



Parenting with a Disability

Websites

<http://www.abledata.com/abledata.cfm?pageid=113573&top=16046§ionid=19326>

AbleData: Parents with Disabilities Information Center

This page provides links to useful organizations for parents with disabilities.

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

Center for Rights of Parents with Disabilities (CRPD)

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The CRPD is dedicated to combating discrimination that impacts parenting for parents with disabilities. The organization's volunteers help parents with disabilities by providing information and referral services, direct legal representation, and technical assistance to attorneys representing parents with disabilities.

<http://www.disaboom.com/parents-with-disabilities>

Disaboom: Parents with Disabilities

This page has articles for parents with disabilities and those contemplating parenthood.

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/general/parentswwdis.html>

Family Village: Parents With Disabilities

This page provides links to resources for parents with disabilities.

<http://www.parentsonwheels.com>

Parents On Wheels

<http://www.disabledparents.net/>

Parents with Disabilities Online

This site provides information, support and resources to parents with disabilities.

<http://www.spinalcord.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=21699&site=1021&return=21874>

Spinal Cord Injury Information Network: Parenting

This page provides links to resources, including books, articles and organizations, for parents with disabilities.

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

Through the Looking Glass

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Through the Looking Glass is a nationally recognized center that has pioneered research, training, and services for families in which a child, parent or grandparent has a disability or medical issue.

http://www.wheelchairnet.org/WCN_Living/parenting.html

WheelchairNet: Parenting and Using a Wheelchair

This page has links to helpful resources for parents who use wheelchairs.

Internet Forums and Blogs

<http://neurotalk.psychcentral.com/forumdisplay.php?s=b49a7d8be8fdb22b0611196840ab5928&f=64>

NeuroTalk Communities: Parents Living with Disabilities

<http://parenting-with-a-disability.blogspot.com/>

National Parenting with a Disability

This blog, published by Through the Looking Glass, aims to help parents with disabilities communicate with each other.

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

Books

- Bernstein, Joanne E. and Bryna J. Fireside. **Special Parents, Special Children.** Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman and Co., 1991.
A book for children. Features four families with able-bodied children and parents with disabilities (blindness, deafness, dwarfism, and wheelchair user/paralysis from a viral infection).
- Burns, Kay. **Our Mom.** New York: Franklin Watts, 1989.
The author became a paraplegic after a car accident. The book features photos of her and her children. It is written for children from the perspective of her children.

- Daugherty, Tonya. **The Disabled Mom: A Supplemental Guide for Mothers Who Are Ill, Disabled, or Have a Chronic Condition.** Bloomington, IN: AuthorHouse, 2005.
- Finger, Anne. **Past Due: A Story of Disability, Pregnancy and Birth.** Seattle, WA: Seal Press, 1990.
Finger had a baby while she had post-polio syndrome. She is told her son Max may have brain damage from the difficult birth.
- Graham, Judy. **Multiple Sclerosis and Having a Baby.** Rochester, VT: Healing Arts Press, 1999.
- Jacobson, Denise Sherer. **The Question of David: A Disabled Mother's Journey Through Adoption, Family, and Life.** Berkeley, CA: Creative Arts Book Co., 1999.
Jacobson has cerebral palsy and recounts the societal prejudice she and her husband faced upon adopting a baby with cerebral palsy.
- Mathews, Jay. **A Mother's Touch: The Tiffany Callo Story.** New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1992.
The true story of a physically disabled mother's fight for the right to keep her children. Callo has cerebral palsy.
- Olsen, Richard and Harriet Clarke. **Parenting and Disability: Disabled Parents' Experiences of Raising Children.** Bristol, UK: The Policy Press, 2003.
- Prilleltensky, Ora. **Motherhood and Disability: Children and Choices.** New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.
- Rogers, Judith and Molleen Matsumua. **Mother to Be: A Guide to Pregnancy and Birth for Women with Disabilities.** New York: Demos Medical Publications, 1991.
- **Spinal Network: The Total Wheelchair Resource Book.** Horsham, PA: Leonard Media Group, 2002. 3rd edition.
This book has a few chapters on parenting with a spinal cord injury, including "Past Due: Quad Moms Talk About Pregnancy" and "Who Says Who's Fit for Parenthood?".
- Wates, Michele and Rowen Jade (editors). **Bigger Than the Sky: Disabled Women on Parenting.** London: The Women's Press, 1999.
Features the accounts of numerous women.
- Wates, Michele. **Disabled Parents: Dispelling the Myths.** Cambridge, UK: National Childbirth Trust, 1997.

Disabled parents share their experiences of the issues surrounding their decision to have and raise children.

Videos

- **Disability and Motherhood.** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 1995. (25 minutes)
Features 3 women with disabilities raising able bodied children. (wheelchair user, cerebral palsy, and blindness are the disabilities). They discuss their experiences and the public's attitudes toward disabled women raising children.
- **Family Challenges: Parenting with a Disability.** Sherborn, MA: Aquarius Healthcare Videos, 1998. (25 minutes)

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