



Children with Disabilities

Ability Online

www.ablelink.org/public/default.htm

Connecting kids with special needs for friendship and support.

American Academy of Pediatrics

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

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

BandAides & BlackBoards

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

Site dedicated to kids, teens, and adults growing up with medical problems.

Benefits for Children with Disabilities

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

A publication from the Social Security Administration on federal benefits for children with disabilities. Can be read online.

Brave Kids

www.bravekids.org

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

Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates

www.copaa.org

promotes special education advocacy

Enabling Devices Toys for Special Children

www.enablingdevices.com/

KidNeeds

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

Kids As Self Advocates

www.fvkasa.org

KASA is a national, grassroots network of youth with special needs and our friends, speaking on behalf of ourselves. We are leaders in our communities, and we help spread helpful, positive information among our peers to increase knowledge around various issues.

Kids on Wheels

<http://www.kidsonwheels.us/>

One part of the website is written for parents of children who are wheelchair users, the other part of the site is for the children who are wheelchair users.

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

www.themorganproject.org

Support for parents of special needs children including equipment and grants.

www.MyChildWithoutLimits.org

My Child Without Limits from UCP a support community for parents and caregivers of children with special needs

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

www.nichcy.org

National Lekotek

www.lekotek.org

The mission of the National Lekotek Center is driven by the philosophy that children learn best when play is a family-centered activity that includes all children, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, in family and community activities.

MUMS--Parent to Parent Network

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

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

Parents Helping Parents (PHP)

www.php.com

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.

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Shriners Hospitals for Children

www.shrinershq.org

Twenty-two hospitals for children in the U.S. Three are dedicated to spinal cord injury (Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco). There is no charge for care at Shriners Hospitals.

SNAP (Special Needs Advocate for Parents)

www.ucp.org

This organization will help you do estate planning for your special needs child. Their health insurance empowerment program helps parents of special needs children to apply for and obtain coverage for equipment and/or special care (in-home nursing, etc.). They help parents with the initial application for such items or with appealing an insurance company's denial of such items. At this time they can only cover private health insurance (not Medicaid, etc.) The child does not have to be a minor. As of August 2008, Special Needs Advocate for Parents (SNAP) has merged with United Cerebral Palsy (UCP).

Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers

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

National MS Society's website and newsletter to teach kids about MS.

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

Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association

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

Support and info to families with kids with hemiplegia or stroke. Includes listserv.

Waisman Center

www.waisman.wisc.edu/cedd/ecfr.html

Has a search engine that connects you to many children and family links. This web page has appeared on this list a few times under a different subtitle.

Wheeling Images

<http://www.wheelingimages.net/index2.htm>

805-239-8706

Makes wheelchair covers for children's wheelchairs.

Family Voices

www.familyvoices.org

1-888-835-5669

Is a national grassroots network of families and friends which advocates for health care services and provides information for families with children and youth with special health care needs

Can Do!

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

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

Magazines

Exceptional Parent Magazine

www.eparent.com

1-800-372-7368

Provides information, support, ideas, encouragement and outreach for parents and families of children with disabilities, and the professionals who work with them.

Kids on Wheels

<http://kidsonwheels.us/>

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is a quarterly print publication started in Fall 05. It comes in two parts—one for the parent and one for the child who is a wheelchair user.

The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please see www.paralysis.org and click the Lending Library tab.

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. 3rd 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. 6th 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. 3rd 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.

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. 4th 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. 3rd 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. 2nd 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.

www.fanlight.com

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.

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

Please note these materials are written 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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