to link parents to local, state, regional, national, and/or international services.

PHP

***Parents Helping Parents***

3041 Alcott Street
Santa Clara, CA 95054
(408) 727-5775
(408) 727-0182 (FAX)
info@php.com
http://www.php.com

PHP is a nonprofit, parent-directed family resource center for children with special needs. PHP provides information, support, and training for families of children of any age with any kind of special need (mental, physical, emotional, or learning disability) resulting from accident, illness, or birth defect. PHP's National Center on Parent Directed Family Resources provides technical assistance, conferences, and training for parents interested in establishing their own resource center and is developing a project designed to bring parent-to-parent support to the managed care hospital setting. PHP operates an electronic bulletin board system that may be accessed by computer, providing a resource directory and a listing of new groups and conferences for families and professionals.

***Sibling Information Network***

University of Connecticut
A.J. Pappanikou Center
249 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, CT 06269-2064
(860) 486-4985
(860) 486-5037 (FAX)

The Network was established to assist individuals interested in the needs of families of persons with disabilities. It offers a state-by-state listing of sibling support groups and *Sibling Information Network News,* a newsletter published four times a year, describes projects, literature, research findings, and ideas useful to siblings of a person with a disability. Membership in the Network is $8.50 per year for individuals and $15 per year for organizations.

STOMP

***Specialized Training of Military Parents***

6316 South 12th Street
Tacoma, WA 98465
(253) 565-2266
(800) 5-PARENT (572-7368)
(253) 566-8052 (FAX)
wapave9@washingtonpave.com
http://www.washingtonpave.org

STOMP provides special training and support to military families throughout the United States and overseas, with special emphasis on helping Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers learn about issues facing military parents. Topics of expertise include P.L. 102-119, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDEASS, formerly Section VI schools); The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); and anti-discrimination regulation for the Armed Services. STOMP directly works with military base hospitals, commanders, Exceptional Family Member Programs (EFMPs), and other service providers, and also conducts workshops for military parent leaders. For assistance, families may call the project collect.

The Alliance

***The Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers***

PACER Center
8161 Normandale Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044
(952) 838-9000
(888) 248-0822
(952) 838-0190 (TTY)
(952) 838-0199 (FAX)
alliance@taalliance.org
http://www.taalliance.org

The Alliance is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, to serve as the coordinating office for the Technical Assistance to Parent Projects. The Alliance focuses on providing technical assistance for establishing, developing, and coordinating Parent Training and Information Projects under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The Alliance offers a variety of resources to assist the Parent Centers as they move into the 21st century. To reach the parent center in your state, contact the Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers (the Alliance), via one of the four regional centers located in California, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Texas.

### Parent Training and Information Centers?

Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) provide training and information to parents of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and to professionals who work with these children. This assistance helps parents more effectively participate with professionals in meeting the educational needs of their children.

West Regional Center
***Matrix Parent Network and Resource Center***
94 Galli Drive, Suite C
Novato, CA 94949
(415) 884-3535
(800) 578-2592
(415) 884-3554 (TTY)
(415) 884-3555 (FAX)
alliance@matrixparents.org
http://www.matrixparents.org

Area served: AK, AZ, CA, Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS), HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, Pacific Jurisdiction, UT, WA, WY

Midwest Regional Center
***Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)***
Bank One Building
165 West Center Street, Suite 302
Marion, OH 43302-3741
(740) 382-5452
(740) 383-6421 (FAX)
ocecd@gte.net
http://www.taalliance.org/ptis/regohio

Area served: CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

Northwest Regional Center
***Parent Information Center***
P.O. Box 2405
Concord, NH 03302-2405
(603) 224-7005 (Voice/TTY)
(603) 224-4379 (FAX)
picnh@aol.com
http://www.parentinformationcenter.org

Area served: CT, DC, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, PR, RI, US VI, VT

South Regional Center
***Partners Resource Network, Incorporated***
1090 Longfellow Drive, Suite B
Beaumont, TX 77706-4819
(409) 898-4684
(800) 866-4726
(409) 898-4869 (FAX)
path@partnerstx.org
http://www.partnerstx.org

Area served: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV

# Literacy

***Division of Adult Education and Literacy Clearinghouse***
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-7240
(202) 205-9996
(202) 205-8973 (FAX)
rebecca_moak@ed.gov
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/adusite.htm

The Division of Adult Education and Literacy Clearinghouse links the adult education community with existing resources and provides information on state-administered adult education programs funded under the Adult Education Act (P.L.100-297), as amended by the National Literacy Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-73). Established in 1981, the clearinghouse also provides resources that support adult education activities. A free newsletter is also available. The *A.L.L. Points Bulletin* is published bimonthly and focuses on adult education and literacy. All clearinghouse materials and services are available at no cost. Single copies of documents may be requested in writing. To expedite processing, enclose a self-addressed mailing label.

ISAL

***Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy***

The Pennsylvania State University
College of Education
102 Ruckley Building
University Park, PA 16802-3202
(814) 863-3777
(814) 863-6108 (FAX)
isal@psu.edu
http://www.ed.psu.edu/isal

ISAL's goals include development and dissemination of a sound conceptual and research base in adult literacy, improvement of practice, and leadership and coordination of comprehensive approaches to the delivery of adult literacy services. Projects address interrelated themes: workplace literacy, uses of technology in adult literacy, intergenerational family literacy, learner differences, curricula/instructional materials development, and staff development/training.

NCFL

***National Center for Family Literacy***

325 West Main Street
Waterfront Plaza, Suite 200
Louisville, KY 40202-4251
(502) 584-1133
(502) 584-0172 (FAX)
ncfl@famlit.org
http://www.famlit.org

The National Center for Family Literacy is a nonprofit organization supporting family literacy services for families across the United States through programming, training, research, advocacy, and dissemination.

NIFL

***National Institute for Literacy***

1775 I Street NW, Suite 730
Washington, DC 20006-2401
(202) 233-2025
(877) 576-7734 (TTY)
(202) 233-2050 (FAX)
staffasst@nifl.gov
http://www.nifl.gov

Established under the National Literacy Act of 1991, NIFL's purpose is to enhance the national effort to achieve complete literacy, creating a national support system for literacy and serving as the focal point for interagency policy development, dissemination of information, technical assistance, program evaluation, and research and demonstration. The Institute also serves as the catalyst for stimulating coordination of literacy efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. The National Literacy Act of 1991 also established a network of State Literacy Resource Centers, one function of which is to serve as the reciprocal link between the Institute and literacy service providers to share information, data, research, expertise, and literacy resources. The Institute coordinates and, where appropriate, provides assistance to State Literacy Resource Centers for cooperative projects of national scope and significance.

# COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

## The Arts

ATA
***Association for Theatre and Accessibility***
National Arts and Disability Center
UCLA Affiliated Program
Los Angeles, CA 90095-6067
(310) 794-1141
(310) 564-0051 (FAX)
http://ata.ucla.edu

ATA is a networking organization for educators, professionals, and organizations producing theatre with and for individuals who have disabilities. The association holds an annual joint conference with The American Alliance for Theatre and Education and publishes *Resources in Theatre and Disability.*

NIAD
***National Institute of Art and Disabilities***
551 23rd Street
Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 620-0290
(510) 620-0326 (FAX)
reddot@niadart.org
http://www.niadart.org

NIAD's mission is to provide an artistic environment which promotes creative expression, independence, dignity, and community integration for people with developmental disabilities. NIAD trains up to 50 adults each day in painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, decorative arts, and more. Their artwork is actively promoted through an exhibitions program.

***VSA Arts***
1300 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 628-2800
(800) 933-8721
(202) 737-0645 (TTY)
(202) 737-0725 (FAX)
info@vsarts.org
http://www.vsarts.org

VSA Arts is an international organization that provides learning opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities, especially children and youth. Founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith as an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, VSA Arts offers programs in creative writing, dance, drama, literature, music, and the visual arts in all 50 states and 85 countries worldwide. Through a network of local, state, and national organizations, VSA Arts seeks to promote worldwide awareness of the educational and cultural benefits of the arts for all people. VSA Arts Festivals are the culmination of year-round community-based programming efforts. These festivals provide workshops and training sessions for people with disabilities as well as educators, parents, and friends.

## Employment

JAN
***Job Accommodation Network***
West Virginia University
918 Chestnut Ridge Road
P.O. Box 6080
Morgantown, WV 26506-6080
(304) 293-7186 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 232-9675 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 526-7234 (Voice/TTY)
(304) 293-5407 (FAX)
jan@jan.icdi.wvu.edu
http://www.jan.wvu.edu

JAN is an international information network and consulting resource which provides information about employment issues, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and possible employment-related accommodations to employers, rehabilitation professionals, and persons with disabilities. Callers should be prepared to explain their specific problem and job circumstances. Sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities, the Network is operated by West Virginia University's Rehabilitation Research and Training Center. Brochures and printed materials are available at no cost.

JOB
***Job Opportunities for the Blind***
National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
(410) 685-5653 (FAX)
nfb@nfb.org
http://www.nfb.org

JOB is the free nationwide job listing and job referral program of the National Federation of the Blind and the U.S. Department of Labor. JOB has more than 40 free publications, including *Blind People at Work* and *How to Hire a Competent Blind Employee* (part of the free ADA Series). Call or write JOB for a free sample packet of its materials.

***Mainstream, Incorporated***
6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 240
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 891-8777 (Voice/TTY)
(301) 891-8778 (FAX)
wlink@mainstreaminc.org
http://www.mainstreaminc.org/

Founded in 1975, Mainstream, Incorporated is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving competitive employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Mainstream provides specialized services and acts as a bridge that links people with disabilities, employers, and service providers. The organization works with the disability, employer, and rehabilitation communities to identify and implement cost-effective programs and services that will benefit all three of its constituencies.

***National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Center on Employment***
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
Lyndon Baines Johnson Building
52 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623-5604
(716) 475-6834 (Voice/TTY)
(716) 475-6219 (TTY)
(716) 475-7570 (FAX)
ntidcoe@rit.edu
http://www.rit.edu/ntid/co/ce/

Operated by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, the Center on Employment was established to promote successful employment of RIT's students and graduates who are deaf. The Center also offers resources and training to employers and professionals who are deaf.

ODEP
***Office of Disability Employment Policy***
U.S. Department of Labor
1331 F Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20004-1107
(202) 376-6200
(202) 376-6205 (TTY)
(202) 376-6219 (FAX)
info@pcepd.gov
http://www.pcepd.gov

In the FY 2001 budget, Congress approved a new Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor. Programs and staff of the former President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities have been integrated into this new office. The mission of ODEP is to heighten and perpetuate the goal of increasing employment of persons with disabilities. This will be achieved through policy analysis, technical assistance, and development of best practices, as well as outreach, education, constituent services, and promoting ODEP's mission among employers.

***WAVE, Incorporated***
525 School Street SW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20024-2762
(202) 484-0103
(800) 274-2005
(202) 488-7595 (FAX)
mail@waveinc.org
http://www.waveinc.org

Wave, Incorporated (Work, Achievement, Values, and Education) was founded as a pilot program to motivate, educate, and train high school drop-outs. WAVE, Incorporated now works in schools across the country to keep middle school and high school students in school. The WAVE network reaches more than 150 communities and schools, annually serving thousands of youth. Members of the network receive comprehensive training for teachers and other professionals, curriculum development, training materials and textbooks, and ongoing technical assistance.

# Independent Living

ILRU
***Independent Living Research Utilization Program***
2323 South Shepherd, Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77019
(713) 520-0232
(713) 520-5136 (TTY)
(713) 520-5785 (FAX)
ilru@ilru.org
http://www.ilru.org

ILRU is a federally funded research and training center which focuses on improving the effectiveness of independent living centers. It produces resource materials, develops and conducts training programs on independent living issues, provides technical assistance and consultation to independent living centers, conducts a variety of research projects on factors affecting independence, and publishes a bimonthly newsletter about the independent living field. *The Directory of Independent Living Programs* lists programs on a state-by-state basis. Individuals are invited to contact ILRU for free referral to Centers for Independent Living near their communities.

RTC/IL

***Research and Training Center on Independent Living***

University of Kansas
4089 Dole Building
1000 Sunnyside Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66045
(785) 864-4095
(785) 864-5063 (FAX)
rtcil@ukans.edu
http://www.rtcil.org

RTC/IL was established in 1980 to help individuals with disabilities live more independent lives. The center conducts in-depth research on critical issues in the independent living field. The RTC/IL produces materials from preliminary studies, research reports, training activities, and seminars. In 1993, the center expanded its services to reach underserved populations—people with chronic psychiatric disabilities, acquired brain injury, and cognitive and intellectual disabilities. Underserved populations also include people with disabilities who are minorities, rural and inner-city residents, homeless persons, adolescents, and elderly adults.

SSA

***Social Security Administration***

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(800) 772-1213
(800) 325-0778 (TTY)
webmaster@ssa.gov
http://www.ssa.gov

Local offices of the SSA across the country offer pamphlets discussing the benefits available to persons with a disability. Staff can answer questions relating to Supplemental Security Income and Supplemental Security Disability Income over the phone, as well as in writing. Telephone numbers for local offices are found in the U.S. government section of the blue pages of the telephone directory.

# Recreation

AAALF

***American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness***

1900 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 476-3430
(703) 476-9527 (FAX)
aaalf@aahperd.org
http://www.aahperd.org/aaalf

AAALF is a membership organization of professionals in the fields of physical education, recreation, health and safety, and dance. Their Adapted Physical Activity Council has a nationwide network to provide information about adapting curricula and activities to the needs of people with disabilities. AAALF is one of six national associations of AAHPERD, the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

DS/USA

***Disabled Sports, USA***

451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 217-9842
(301) 217-0963 (TTY)
(301) 217-0968 (FAX)
dsusa@dsusa.org
http://www.dsusa.org

Founded in 1967 by disabled veterans of the Vietnam War, Disabled Sports, USA attempts to ensure that people with physical disabilities have access to sports, recreation, and physical education programs, from preschool through college, and into elite sport levels. More than 90 community-based chapters in 40 states provide year-round sports, recreation, and social activities for people with disabilities.

NARHA

***North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Incorporated***

P.O. Box 33150
Denver, CO 80233
(303) 452-1212
(800) 369-7433
(303) 252-4610 (FAX)
narha@narha.org
http://www.narha.org

NARHA is an equestrian organization serving individuals with disabilities. Its purpose is to promote the rehabilitation of individuals with physical, psychological, and learning disabilities through equine-facilitated activities, help establish therapeutic riding centers, support related medical research, train and certify therapeutic riding instructors, and provide affordable insurance. NARHA has more than 600 operating centers in 48 states and Canada. In addition, it publishes a bimonthly newsletter, *NARHA News,* and a quarterly magazine, *STRIDES.*

# Rehabilitation

CSAVR
***Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation***
P.O. Box 3776
Washington, DC 20007
(202) 638-4634 (Voice/TTY)
(202) 333-5881 (FAX)

CSAVR is the membership organization of the State Directors of Vocational Rehabilitation Programs. Callers are referred to the appropriate state office for further assistance.

ICD
***International Center for the Disabled***
340 East 24th Street
New York, NY 10010-4019
(212) 585-6250
(212) 585-6060
(212) 585-6161 (FAX)
http://www.ICDrehab.org

ICD provides comprehensive community-based rehabilitation services designed to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve their personal goals, aspirations, and independence. The center offers vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, work skills training programs, and job placement, as well as medical rehabilitation, mental health services, substance abuse treatment for adults with co-existing disabilities, literacy and learning disability services, and a program for adults with head injury.

NRA
***National Rehabilitation Association***
633 South Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 836-0850
(888) 258-4295
(703) 836-0849 (TTY)
(703) 836-0848 (FAX)
info@nationalrehab.org
http://www.nationalrehab.org

NRA membership comprises persons with disabilities, professional rehabilitation workers, and others from the fields of education, medicine, business, and industry. Members receive six newsletters annually and the *Journal of Rehabilitation* quarterly. NRA is active in areas such as advocacy, legislative design, and the development of education and training programs for people with disabilities. The separate professional divisions are: Job Placement, Rehabilitation Counseling, Rehabilitation Administration, Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment, Independent Living, Rehabilitation Instructors, and Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns and Support Staff. The association has 60 national affiliate chapters.

NARIC
***National Rehabilitation Information Center***
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 800
Silver Spring, MD 20910-5633
(301) 562-2400(Voice/TTY)
(800) 346-2742 (Voice/TTY)
(301) 495-5626 (TTY)
(301) 562-2401 (FAX)
naricinfo@kra.org
http://www.naric.com

NARIC is a library information center focusing on disability and rehabilitation research. Information specialists provide quick reference and referral services, customized database searches, and document delivery. NARIC's databases are also accessible from its web page.

RI
***Rehabilitation International***
25 East 21st Street, Fourth Floor
New York, NY 10010
(212) 420-1500
(212) 420-1752 (TTY)
(212) 505-0871 (FAX)
rehabintl@rehab-international.org
http://www.rehab-international.org

RI is a federation of national and international organizations and agencies conducting programs to assist people with disabilities and their families, and all who work for prevention rehabilitation and integration. It publishes the *International Rehabilitation Review*, which reports on worldwide scientific developments in the fields of disability and rehabilitation, as well as other related fields.

# DISABILITY-SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

## Attention Deficit Disorder

***ADDult Support of Washington***
P.O. Box 7804
Tacoma, WA 98406-0804
(253) 759-5085
(253) 383-2596 (FAX)
addadhd@home.com
http://www.addult.org

ADDult Support of Washington is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to help people with attention deficit disorder achieve their full potential. A listing of local, state, and national resources can be found on the group's web site.

AD-IN
***Attention Deficit Information Network, Incorporated***
475 Hillside Avenue
Needham, MA 02194
(781) 455-9895
(781) 444-5466 (FAX)
adin@gis.net
http://www.addinfonetwork.com

AD-IN is a nonprofit volunteer organization that offers support and information to families of children with attention deficit disorder (ADD), adults with ADD, and professionals through a national network of 60 parent and adult chapters. Contact AD-IN for a list of chapters, as well as for information packets specifically designed for adults with ADD, parents of children with the disorder, or educators. AD-IN also provides information to those interested in starting a new local chapter, and serves as a resource on training programs and speakers for those who work with individuals with ADD.

***Challenge, Incorporated***
42 Way to the River Road
P.O. Box 488
West Newbury, MA 01985
(508) 462-0495
(800) 233-2322
(508) 462-0495 (press 5* after tone) (FAX)

Founded in 1986, Challenge, Incorporated is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing current information about attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder to parents, teachers, professional care providers, and adults with ADD. Membership includes the bimonthly newsletter, *Challenge,* a discount prescription drug card, and referrals to professionals and ADD support groups. Individual membership is $25. A professional membership is available for $45 and includes a listing in *Challenge's* professional referral list.

CHADD
***Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders***
8181 Professional Place, Suite 201
Landover, MD 20785
(301) 306-7070
(800) 233-4050
(301) 306-7090 (FAX)
national@chadd.org
http://www.chadd.org

CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based organization that disseminates information on ADD and has more than 600 parent support groups. It also publishes *ATTENTION!,* a quarterly magazine, and *CHADDER,* a quarterly newsletter. All members can also receive a Fact Sheet Series. Call or write for additional free information.

ADDA
***National Attention Deficit Disorder Association***
1788 Second Street, Suite 200
Highland Park, IL 60035
(847) 432-ADDA (2332)
(847) 432-5874 (FAX)
mail@add.org
http://www.add.org

ADDA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for the needs of adults with ADD and their families. Call or write for further information on membership, conference registration, or for a free copy of the *ADDAlog,* a catalog of the association's materials.

# Chronic Illness

### *AIDS Action Council*
1906 Sunderland Place NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 530-8030
(202) 530-8031 (FAX)
webmaster@aidsaction.org
http://www.aidsaction.org

The AIDS Action Council was founded in 1984 as the voice of America's AIDS organizations in Washington. The council represents more than 1,000 community-based AIDS service organizations and promotes the implementation of a nationally coordinated plan to fight AIDS. The council publishes *AIDS Action Update* every six weeks and periodic monographs on aspects of federal AIDS policy.

ACHA
### *American College Health Association*
P.O. Box 28937
Baltimore, MD 21240-8937
(410) 859-1500
(410) 859-1510 (FAX)
sharon@acha.org
http://www.acha.org

Founded in 1920, ACHA is a nonprofit organization serving and representing the interests of professionals and students in health and higher education. Members include institutions of higher education, individual health care providers, and students dedicated to health promotion on their campuses. Through its many publications, programs, and services, ACHA addresses critical issues such as HIV infection and sexually transmitted diseases, alcohol and other drug abuse, vaccine-preventable diseases, student health insurance, health needs of international students and students of color, and other important, sensitive issues prevalent in college communities.

CDC/NPIN
### *Centers for Disease Control/National Prevention Information Network*
P.O. Box 6003
Rockville, MD 20849-6003
(800) 458-5231
(800) 243-7012
(888) 282-7681 (FAX)
info@cdcnpin.org
http://www.cdcnpin.org

The CDC/NPIN is the national reference, referral, and distribution service for information on HIV/AIDS, or STDs, and TB, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). All of NPIN's services are designed to facilitate the sharing of information and resources among people working in HIV, STD, and TB prevention, treatment, and support services. NPIN staff serve a diverse network of constituents who work in international, national, state, and local settings.

IDF
### *Immune Deficiency Foundation*
40 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 308
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 321-6647
(800) 296-4433
(410) 321-9165 (FAX)
idf@primaryimmune.org
http://www.primaryimmune.org

The Immune Deficiency Foundation is a national organization devoted to research and education for primary immune deficiency diseases. The foundation publishes educational material for patients, families, and health care professionals, along with providing research grants, free consultative/second opinions, visiting professors, and other services to medical institutions. Scholarships are offered to individuals diagnosed with a primary immune disease and information also can be accessed through a web-based "Ask the Expert" page for individuals needing answers to questions on primary immunodeficiency diseases.

NCPOA
### *National Chronic Pain Outreach Association, Incorporated*
P.O. Box 274, Suite 100
Millboro, VA 24460
(540) 862-9437
(540) 862-9485 (FAX)
ncpoa@cfw.com

NCPOA is a nonprofit organization that disseminates information about chronic pain and its management. NCPOA operates an information clearinghouse which publishes the quarterly newsletter *Lifeline*, sponsors public information efforts, and develops local support groups for people with chronic pain and their families. Low-cost pamphlets, publications, and audio and videocassettes are available.

### *National Health Information Center*
P.O. Box 1133
Washington, DC 20013-1133
(301) 565-4167
(800) 336-4797
(301) 984-4256 (FAX)
nhicinfo@health.org
http://www.health.gov/nhic

The National Health Information Center welcomes inquiries from consumers and professionals interested in health-related issues. Referrals are provided to appropriate organizations. The center is a service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Disease

Prevention and Health Promotion. Publications include: *Health Information Resources in Federal Government, Staying Healthy: A Bibliography of Health Promotion Materials,* and *Health Finders,* such as *Selected Federal Health Information Clearinghouses and Information Centers* and *Toll-Free Numbers for Health Information*. In addition, the information center distributes information relating to Healthy People 2000: National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives.

NORD

***National Organization for Rare Disorders, Incorporated***

P.O. Box 8923
New Fairfield, CT 06812-8923
(203) 746-6518
(800) 999-6673
(203) 746-6927 (TTY)
(203) 746-6481 (FAX)
orphan@rarediseases.org
http://www.rarediseases.org

NORD is a nonprofit, voluntary agency composed of national health organizations, scientific researchers, physicians, and individuals dedicated to the interests of people concerned about rare, debilitating disorders. It serves as a worldwide clearinghouse for information about such disorders, and monitors the Orphan Drug Act to promote the development of new treatments for rare disorders. NORD's networking program puts families of persons with disabilities who have the same diagnosis in touch with each other. The Patient Services Program provides counseling and advice to people seeking help with accessing social services and learning about appropriate programs for people with disabilities. NORD's Medication Assistance Programs provide several free prescription drugs to needy patients who cannot afford treatments. NORD's newsletter, *Orphan Disease Update,* is published three times annually, and the Rare Disease Database is available through CompuServ. NORD also publishes the *Physician's Guide to Rare Diseases,* which enables physicians to find accurate and timely diagnostic information.

# Developmental Disabilities

AAUAP

***American Association of University Affiliated Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities***

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 410
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 588-8252
(301) 588-3319 (TTY)
(301) 588-2842 (FAX)
gjesien@aauap.org
http://aauap.org

AAUAP is the central office for the 63 University Affiliated Programs (UAPs), 36 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment-Related Disabilities (LEND) Programs, and 14 Mental Retardation Research Centers (MRRCs) and is their representative to the federal government. UAPs are located at major universities and teaching hospitals across the country and target their activities to support the independence, productivity, and integration into the community of individuals with developmental disabilities and other chronic conditions. AAUAP also serves health, education, and social service professionals, disability organizations, policy makers, institutions of higher education, and others upon request.

AAMR

***American Association on Mental Retardation***

444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 846
Washington, DC 20001-1512
(202) 387-1968
(800) 424-3688
(202) 387-2193 (FAX)
http://www.aamr.org

AAMR is an interdisciplinary association of professionals and individuals concerned about mental retardation. National, regional, and state meetings, as well as publications, inform members about the latest research and practices. Publications include the *American Journal on Mental Retardation,* a bimonthly journal called *Mental Retardation,* and *News & Notes,* a bimonthly newsletter. Provincial, regional, and state units offer additional services, including some scholarship aid for students. Additionally, AAMR publishes an internationally accepted definition of mental retardation.

### *The Arc of the United States*

Governmental Affairs Office
1730 K Street NW, Suite 1212
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 785-3388
(202) 785-3411 (TTY)
(202) 467-4179 (FAX)
gaoinfo@thearc.org
http://www.thearc.org

The Arc of the United States is a national organization of and for people with mental retardation and related disabilities and their families. Through education, research, and advocacy, the group works to improve the quality of life for children and adults with mental retardation and their families, as well as to prevent both the causes and effects of mental retardation.

ASA

### *Autism Society of America*

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300
Bethesda, MD 20814-3067
(301) 657-0881
(800) 3AUTISM (328-8476)
(301) 657-0869 (FAX)
info@autism-society.org
http://www.autism-society.org

Founded in 1965, ASA works to promote public awareness of autism. Both the national office and a network of more than 220 chapters in 48 states work with parents, professionals, and the public to provide information, referrals, and advocacy. The society also distributes materials on autism, and hosts an annual conference. In addition, ASA publishes *The Advocate,* a bimonthly newsletter.

CFF

### *Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*

6931 Arlington Road
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 951-4422
(800) 344-4823
(301) 951-6378 (FAX)
info@cff.org
http://www.cff.org

The foundation exists to assure the development of the means to control and prevent cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for people with the disease. It supports research; accredits a network of care centers nationwide; develops materials to help patients, families, and the public understand cystic fibrosis; and seeks to affect public policy.

EFA

### *Epilepsy Foundation of America*

4351 Garden City Drive, Suite 500
Landover, MD 20785
(301) 459-3700
(800) 332-1000 (Consumers)
(800) 332-4050 (Professional Library)
(800) 332-2070
(301) 577-2684 (FAX)
postmaster@efa.org
http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org

The Epilepsy Foundation of America is the national organization that, through research, education, advocacy and service, works for people affected by seizures. The foundation publishes pamphlets, brochures, and a newsletter, and offers a membership program. The national office also provides referrals, supports medical research, works with governmental agencies, and works with Congress to advance the interests of people with epilepsy. Technical information is provided to professionals through the National Epilepsy Library.

MDA

### *Muscular Dystrophy Association, Incorporated*

3300 East Sunrise Drive
Tucson, AZ 85718-3208
(520) 529-2000
(520) 529-5300 (FAX)
mda@mdausa.org
http://www.mdausa.org

MDA fights more than 40 neuromuscular diseases through worldwide research, a nationwide network of clinics which provide a wide range of medical services, and professional and public education.

NDSC

### *National Down Syndrome Congress*

7000 Peachtree-Dunwoody Road NE
Lake Ridge 400 Office Park, Building #5, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30328-1655
(770) 604-9500
(800) 232-NDSC (6372)
(770) 604-9898 (FAX)
ndsccenter@aol.com
http://www.ndsccenter.org

The National Down Syndrome Congress is a national advocacy organization for persons with down syndrome and in that capacity, functions as a major source of support and empowerment to persons with down syndrome and their families. NDSC also serves as a clearinghouse on down syndrome by collecting, creating, and disseminating information via the National Down Syndrome Congress Center, the NDSC annual convention, and *Down Syndrome News.*

NDSS

***National Down Syndrome Society***

666 Broadway, Eighth Floor
New York, NY 10012-2317
(212) 460-9330
(800) 221-4602
(212) 979-2873 (FAX)
info@ndss.org
http://www.ndss.org

NDSS was established in 1979 to increase public awareness about down syndrome, assist families in addressing the needs of children with this genetic condition, and sponsor and encourage scientific research. Today, the society supports young researchers seeking causes of, and answers to, down syndrome; sponsors internationally renowned scientific symposia; advocates on behalf of families and individuals affected by this condition; and develops educational materials, many of which are distributed at no cost. NDSS also provides information and referral services through its national toll-free line.

FXF

***National Fragile X Foundation***

P. O. Box 19088
San Francisco, CA 94119-0488
(510) 763-6030
(800) 688-8765
(510) 763-6223 (FAX)
natlfx@sprintmail.com
http://www.fragilex.org

The mission of FXF is to promote education and research of fragile X syndrome and disseminate information and new findings. FXF holds a biannual international conference that is a multidisciplinary effort to share and exchange the latest information and research into fragile X syndrome. Contact the foundation for information about available audio/visual educational aids and supplies, names of parent contacts, regional resource centers, and professionals with expertise in fragile X syndrome.

SBAA

***Spina Bifida Association of America***

4590 MacArthur Boulevard NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20007-4226
(202) 944-3285
(800) 621-3141
(202) 944-3295 (FAX)
sbaa@sbaa.org
http://www.sbaa.org

SBAA serves as the national office for more than 70 local chapters of parents and other members of families having children born with spina bifida, individuals with spina bifida, and the medical and allied health professionals who work with them. Additionally, SBAA operates an information clearinghouse, an information and referral service, and periodic public awareness and related efforts. SBAA also provides information on spina bifida as it relates to progress in the areas of medicine, education, legislation, and financial assistance. Membership information and various publications are available.

***TASH***

29 West Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 210
Baltimore, MD 21204
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(410) 828-1306 (TTY)
(410) 828-6706 (FAX)
info@tash.org
http://www.tash.org

TASH (formerly The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps) is an international advocacy association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and people who work in the disability field, all of whom are working toward a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm. TASH has 39 chapters throughout the United States and members from 38 countries worldwide. TASH's mission is to eliminate physical and social obstacles that prevent equity, diversity, and quality of life, through individual, public policy, and legislative advocacy. TASH membership benefits include a monthly magazine, a quarterly journal, a variety of conferences and training opportunities, as well as opportunities for members to participate in national and international disability rights efforts.

TSA

***Tourette Syndrome Association, Incorporated***

42-40 Bell Boulevard
Bayside, NY 11361-2820
(718) 224-2999
(800) 237-0717
(718) 279-9596 (FAX)
ts@tsa-vsa.org
http://www.tsa-usa.org

The Tourette Syndrome Association is a national health organization whose programs of research, professional and public education, and individual and family services are provided through its national office and 50 volunteer chapters throughout the country. Services offered include lay and professional counseling; educational and legal advocacy; support programs; in-service education for educators, psychologists, physicians, and social workers; and publications, videos, and films for both lay and health care professional audiences.

UCP

***United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Incorporated***

1660 L Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 776-0406 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 872-5827 (Voice/TTY)
(202) 776-0414 (FAX)
national@ucp.org
http://www.ucp.org

UCP is a nationwide network of 135 state and local voluntary agencies that provide services and education for individuals with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Direct services vary from affiliate to affiliate but may include medical evaluation and treatment, employment, housing, family support and social programs, as well as advocacy and community education.

USCPAA

***United States Cerebral Palsy Athletic Association***

USCPAA National Center
25 West Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
(401) 792-7130
(401) 792-7132 (FAX)
uscpaa@mail.bbsnet.com
http://www.uscpaa.org

Formed in 1987, USCPAA is the national governing body on competitive sports for individuals with cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, and survivors of strokes. USCPAA formulates the rules, implements policies and procedures, conducts national championships in 12 sports, disseminates safety and sports medicine information, and selects the athletes to represent the United States in international competition. The USCPAA National Center provides a variety of services and programs for its membership. These services include publications, educational program fund-raising activities, sports medicine programs, video resources, and general information about sports-related activities. USCPAA staff are available to answer questions and provide additional information.

YAI/NIPD

***YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities***

460 West 34th Street, Suite 11
New York, NY 10001-2382
(212) 563-7474
(212) 273-6100
(212) 268-1083 (FAX)
http://www.yai.org

YAI/NIPD is a nonprofit organization serving people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities in more than 100 programs throughout New York City, Long Island, Westchester County, and Rockland County, NY. Services include residential, clinical, day services, and family support. Videotapes, manuals, and guides for training parents and professionals are available nationally. The videos, *On Our Own, Children with Special Needs,* and *AIDS: Teaching People with Disabilities to Better Protect Themselves,* are available by contacting YAI/NIPD. YAI/NIPD also holds an annual international conference and 20 one-day conferences dealing with current issues in developmental disabilities. An affiliate, YAI/NYL, serves infants and children through early intervention services. Some services and materials are free, and a catalog is available. In addition, YAI/RCALD has begun an alliance to serve individuals with learning disabilities and holds an annual conference as part of this effort.

# Learning Disabilities

CLD

***Council for Learning Disabilities***

P.O. Box 40303
Overland Park, KS 66204
(913) 492-8755
(913) 492-2546 (FAX)
http://www.cldinternational.org

CLD is a national organization which serves professionals who work with individuals with learning disabilities. It has an interdisciplinary, field-based focus. The organization sponsors an annual international conference and several regional conferences. It publishes the *Learning Disability Quarterly* and the *LD Forum*, and sponsors awards for research and teaching related to learning disabilities.

IDA

***The International Dyslexia Association***

The Chester Building
8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 382
Baltimore, MD 21286-2044
(410) 296-0232
(800) 222-3123
(410) 321-5069 (FAX)
info@interdys.org
http://www.interdys.org

IDA (formerly The Orton Dyslexia Society) is an international nonprofit organization concerned with the complex issues of dyslexia, a specific learning disability. The association provides effective teaching approaches and related clinical educational intervention strategies and support, encourages interdisciplinary study and research, and is committed to dissemination of research through conferences, publications, and its 43 volunteer branches and two national affiliates. Free information (some available in Spanish or on audiotape) and testing and tutoring referral services are available upon request.

JKL

***JKL Communications***

P.O. Box 40157
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 223-5097
(202) 223-5096 (FAX)
plath3@his.com
http://www.his.com/~plath3/

JKL Communications has books and videos on LD/ADD legal education and workplace issues. Books include *Learning Disabilities and the Law, ADD and the Law, Succeeding in the Workplace,* and *Higher Education Services for Students with LD or ADD—A Legal Guide.*

LDA

***Learning Disabilities Association of America***

4156 Library Road, Suite 3
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349
(412) 341-1515
(888) 300-6710
(412) 344-0224 (FAX)
ldanatl@usaor.net
http://www.ldaAmerica.org

LDA (formerly Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities) is a nonprofit, 50,000-member national information and referral service. It provides free information on learning disabilities and can put those who make inquiries in contact with one of 500 local chapters throughout the country. In addition to the bimonthly newsletter, *Newsbriefs*, LDA produces the biannual *Learning Disabilities Multidisciplinary Journal,* and sponsors an annual international conference for professionals. The annual membership fee, which includes a newsletter subscription, is $30.

NCLLD

***National Center for Law and Learning Disabilities***

P.O. Box 368
Cabin John, MD 20818
(301) 469-8308
(301) 469-9466 (FAX)

NCLLD seeks to promote understanding of learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and related conditions; knowledge of applicable laws; and development of appropriate policies. To achieve these goals, NCLLD provides services to assist individuals with disabilities, their families, educators, employers, and interested professionals. Services include education, advocacy, analysis of legal issues, and policy recommendations. Contact NCLLD for cost and ordering information for its publications, which include 13 pamphlets on LD/ADD legal issues.

NCLD

***National Center for Learning Disabilities***

381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401
New York, NY 10016
(212) 545-7510
(888) 575-7373
(212) 545-9665 (FAX)
http://www.ld.org

NCLD, established in 1977, is a national nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of individuals with learning disabilities. Its services include raising public awareness and understanding, national information and referral, educational programs, and legislative advocacy. NCLD produces educational tools; newsletters; and a five-part video series titled *We Can Learn.* NCLD's referral system, through a computerized database and trained volunteers and staff, links parents, professionals, and others concerned with LD to those who can help them. NCLD maintains an active presence in Washington, DC, providing ongoing awareness of the need for more effective public policies and legislation to help individuals with learning disabilities. NCLD offers membership to the public, which includes special information on learning disabilities, as well as regular updates, including *THEIR WORLD.* Information on services and publications is available from NCLD upon request.

# Mobility Impairment and Injury-Related Disabilities

AAF

***American Amputee Foundation, Incorporated***

P.O. Box 250218
Hillcrest Station
Little Rock, AR 72225
(501) 666-2523
(501) 666-8367 (FAX)
cjwalden@hotmail.com

AAF offers information and referral services to amputees and their families, as well as peer support and self-help information where available.

AOTA

***American Occupational Therapy Association, Incorporated***

4720 Montgomery Lane
P.O. Box 31220
Bethesda, MD 20824-1220
(301) 652-2682
(800) 377-8555
(301) 652-7711 (FAX)
praota@aota.org
http://www.aota.org

AOTA is the nationally recognized professional association for more than 50,000 occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. These individuals work with people experiencing health problems such as stroke, spinal cord injuries, cancer, congenital conditions, developmental problems, and mental illness, in a wide range of practice settings including hospitals, nursing facilities, home health agencies, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, psychiatric facilities, and schools.

APTA

***American Physical Therapy Association, Incorporated***

1111 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-1488
(703) 684-APTA (2782)
(703) 683-6748 (TTY)
(800) 999-APTA (2782)
(703) 684-7343 (FAX)
kathygiancoli@apta.org
http://www.apta.org

The APTA is a national professional organization representing more than 66,000 members. Its goal is to foster advancements in physical therapy practice, research, and education. Included in APTA's mission is furthering the profession's role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and the enhancement of the public's physical health and functional abilities.

BIA

***Brain Injury Association***

105 North Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 236-6000
(800) 444-6443
(703) 236-6001 (FAX)
familyhelpline@biausa.org
http://www.biausa.org

BIA (formerly the National Head Injury Foundation) is a national membership organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with brain injury and their families. The association reaches out to its members through education, support, information, and advocacy services. BIA is affiliated with 45 state associations and more than 400 support groups nationwide.

FCA

***Family Caregiver Alliance***

690 Market Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94104
(415) 434-3388
(415) 434-3508 (FAX)
info@caregiver.org
http://www.caregiver.org

Founded in 1977, FCA was the first community-based, nonprofit organization in the country to address the needs of families and friends providing long-term care by developing services, advocating for public and private support, conducting research, and educating the public. FCA has developed a dedicated approach to working with families based on consumer needs. Core services include specialized information and assistance, consultation on long-term care planning, service linkage and arrangement, legal and financial consultation, respite services, counseling, and education.

GINI

***Gazette International Networking Institute***

4207 Lindell Boulevard, Suite 110
St. Louis, MO 63108-2915
(314) 534-0475
(800) 735-2466 (Voice relay)
(800) 735-2966 (TTY relay)
(314) 534-5070 (FAX)
gini_intl@msn.com
http://www.post-polio.org

GINI seeks to reach, inform, and dignify people with disabilities throughout the world through its network of people and publications, and is the umbrella organization for the International Polio Network and the International Ventilator Users Network. *Rehabilitation Gazette*, an international journal written by individuals with disabilities, is published biannually and contains articles and resources pertinent to disability. *Polio Network News*, published quarterly, contains updated information on the late effects of polio. GINI also

publishes an annual *Post-Polio Directory* which lists clinics, health professionals, and support groups. *I.V.U.N. News,* for ventilator users, is published quarterly and contains the latest information on home mechanical ventilation. GINI also publishes the annual *I.V.U.N. Resource Directory,* which lists ventilator users, health professionals committed to home mechanical ventilation, ventilator equipment and aids, and related organizations, associations, and foundations. There is a modest fee for the publications and questions are welcome.

LPA

***Little People of America, Incorporated***

LPA National Headquarters
P.O. Box 745
Lubbock, TX 79408
(888) LPA-2001 (572-2001)
lpadatabase@juno.com
http://www.lpaonline.org

LPA assists dwarfs with their physical and developmental concerns related to short stature. LPA offers information on employment, education, disability rights, adoption of short-statured children, medical issues, clothing, adaptive devices, and parenting tips. Information is provided through hundreds of dedicated volunteers throughout the United States, through a national newsletter, *LPA Today,* and through chapter and district newsletters. LPA also provides opportunities for social interaction at chapter, district, and regional meetings, national conferences, and via participation in athletic events. Educational scholarships, medical assistance, and grants are provided, as well as access to a medical advisory board, assistance in adoption, and funds for publications and other projects.

NMSS

***National Multiple Sclerosis Society***

733 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
(212) 296-5363
(800) 344-4867
(212) 296-3425 (FAX)
info@nmss.org
http://www.nationalmssociety.org

NMSS provides accurate, up-to-date information to individuals with multiple sclerosis, their families, and health care providers. Information is available for those who are newly diagnosed, those who have been living with multiple sclerosis for some time, and for their family, friends, and employers.

NSCIA

***National Spinal Cord Injury Association***

8701 Georgia Avenue, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 588-6959
(800) 962-9629
(301) 588-9414 (FAX)
resource@spinalcord.org
http://www.spinalcord.org

This membership organization provides information about spinal cord injury and related subjects to injured individuals, families, health care professionals, and other agencies. Local support is available through a network of 35 chapters across the country. Other offerings include a support system for children and their families titled "In Touch with Kids," referral services, and publications. Membership benefits include free copies and discounts on books offered by NSCIA, a discount pharmaceutical program, and special rates for NSCIA's convention and education seminars.

PVA

***Paralyzed Veterans of America***

801 18th Street NW
Washington, DC 20006-3517
(202) 872-1300
(800) 424-8200
(202) 416-7622 (TTY)
(202) 785-4452 (FAX)
andread@pva.org
http://www.pva.org

PVA is a national veterans service organization dedicated to serving the needs of America's paralyzed veterans and representing the concerns of all veterans and members of the disability community. The national organization and its chapters throughout the United States and Puerto Rico are actively involved in spinal cord research and wheelchair sports/recreation programs, and promote general accessibility to society for physically challenged individuals.

TPN

***The Perspectives Network, Incorporated***

P.O. Box 1859
Cumming, GA 30028-1859
(770) 844-6898 (Voice/Fax)
(800) 685-6302
tpn@tbi.org
http://www.tbi.org

TPN, a nonprofit organization founded by a survivor of acquired brain injury for brain injury survivors and family members, offers an international quarterly magazine, *The TPN Magazine,* writer and artist guidelines, survivor identification cards, peer communication networks, fact brochures, a lending library (available only in the United States), and empathy workshops for professionals and family members.

# Psychiatric Disabilities

### *Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation*

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930 Commonwealth Avenue, Second Floor
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 353-3549
(617) 353-7701 (TTY)
(617) 353-7700 (FAX)
kfurlong@bu.edu
http://www.bu.edu/sarpsych

The Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation is affiliated with Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at Boston University. The center is a research, training, and service organization dedicated to improving the lives of people who have psychiatric disabilities by improving the effectiveness of people, programs, and service systems. The mission of the center is to increase knowledge in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation and apply this knowledge to train treatment personnel, develop effective rehabilitation programs, and assist in organizing both personnel and programs into efficient and coordinated service delivery systems.

NAMI

### *National Alliance for the Mentally Ill*

Colonial Place Three
2107 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201-3042
(703) 524-7600
(800) 950-6264
(703) 524-9094 (FAX)
http://www.nami.org

NAMI is a self-help organization of persons with mental illness, their families, and their friends. Comprising more than 1,000 affiliate groups nationwide, its goals are mutual support, education, and advocacy for persons with severe mental illness and their families. The alliance's philosophy states that brain disease causes schizophrenia, manic depression, and other disabling mental conditions. Support groups provide coping strategies to persons with mental illness and their families. NAMI also offers a newsletter, *The NAMI Advocate,* and other publications. Call to find the closest affiliated group.

NMHA

### *National Mental Health Association*

1021 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2971
(703) 684-7722
(800) 969-6642
(800) 433-5959
(703) 684-5968 (FAX)
infoct@nmha.org
http://www.nmha.org

NMHA is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 340 affiliates nationwide, NMHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans—especially the 54 million individuals with mental disorders—through advocacy, education, research, and service.

### *National Mental Health Consumers Self-Help Clearinghouse*

1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 1207
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 751-1800
(800) 553-4539
(215) 751-9655 (TTY)
(215) 636-6310 (FAX)
info@mhselfhelp.org
http://www.mhselfhelp.org

The National Mental Health Consumers Self-Help Clearinghouse helps mental health consumers with the technical aspects of planning, providing, and evaluating mental health and community support services. Publications, library materials, and personal consultations assist those wishing to establish and develop self-help groups, organize consumer coalitions, advocate for mental health reform, and fight the stigma that society places on mental illness.

# Speech and Hearing Impairment

AG Bell

***Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing***

3417 Volta Place NW
Washington, DC 20007-2778
(202) 337-5220
(202) 337-5221 (TTY)
(202) 337-8314 (FAX)
info@agbell.org
http://www.agbell.org

AG Bell follows Alexander Graham Bell's philosophy of mainstreaming children who are deaf by emphasizing oral-deaf education. Thus, lip reading and the use of residual hearing for oral communication differentiates this group from those who use manual communication (sign language). Membership and materials are available for parents, professionals, and oral-deaf adults. *The Volta Review* is a journal for professionals, and *Volta Voices* is the association's magazine for members. Descriptive literature and a publications list are available by request. AG Bell sponsors a children's rights advocacy network to assist parents with educational choice. Financial aid programs are available for people who are oral hearing impaired, infants through college age.

AADB

***American Association of the Deaf-Blind***

814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(800) 735-2258 (relay service only)
(301) 588-6545 (TTY)
(301) 588-8705 (FAX)

AADB is a national consumer advocacy organization for people who have combined hearing and vision impairments. The organization provides technical assistance to persons who are deaf-blind and their families, educators, and service providers, and holds an annual convention. Annual dues are $15.

ASHA

***American Speech-Language-Hearing Association***

10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 897-5700 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 638-8255 (Voice/TTY)
(301) 571-0457 (FAX)
actioncenter@asha.org
http://www.asha.org

ASHA is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for speech-language pathologists and audiologists who provide services to people with speech, language, and hearing disabilities. Brochures, information packets, and professional referrals of speech, language, and hearing services are available. Programs and services are offered to ASHA members who work in various settings, including education and health care. ASHA follows legislation relevant to people with communication disabilities, and through its public information department, provides materials to consumers about communication disabilities and professional treatment

DB-Link

***DB-Link***

Teaching Research
345 North Monmouth Avenue
Monmouth, OR 97361
(800) 438-9376
(800) 854-7013
(503) 838-8150 (FAX)
dblink@tr.wou.edu
http://www.tr.wou.edu/dblink

DB-Link, the national information clearinghouse on children who are deaf-blind, addresses a wide range of topics (including transition) pertinent to families, educators, and service providers of children who are deaf-blind.

***Deaf-REACH***

3521 12th Street NE
Washington, DC 20017
(202) 832-6681 (Voice/TTY)
(202) 832-8454 (FAX)
info@deaf-reach.org
http://www.deafreach.org

Deaf-REACH, a national nonprofit organization, helps adults who are deaf and have other disabilities maximize their self-sufficiency through referral, education, advocacy, counseling, and housing. Offerings to clients include three group homes, a community service center, a clubhouse with day programs, an independent living skills program with sheltered mailing workshops, a case management unit, and deaf-blind services. Undergraduate and graduate internships are available to qualified students who are deaf.

GRI

### *Gallaudet Research Institute*

Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies
Gallaudet University, Hall Memorial Building
800 Florida Avenue NE, Suite 450
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 651-5575 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 451-8834 x5575
(202) 651-5746 (FAX)
michael.karchmer@gallaudet.edu
http://gri.gallaudet.edu

GRI is a research group on the Gallaudet University campus that collects, analyzes, and publishes data on children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Data collection is accomplished through its *Annual Survey of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Youth*, in existence since 1968. The center has developed special norms on the Stanford Achievement Test for students who are deaf, and has conducted projects in the areas of postsecondary studies, transition from high school to postsecondary education, program placement, and communication methodology in the classroom. In addition, GRI publishes *College and Career Programs for Deaf Students* (Ninth Edition), a biennial publication that describes postsecondary programs across the United States for students with hearing loss, describing the type of education and support services offered. The cost is $12.95 plus postage and handling.

HKNC

### *Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults*

111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
(516) 944-8900
(516) 944-8637 (TTY)
(516) 944-7302 (FAX)
hkncintake@aol.com
http://www.helenkeller.org/national

HKNC was created by Congress in 1969, and operates under the auspices of Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Incorporated. The center provides services on a national basis to individuals who are deaf-blind, their families, and service providers through three component programs: a national headquarters with a residential training and rehabilitation facility where deaf-blind individuals receive intensive specialized services; a network of 10 regional field offices that provide referral and counseling assistance to deaf-blind individuals and technical assistance to service providers; and an affiliate program that provides incentive grants to public and private agencies that serve individuals with deaf-blindness.

NAD

### *National Association of the Deaf*

814 Thayer Avenue, Suite 250
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500
(301) 587-1788
(301) 587-1789 (TTY)
(301) 587-1791 (FAX)
nadinfo@nad.org
http://www.nad.org

NAD, established in 1880, is the largest constituency organization safeguarding accessibility and civil rights in education, employment, health care, and telecommunications for 28 million Americans who are deaf and hard of hearing. A private, nonprofit organization, the NAD is a federation of 51 state association affiliates (including the District of Columbia), organizational affiliates, and direct members. Primary areas of focus include grassroots advocacy and empowerment, captioned media, certification of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies professionals, deafness-related information and publications, legal assistance, policy development and research, public awareness, sign language interpreter certification, and youth leadership development.

### *National Association of the Deaf, Captioned Media Program*

1447 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29307
(800) 237-6213
(800) 237-6819 (TTY)
(800) 538-5636 (FAX)
info@cfv.org
http://www.cfv.org

The National Association of the Deaf's Captioned Media Program is a free loan service funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Patrons may choose from more than 4,000 open-captioned education and general interest programs that do not require a decoder. To qualify for this service, one must have some type of hearing loss or be a parent, teacher, or professional working with individuals with hearing loss.

NCI

***National Captioning Institute***

1900 Gallows Road, Suite 3000
Vienna, VA 22182
(703) 917-7600 (Voice/TTY)
(703) 917-9878 (FAX)
mail@ncicap.org
http://www.ncicap.org

NCI, a nonprofit corporation founded in 1979, is the nation's largest provider of closed-captioned television services for the broadcast, cable, and home video industries. Presently, NCI captions more than 70 percent of all nationally captioned programming. Other NCI activities include educational research, public awareness, and providing counsel to Congress on captioning-related issues.

***National Deaf Education Network and Clearinghouse***

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002-3695
(202) 651-5340
(202) 651-5101 (FAX)
clearinghouse.infotogo@gallaudet.edu
http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/clearinghouse/index.html

The National Deaf Education Network and Clearinghouse performs numerous functions related to information dissemination at the Gallaudet University Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center. The clearinghouse responds to inquiries about a diverse range of topics related to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. It also collaborates with authors within the Gallaudet community and around the nation to design, produce, and disseminate books, videotapes, periodicals, and other information related to children who are deaf or hard of hearing, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

NIDCD

***National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders***

National Institutes of Health
31 Center Drive
MSC 2320
Bethesda, MD 20892-3456
(800) 241-1044
(800) 241-1055
(301) 402-0018 (FAX)
nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov
http://www.nidcd.nih.gov

NIDCD provides health information about human communication and disorders of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. Fact sheets, brochures, reports, directories, database searches, and other resources are available for the public and health professionals. Publications are available online and through online ordering. In addition, NIDCD has established a national resource center, the NIDCD Information Clearinghouse, to help health professionals, patients, people in industry, and the public locate health information about human communication disorders.

NTID

***National Technical Institute for the Deaf***

Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
Lyndon Baines Johnson Building
52 Lomb Memorial Drive, Suite 3823
Rochester, NY 14623-5604
(716) 475-6840 (Voice/TTY)
(716) 475-6400 (Voice/TTY)
(716) 475-6906 (Voice/TTY)
(716) 475-5623 (FAX)
ntidnic@rit.edu
http://www.ntidweb.rit.edu

The first and largest technological college in the world for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, NTID offers diploma and associate degree studies in applied art and computer graphics, business, computer applications and electronics, computer integrated machining, digital imaging and publishing, and ophthalmic optical finishing and surfacing. In addition to its academic programs, NTID also offers educational access and support services to students in nearly 200 technical and professional courses of study offered through the other six colleges of RIT: Applied Science and Technology, Business, Engineering, Imaging Arts and Sciences, Liberal Arts, and Science. More than 1,100 students who are deaf and hard of hearing from around the world study, live, and socialize with RIT's 12,000 hearing students on the Rochester campus.

RID

***Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf***

333 Commerce Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 838-0030
(703) 838-0459 (TTY)
(703) 838-0454 (FAX)
info@rid.org
http://www.rid.org

RID is a membership organization with nearly 8,200 members, including professional interpreters and transliterators, interpreter/transliterator educators, students, persons with deafness or hearing impairment, and professionals in related fields. RID's mission is to initiate, sponsor, promote, and execute policies and activities that will further the professions of American Sign Language interpretation and English transliteration. RID has 57 affiliate chapters in the United States and Canada.

SHHH

***Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People***

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 657-2248
(301) 657-2249 (TTY)
(301) 913-9413 (FAX)
national@shhh.org
http://www.shhh.org

SHHH is a nonprofit educational organization with an international membership and a nationwide support network of chapters and groups. SHHH, dedicated to the well-being of people of all ages who are hearing impaired, offers support groups for families who are hard of hearing, and also provides consumer information and advocacy.

SFA

***Stuttering Foundation of America***

3100 Walnut Grove Road
P.O. Box 11749, Suite 603
Memphis, TN 38111-0749
(901) 452-7343
(800) 992-9392
(901) 452-3931 (FAX)
stutter@vantek.net
http://www.stuttersfa.org

SFA concerns itself with the prevention and improved treatment of stuttering. Information available from the Foundation includes survey results revealing typical parental reactions to stuttering in their children and an awareness kit containing helpful suggestions about how to communicate with individuals who stutter. SFA seeks to increase awareness and understanding in the workplace; the publication *How To React When Speaking With Someone Who Stutters* is recommended for human resource personnel and other employers, campus career services personnel, and disability support services staff.

TDI

***Telecommunications for the Deaf, Incorporated***

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 604
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 589-3786
(301) 589-3006 (TTY)
(301) 589-3797 (FAX)
info@tdi-online.org
http://www.tdi-online.org

TDI is a nonprofit consumer and advocacy organization, promoting visual telecommunications through technologies and legislation for people who are deaf, late deafened, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. TDI publishes an annual national directory of TTY numbers and a quarterly news magazine, *GA-SK*. The annual directory is $27. Membership fees are $25 for individuals, $50 for nonprofit organizations or businesses with fewer than 15 employees, and $75 for businesses with more than 15 employees.

***TRIPOD***

1727 West Burbank Boulevard
Burbank, CA 91506
(818) 972-2080
(800) 352-8888 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 287-4763 (Voice/TTY, CA only)
(818) 972-2080 (TTY)
(818) 972-2090 (FAX)
tripodschool@earthlink.net
http://www.tripod.org

TRIPOD is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support and services for individuals, including children, who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. TRIPOD offers model local education, Montessori, and integrated public/private and bilingual instruction for parents and children, from preschool to high school level. In addition, TRIPOD has videos for sale or loan.

# Vision Impairment

AFB

***American Foundation for the Blind***

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300
New York, NY 10001
(212) 502-7600
(800) 232-5463 (9:00 am-2:00 pm EST)
(212) 502-7662 (TTY)
(212) 502-7777 (FAX)
afbinfo@afb.org
http://www.afb.org

AFB is committed to equality for the 10 million Americans who are blind or visually impaired. Since 1921, AFB—the organization to which Helen Keller devoted more than 40 years of her life—has been eliminating barriers that prevent people who are blind or visually impaired from reaching their potential. Every seven minutes, another person in the United States becomes blind or visually impaired; AFB is addressing the most critical issues facing this growing population: independent living, literacy, employment, and technology.

APH

***American Printing House for the Blind***

1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
(800) 223-1839
(502) 899-2274 (FAX)
info@aph.org
http://www.aph.org

APH is the largest nonprofit manufacturer of educational, workplace, and lifestyle products and services for people with visual impairments. Catalogs are available free-of-charge in print and on audiocassette.

LRS

***Library Reproduction Service***

14214 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90061-1036
(310) 354-2610
(800) 255-5002
(310) 354-2601 (FAX)
lrsprint@aol.com
http://www.lrs-largeprint.com

LRS produces large-print reproductions of any educational materials. Each reproduction is made-to-order to meet the visual requirements of the individual student. All reproductions are exact copies of original inkprints, made in cooperation with the publishers. LRS large-print books are bound in standard library-quality buckram bindings and average 9 inches by 11 inches, allowing for easy usage and storage. Institutions or individuals can order from LRS, and delivery time ranges from two to eight weeks. A catalog is available upon request.

NABS

***National Alliance of Blind Students***

1230 13th Street NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081
(800) 424-8666
(202) 467-5085 (FAX)
info@acb.org
http://www.acb.org

NABS is an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, which provides a national voice for students with vision impairments. A national newsletter, *The Student Advocate,* is available to members. NABS also sponsors a program to assist with employment. Dues are $10 per year.

NAVH

***National Association for Visually Handicapped***

22 West 21st Street, Sixth Floor
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141
(212) 727-2931 (FAX)
staff@navh.org
http://www.navh.org

NAVH offers services for people with partial vision. Information booklets and publications (many in large print) are available to consumers, their families, professionals and paraprofessionals, and for the business community. A loan library of large-print materials also is available. Newsletters are issued once or twice a year. Most literature is offered in Russian and Spanish. In addition, a regional office in San Francisco handles 13 western states. The San Francisco address is: NAVH, 3201 Balboa Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, (415) 221-3201.

***National Association of Blind Students***

c/o National Federation of the Blind (NFB)
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
(410) 685-5653 (FAX)
nfb@nfb.org
http://nfb.org

The National Association of Blind Students, the Student Division of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), is dedicated to considering and acting upon issues of concern to students who are blind. With affiliates in more than 20 states, this division provides a nationwide network for blind students. The Student Division is a self-support network and a mechanism for political action, conducting both national and local seminars and workshops throughout the year. In addition, it produces a nationally circulated publication specifically for college and university students who are blind. Serving as the collective voice of organized blind students in America, the Student Division meets on a continuing basis with such major service providers as Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic and the Educational Testing Service.

NBP

***National Braille Press, Incorporated***

88 Saint Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160
(888) 965-8965
(617) 437-0456 (FAX)
http://www.nbp.org

NBP is a nonprofit Braille printing and publishing house dedicated to increasing access to the printed word. Print or Braille catalogs are available, free of charge, upon request. NBP offers a variety of Braille and audio publications on

topics such as computers, employment, child care, and women's issues, as well as a newsletter, *The National Braille Press Release,* which can be accessed on the NBP web site.

NFB

### *National Federation of the Blind*

1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230-4998
(410) 659-9314
(410) 685-5653 (FAX)
nfb@nfb.org
http://www.nfb.org

Founded in 1940, the National Federation of the Blind is the largest membership organization of persons who are blind. With 50,000 members, the NFB has affiliates in all 50 states plus Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, and more than 700 local chapters. As a consumer and advocacy organization, the purpose of the National Federation of the Blind is two-fold: to help persons who are blind achieve self-confidence and self-respect, and to act as a vehicle for collective self-expression by those who are blind. By providing public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for those who are blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for persons who are blind and their families, members of the NFB strive to educate the public that those who are blind are normal individuals who can compete on equal terms. NFB has a number of scholarships available for students who are blind in postsecondary education. *The Braille Monitor* is a monthly publication available without cost to members. NFB also sponsors JOB (Job Opportunities for the Blind), a job listing and referral service.

### *National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped*

Library of Congress
1291 Taylor Street NW
Washington, DC 20542
(202) 707-5100
(800) 424-8567
(202) 707-0744 (TTY)
(202) 707-0712 (FAX)
nls@loc.gov
http://www.loc.gov/nls

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides recorded and Braille reading materials at no charge to persons with documented visual or physical impairments which prevent the reading of standard print material. Its International Union Catalog currently contains 325,000 titles (22 million copies) available in both Braille or recorded formats. Contact the reference section with any questions about types of materials needed. Descriptive literature is available.

RFB&D

### *Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Incorporated*

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
(800) 221-4792
(609) 987-8116 (FAX)
custserv@rfbd.org
http://www.rfbd.org

RFB&D is a national nonprofit organization that loans taped educational books and books on diskette, and provides library services and other educational and professional resources to individuals who cannot read standard print because of a visual, physical, or perceptual disability. RFB&D's 80,000-volume master tape library is continuously augmented by the work of 4,500 volunteers working in 33 recording studios across the country. RFB&D also has established a Customer Projects Group, a fee-based service to help employers place printed workplace information in formats accessible to people who cannot read standard print. RFB&D offers individual memberships at an annual fee of $25 plus a one-time registration fee of $50. Institutional memberships are also offered, with fees dependent on the level of membership and the number of books chosen. RFB&D also offers computer and professional books on disk, and specially adapted tape players and accessories at nominal fees.

RRTC

### *Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision*

Mississippi State University
P.O. Drawer 6189
First Floor
Mississippi State, MS 39762
(662) 325-2001
(662) 325-8693 (TTY)
(662) 325-8989 (FAX)
rrtc@ra.msstate.edu
http://www.blind.msstate.edu

RRTC works to investigate and document employment status, identify barriers to employment, suggest techniques and reasonable accommodations to overcome these barriers, identify training needs in its Business Enterprise Program, and develop and deliver training programs. Training and dissemination activities include an information and referral center, national conferences, in-service training and technical assistance, advanced training for practitioners, advanced training in research, and publication and distribution of a variety of materials in accessible media.

# FUNDING

### *Federal Student Aid Information Center*

Office of Student Financial Assistance
Postsecondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
Washington, DC 20202
(800) 433-3243
(800) 730-8913 (TTY)
http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

The Federal Student Aid Information Center staffs a toll-free telephone number available to all states and Puerto Rico. Staff can answer questions about federal student aid from students, parents, and members of Congress, as well as financial aid administrators. The center offers several publications, including the *Student Guide: Financial Aid from the U.S. Department of Education* (an annual publication) and the *Application for Federal Student Aid* (in English and Spanish).

### *The Foundation Center*

79 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10003
(212) 620-4230
(212) 691-1828 (FAX)

The Foundation Center disseminates current information on foundation and corporate giving through national collections in New York City and Washington, DC; field offices in Atlanta, Cleveland, and San Francisco; and a network of some 200 cooperating libraries in all 50 states and abroad. Through these library collections, grant-seekers have free access to core center publications plus a wide range of books, periodicals, and research documents relating to foundations and philanthropy. Services include reference librarians to assist visitors, free orientations, and microform and photocopying facilities.

# LEGAL ASSISTANCE

## Organizations

ABA

***American Bar Association's Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law***

740 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 662-1570
(202) 662-1012 (TTY)
(202) 662-1032 (FAX)
cmpdl@attmail.com
http://www.abanet.org

ABA, a professional membership organization for lawyers, fulfills its commitment to justice and rule of law for persons with mental and physical disabilities through the Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law. Since 1973, the Commission's publications, legal research services, and policy formulations have led to a greater understanding of disability law within the legal community and beyond. The Commission publishes *The Mental and Physical Disability Law Reporter,* a comprehensive resource on all important legal developments in disability law. A broad range of other publications are also available.

DREDF

***Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Incorporated***

2212 Sixth Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 644-2555 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 466-4232
(510) 841-8645 (FAX)
dredf@dredf.org
http://www.dredf.org

DREDF is a national disability rights law and policy center dedicated to equal opportunities for persons with disabilities. It offers education and training programs on disability civil rights issues, legal support and advocacy, and analysis of policy questions. DREDF further administers an Americans with Disabilities Act Technical Assistance Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. Publications are available for distribution, and callers can be referred to local sources of help.

***Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law***

1101 15th Street NW, Suite 1212
Washington, DC 20005-5002
(202) 467-5730
(202) 467-4232 (TTY)
(202) 223-0409 (FAX)
hn1660@handsnet.org
http://www.bazelon.org

The Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a national nonprofit advocacy organization formed in 1972; until 1993, it was called the Mental Health Law Project. The center uses litigation and federal policy reform to define and uphold the legal rights of children, adults, and elders with mental disabilities and create approaches to meeting their needs that will assure them choice and dignity. Staff attorneys provide training and other assistance to legal services, protection and advocacy organizations, and other advocates for low-income individuals and families. The center publishes issue papers, booklets, and manuals explaining and interpreting major federal laws and regulations that protect the rights of, and make resources available to, children and adults with disabilities, and maintains a web site listing extensive advocacy resources.

# INFORMATION ON THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

## Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers

Region 1, New England DBTAC
***Adaptive Environments Center, Incorporated***
374 Congress Street, Suite 301
Boston, MA 02210
(617) 695-0085 (Voice/TTY)
(617) 482-8099 (FAX)
adaptive@adaptenv.org
http://www.adaptenv.org

Area Served: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT

Region 2, Northeast DBTAC
***United Cerebral Palsy Associations of New Jersey***
354 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 392-4004
(609) 392-7044 (TTY)
(609) 392-3505 (FAX)
dbtac@ucpanj.org
http://www.disabilityact.com

Area Served: NJ, NY, PR, VI

Region 3, Mid-Atlantic DBTAC
***TransCen, Incorporated***
451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 607
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 217-0124 (Voice/TTY)
(301) 217-0754 (FAX)
adainfo@transcen.org
http://www.adainfo.org

Area Served: DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV

Region 4, Southeast DBTAC
***UCP National Center for Rehabilitation Technology at Georgia Tech***
490 Tenth Street
Atlanta, GA 30318
(404) 385-0636 (Voice/TTY)
(404) 385-0641 (FAX)
se-dbtac@mindspring.com
http://www.sedbtac.org

Area Served: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN

Region 5, Great Lakes DBTAC
***University on Disability & Human Development***
1640 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 413-1407 (Voice/TTY)
(312) 413-1856 (FAX)
gldbtac@uic.edu
http://www.adagreatlakes.org

Area Served: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI

Region 6, Southwest DBTAC
***Independent Living Research Utilization Program***
2323 South Shepherd Boulevard, Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77019
(713) 520-0232 (Voice/TTY)
(713) 520-5785 (FAX)
ilru@ilru.org
http://www.ilru.org/dbtac

Area Served: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX

Region 7, Great Plains DBTAC
***ADA Project—University of Missouri/Columbia***
100 Corporate Lake Drive
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 882-3600 (Voice/TTY)
(573) 884-4925 (FAX)
ada1h@showme.missouri.edu
http://www.adaproject.org

Area Served: IA, KS, MO, NE

Region 8, Rocky Mountain DBTAC
***Meeting the Challenge, Incorporated***
3630 Sinton Road, Suite 103
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
(719) 444-0268 (Voice/TTY)
(719) 444-0269 (FAX)
regionVIII@mtc-inc.com
http://www.ada-infonet.org

Area Served: CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY

Region 9, Pacific DBTAC
***California Public Health Institute***
2168 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 301
Berkeley, CA 94704-1307
(510) 848-2980
(510) 848-1840 (TTY)
(510) 848-1981 (FAX)
adatech@pdbtac.com
http://www.pacdbtac.org

Area Served: AZ, CA, HI, NV, Pacific Basin

Region 10, Northwest DBTAC
***Washington State Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment***
P.O. Box 9046, MS 6000
Olympia, WA 98507-9046
(360) 438-4116 (Voice/TTY)
(360) 438-3208 (FAX)
http://www.wata.org/NWD

Area Served: AK, ID, OR, WA

## Construction and Alterations

Access Board
***Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board***
1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004-1111
(202) 272-5434
(202) 272-5449 (TTY)
(800) 872-2253 (Voice/TTY)
(800) 993-2822 (TTY)
(202) 272-5447 (FAX)
info@access-board.gov
http://www.access-board.gov

## Employment

EEOC
***Equal Employment Opportunity Commission***
1801 L Street NW
Washington, DC 20507
(202) 663-4900
(800) 663-4494 (TTY)
http://www.eeoc.gov

## General

***DREDF ADA Hotline***
2212 Sixth Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
(800) 466-4232 (Voice/TTY)
http://www.dredf.org

## Telecommunications

***Federal Communications Commission/Disabilities Rights Office***
Consumer Information Bureau
445 12th Street SW
Sixth Floor, Room 6C-410
Washington, DC 20554
(202) 418-1400
(202) 418-2555 (TTY)
(202) 418-0232 (FAX)
access@fcc.gov
http://www.fcc.gov/cib/dro

***Office of Compliance***
110 Second Street SE, Suite LA 200
Washington, DC 20540-1999
(202) 724-9250
(202) 426-1665 (TTY)
(202) 426-1913 (FAX)
http://www.compliance.gov

## Transportation

***Department of Transportation***
Federal Transit Administration
400 7th Street NW, Suite 9102
Washington, DC 20590
(888) 446-4511
(202) 366-3475 (FAX)
http://www.fta.dot.gov/office/civ.htm

# Regional Offices for Civil Rights–Technical Assistance

The Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, maintains 12 regional offices which are able to answer questions on matters related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For further information, contact the appropriate regional office from the list below.

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Alliance for Technology Access is a national organization dedicated to providing access to technology for people with disabilities through its coalition of 45 community-based resource centers in 34 states and the Virgin Islands. Each center provides information, awareness, and training in the use of microcomputer technology. Services range from hands-on workshops to training for professionals, from guided problem solving to technical assistance for individuals with disabilities and family members.

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