



Toys for Children with Special Needs

<http://www.ableplay.org>

AblePlay

Phone: 773-528-5766 x401

AblePlay, a program of National Lekotek Center, rates toys for children with special needs, including physical, sensory, communicative, and cognitive disabilities. The site also includes reviews of various toys.

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/TOYS.html>

Disability Resources: Toys for Kids with Disabilities

This site lists resources for locating toys that are specially developed for kids with physical, cognitive, and sensory impairments; adapting conventional toys for kids with disabilities; and selecting off-the-shelf toys.

<http://www.disabilityworld.org/June-July2000/Children/Toys.htm>

Disability World: Internet Resources on Toys for Children With Disabilities

This article from the June-July 2000 edition of Disability World lists and describes toy-related Internet resources. The sites are organized into three categories: articles about building or adapting toys, information about public or charitable resources, and information about commercial sites (toy vendors).

<http://childparenting.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.familyvillage.wisc.edu%2Fat%2Fadaptive-toys.html>

Family Village: Adaptive Toys

This page lists and describes toy-related Internet resources. The sites are organized into two categories: informational resources and vendors.

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

National Lekotek Center

2001 North Clybourn

Chicago, IL 60614

Phone: 773-528-5766

Toy Resource Helpline: 800-366-PLAY (Toll-free)

Email: 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. The site offers a variety of resources to help people choose toys for children with special needs.

<http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/3367/29813>

Suite101.com: Holiday Shopping for Kids with Disabilities

This 1999 article by Denise Lance discusses buying accessible and conventional toys from the perspective of having been a child with cerebral palsy.

http://www.ucp.org/ucp_channel.doc.cfm/1/15/65/65-65/4185

UCP: 10 Considerations When Buying Toys for Children with Disabilities

This article discusses the National Lekotek Center's recommendations of 10 things to consider when buying toys for children with disabilities. There are also links to other resources.

Note: Many of the above sites include a directory of vendors to order from.

<http://www.bindependent.com/hompg/bi/bindep/store/aisles/swgames/toys/toys.htm>

B Independent, Inc.

921 Northlake Drive
Richardson, TX 75080
Phone: 913-390-0247

E-mail: customercare@bindependent.com

B Independent sells dolls of different races and ethnicities that can be bought with disability accessories like crutches, wheelchairs, and service dog and cane.

<http://store.americangirl.com/agshop/html/item/id/184680/uid/275>

American Girl: Berry Wheelchair for Dolls

American Girl's doll-sized wheelchair features an Inner Star graphic on the seat back, plus wheels that really turn, adjustable footrests, and a side pocket to hold necessities.

<http://www.Sew-Dolling.com>

Sew Dolling

P.O. Box 53
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Phone: 401-398-0070

E-mail: sew-able@cox.net

Sew Dolling's Sew ABLE dolls have a variety of special needs, including prostheses. The Physical Therapy line includes a variety of accessories such as wheelchairs, crutches, and physical therapy equipment.

<http://www.glabeebers.com>

Glabeebers

P.O. Box 3171
La Mesa, CA 91944

Glabeebers makes SarahBear, a teddy bear with a prosthetic leg.

<http://www.lakeshorelearning.com>

Lakeshore Learning

2695 East Dominguez Street

Carson, CA 90895

Phone: 800-428-4414 (Toll-free)

Lakeshore Learning's Adaptive Equipment for Dolls with Special Needs – Complete Set has 6 small dolls with disabilities (including mobility, visual, and hearing impairments). The company also sells larger dolls to fit in various equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches and walkers.

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

Pattycake Dolls

107 Southfield Drive

Fayetteville, NY 13066

Phone: 646-481-DOLL

Pattycake Dolls' Special Needs: Dolls & Toys section has toys for children with special needs including Down syndrome and autism. Doll accessories include service dogs, walkers and wheelchairs.

<http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=82>

American Foundation for the Blind: Guide to Toys 2008

Let's Play: A Guide to Toys for Children with Special Needs, produced in partnership with the Alliance for Technology Access (ATA), is a comprehensive guide to the best toys for children of all ages with all types of special needs and interests. Toys included in the guide were tested by over 100 children with a variety of special needs. ATA and AFB selected the featured products based on the toy's play value for children with special needs.

<http://letsplay.buffalo.edu/index.html>

University at Buffalo Center for Assistive Technology: Let's Play! Projects

322 Kimball Tower

Buffalo, NY 14214

Phone: 716-829-3141

The Lets Play Projects provide ideas and strategies to promote play through better access to play materials, and use assistive technology to give the children this critical access.

<http://www.gimpgear.us/videogaming.htm>

Broadened Horizons: Accessible Video Gaming

15382 80th Place North

Maple Grove, MN 55311

Phone: 612-851-1040, 855-276-2336 (Toll-free), 855-446-7432 (Toll-free)

E-mail: sales@broadenedhorizons.com

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