



## **Children with Disabilities**

<http://www.abilityonline.org/>

### **Ability Online**

An online community connecting kids with special needs for friendship and support.

<http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/>

### **BandAides & BlackBoards**

A website for kids and teens growing up with medical problems, as well as the adults in their lives.

<http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10026.html>

### **Benefits for Children with Disabilities**

A publication from the Social Security Administration on federal benefits for children with disabilities and adults disabled since childhood. The booklet can be read online or downloaded as a PDF.

<http://www.bravekids.org>

### **Brave Kids**

The Brave Kids website provides information and resources to parents of children with disabilities or chronic/life threatening illnesses.

Provides support to parents of children with chronic and traumatic illnesses or injuries. Includes a searchable directory of programs and organizations by geographic area.

<http://www.ucando.org/>

### **Can Do!**

The Can Do! website offers stories, activities, and resources to help people of all abilities overcome their challenges through a "can-do" attitude.

Offers stories, activities, and resources to help create a better understanding and deeper appreciation of how people can overcome their challenges and reach their dreams by using their abilities and a "can-do" attitude

<http://www.chasa.org/>

**Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association (CHASA)**

CHASA offers information and support to families of infants, children, and young adults who have hemiplegia or hemiplegic cerebral palsy. The site includes the Hemi-Kids discussion group for families of children who have hemiplegia due to pediatric stroke or other causes.

<http://www.copaa.org>

**Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)**

COPAA advocates for educational services for children with disabilities.

<http://www.enablingdevices.com/>

**Enabling Devices**

Phone: 800-832-8697

Catalog of products for people with disabilities, including toys and other products for children.

<http://www.eparent.com>

**Exceptional Parent (EP)**

Phone: 814-361-3860, 800-372-7368

EP provides information and advice to families of children with disabilities and special needs through their website and online magazine.

<http://www.familyvoices.org>

**Family Voices**

3701 San Mateo Boulevard Northeast, Suite 200

Albuquerque, NM 87110

Phone: 505-872-4774, 888-835-5669 (Toll-free)

Family Voices' national network advocates for family-centered health care and provides information for families with children and youth with special health care needs.

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/multimedia-library/kids-keep-smyelin/index.aspx>

**Keep S'myelin: A Fun Resource for Kids about MS**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's website and newsletter teach kids about MS.

<http://www.kidneeds.com/>

**KidNeeds**

KidNeeds provides children with special needs and their families with information, links to programs and services, and connections to each other.

<http://www.fvkasa.org>

**Kids As Self Advocates (KASA)**

Phone: 334-230-5441

E-mail: [info@fvkasa.org](mailto:info@fvkasa.org)

KASA is a national, grassroots network created by youth with disabilities for youth. The organization provides information, raises awareness on issues related to youth with disabilities, and gives peer support and training.

<http://www.themorganproject.org>

**M.O.R.G.A.N. Project**

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project supports parents and caregivers of special needs children through information, used equipment exchanges, and grants.

<http://www.netnet.net/mums/>

**MUMS: National Parent to Parent Network**

150 Custer Court

Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301-1243

920-336-5333, 877-336-5333 (Parents only)

E-mail: [mumsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mumsnetwork@gmail.com)

MUMS helps connect parents of children with any disorder or medical condition with parents of children with the same condition.

**My Child Without Limits**

<http://www.MyChildWithoutLimits.org>

An initiative of United Cerebral Palsy which provides information for parents and caregivers of children with special needs, a resource locator, and a support community.

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/about/index.html>

**National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI)**

The National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Needs

The NCMHI works to ensure that all children, including those with special needs, have access to a medical home. The organization provides medical home resources and advocacy materials, technical assistance, and tools to physicians, families, and other medical and non-medical providers who care for children

<http://www.nichcy.org>

**National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**

1825 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20009

Phone: 202-884-8200 (Voice/TTY), 800-695-0285 (Toll-free, Voice/TTY)

Email: [nichcy@fhi360.org](mailto:nichcy@fhi360.org)

NICHCY provides information on: disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth (to age 22) with disabilities; IDEA, the United States' special education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities. The organization operates a resource center, and the website includes a searchable database of state and national organizations.

<http://www.lekotek.org>

**National Lekotek Center**

2001 N. Clybourn, Chicago, IL 60614

Phone: 773-528-5766

Toy Resource Helpline: 800-366-PLAY

E-mail: [lekotek@lekotek.org](mailto:lekotek@lekotek.org)

Lekotek operates 19 accessible play and learning centers in the United States that offer family play sessions, toy lending libraries, computers and other activities.

<http://www.parentcenternetwork.org/>

**Parent Technical Assistance Center Network**

The national center, six regional centers and local centers provide information, resources and technical assistance to parents of children with disabilities.

<http://www.php.com>

**Parents Helping Parents (PHP)**

Sobrato Center for Nonprofits-San Jose

1400 Parkmoor Avenue, Suite 100

San Jose, CA 95126

Phone: 408-727-5775, 855-727-5775 (Toll Free in CA)

Formed to make sure children of all ages and backgrounds receive the resources, healthcare, education, and other services they need to reach their full potential, PHP offers information, training, and support to families, professionals and the communities in which they live.

<http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/>

**Shriners Hospitals for Children**

Shriners Hospitals offer care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs at 22 locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Three locations (Chicago, Philadelphia, and Sacramento) are dedicated to spinal cord injury. Care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

<http://www.kipsboat.org/index.html>

**WAVES (Wheelchairs and Veterans Enjoying Summer, Inc.)**

754 Shore Walk

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Phone: 631-957-1838

WAVES offers free fishing and boating to physically and mentally challenged children and adults. They operate in Long Island, NY from May to November and in Stuart, FL from November to May.

The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please see [www.paralysis.org](http://www.paralysis.org) and click *Borrow from Our Lending Library* under PRC Quick Links.

**Books**

Albrecht, Donna G. **Raising a Child Who Has a Physical Disability**. New York, NY: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995.

Baskin, Amy and Heather Fawcett. **More Than A Mom: Living a Full and Balanced Life When Your Child Has Special Needs.** Bethesda, Md.: Woodbine House, 2006.

Buscaglia, Leo. **The Disabled & Their Parents: A Counseling Challenge.** Thorofare, NJ: Slack Inc., 1994. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

Canfield, Jack et al. **Chicken Soup for the Soul: Children with Special Needs.** Deerfield Beach, Fla.: Health Communications Inc., 2007.

Capper, Lizanne. **That's My Child: Strategies for Parents of Children with Disabilities.** Washington, DC: Child & Family Press, 1996.

**Children with Disabilities.** Mark L. Batshaw et al, editors. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing, 2007. 6<sup>th</sup> ed.

**Children with Disabilities in America: A Historical Handbook and Guide.** Philip L. Safford and Elizabeth J. Safford, editors. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2006.

**Different Dads: Fathers' Stories of Parenting Disabled Children.** London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2007. One of these stories is about muscular dystrophy.

**Disabled Children and the Law: Research and Good Practice.** Janet Read, Luke Clements, and David Ruebain, editors. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2006. Note the book covers British law and social services.

Effgen, Susan K. **Meeting the Physical Therapy Needs of Children.** Philadelphia: F.A. Davis, 2005.

Featherstone, Helen. **A Difference in the Family: Living with a Disabled Child.** New York: Penguin Books, 1980.

Gallagher, Peggy A. **Brothers & Sisters: A Special Part of Exceptional Families.** Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing, 2006. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

Hoekstra, Elizabeth and Mary Bradford. **Chronic Kids Constant Hope: Help and Encouragement for Parents of Children with Chronic Conditions.** Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2000.

**Implementing Recreation and Leisure Opportunities for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities.** Champaign, Ill.: Sagamore Publishing, 2003.

Marshak, Laura E. **Married with Special Needs Children: A Couple's Guide to Keeping Connected.** Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House, 2007.

McAnaney, Kate Divine. **I Wish...Dreams and Realities of Parenting a Special Needs Child.** Santa Barbara, CA: Editions DSG, 1998.

McPhee, Norma H. **Sensitivity and Awareness: A Guide for Developing Understanding Among Children**. Hollidaysburg, Penn.: Jason & Nordic Publishers, 2004. 4<sup>th</sup> ed.

Meyer, Don and Patricia Vadasy. **Sibshops: Workshops for Siblings of Children with Special Needs**. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing, 2008. Revised ed.

Osborn, Susan Titus and Janet Lynn Mitchell. **A Special Kind of Love: For Those Who Love Children with Special Needs**. Nashville, Tenn.: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2004. Part of Focus on the Family series.

**Physical Therapy for Children**. Suzann K. Campbell, editor. St. Louis, Mo.: Saunders, Elsevier, 2006. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

Pierson, Jim. **Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with Disabilities**. Cincinnati, Ohio: Standard Publishing, 2002.

Power, Paul W. and Arthur Dell Orto. **The Resilient Family: Living with Your Child's Illness or Disability**. Notre Dame, IN: Sorin Books, 2003.

Snow, Kathie. **Disability Is Natural: Revolutionary Common Sense for Raising Successful Children with Disabilities**. Woodland Park, CO: BraveHeart Press, 2005. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

Sterba, John A. and Janice E. Sterba. **The Complete Handbook for Parents with Disabled Children**. Phoenix, Ariz.: ACW Press, 2002.

Werner, David. **Disabled Village Children: A Guide for Community Health Workers, Rehabilitation Workers, and Families**. Berkeley, CA: Hesperian Foundation, 2003.

Whiteman, Nancy J. and Linda Roan-Yager. **Building a Joyful Life with Your Child Who Has Special Needs**. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2007.

Winter, Judy. **Breakthrough Parenting for Children with Special Needs: Raising the Bar of Expectations**. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2006.

## Videos

**Disability is Natural: Revolutionary Common Sense for Raising Successful Children with Disabilities**. Woodland Park, CO: BraveHeart Press, 2001. DVD or VHS (7 minutes)

**How Come You Walk Funny?** Boston, MA: Fanlight Productions, 2004. (47 minutes)  
A Toronto school features a kindergarten class where half the children use wheelchairs, walkers or crutches. Parents of non-disabled children have chosen to enroll their kids in the class.

**In Harm's Way: Traumatic Brain Injury in Young Children.** Brain injury awareness for Head Start Providers. Albuquerque, NM: New Mexico Aging & Long-Term Services, 2009. DVD (39 minutes)

**Recognizing Strokes in Children: A Keeping Kids Healthy Program.** Sherborn, Mass.: Aquarius Health Care Media, 2006. DVD (15 minutes)

**Please note these materials are intended for adults unless otherwise noted. If you want materials written for children, please ask for our document called "Children's and Teen's Books and Videos about Disability".**

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