

## RESOURCES

### National Organizations

- 1• American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization of professionals concerned about mental retardation and related disabilities.
- 2• ABLEDATA provides objective information about assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment.
- 3• ANCOR a nonprofit trade association representing private providers who provide supports and services to people with disabilities.
- 4• The Arc promotes services for the developmentally disabled as well as research and education on the prevention of mental retardation.
- 5• Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) a network of interdisciplinary Centers advancing policy and practice for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families and communities.
- 6• The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law a national legal advocate for people with mental disabilities.
- 7• Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (CROWD) promotes, develops, and disseminates information to improve the health and expand the life choices of women with disabilities.
- 8• Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates is an independent, nonprofit organization of attorneys, advocates and parents with the mission to secure high quality educational services for children with disabilities.
- 9• National Down Syndrome Society a comprehensive information source on Down Syndrome.
- 10• National Down Syndrome Congress provides information, advocacy and support concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome.
- 11• Families USA is a national nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans.
- 12• Family Support Network unifies individuals with disabilities and their families advocates for funding, services, and community resources that strengthen and support the individual and the family directly by responding to their individual needs and empowering them to live in their own homes.
- 13• Funding for Technology in Education a source of information for anyone seeking funding for technology training in an educational setting.
- 14• Disability Resources a comprehensive guide to disability resources on the internet.
- 15• IDEA Partnership is dedicated to improving outcomes for students and youth with disabilities by joining state agencies and stakeholders through shared work and learning.
- 16• Inclusion Press creates person centered resource materials for training events, public schools, high schools, community colleges, universities, human service agencies, health organizations, government agencies, families, First Nations organizations – nationally and internationally.
- 17• Family Village a global community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support.
- 18• Internet Resources for Special Children (IRSC) information and resources about disabilities and disability communities.
- 19• Job Accommodation Network a free consulting service designed to increase the employability of people with disabilities.
- 20• National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) provides leadership and support for a comprehensive program of research related to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.
- 21• National Organization on DisAbility (NOD) raises disability awareness through programs and information.
- 22• National School Board Attorneys (NSBA) is a membership organization of 37 affiliate state councils, over 3,000 attorneys nationwide, who work to improve the practice of school law and prevent lawsuits against public schools.
- 23• Not Dead Yet an organization dedicated to opposing the assisted suicide and euthanasia movement.
- 24• The Pacer Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) expanding opportunities and enhancing the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.
- 25• Project ACTION (Accessible Community Transportation In Our Nation) offers an extensive collection of listings for the U.S., by state and city, of transit systems, accessible tour companies, airport transportation, hotel shuttles, taxi services, and vehicle rental agencies.
- 26• Regional Technology in Education Consortia (RTEC) resource for educators seeking information on integrating technologies into educational settings.
- 27• Rural Institute: Center for Excellence in Disability Education, Research, and Service is part of the national network of programs committed to increasing and supporting the independence, productivity, and inclusion of persons with disabilities into the community.
- 28• The Self-Determination Bulletin, Information for Parents and Families
- 29• TASH is an international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals fighting for disability rights.
- 30• Teachers.Net Resource for teachers in general, especially those interested in creating their own school or class web pages.

- 31• Training Resource Network offering resources on the full inclusion of persons with disabilities in their communities.
- 32• UCP United Cerebral Palsy “Life without limits for people with disabilities”
- 33• The White House A source for updates and more detailed information about policy issues.
- 34• World Institute on Disability a nonprofit research, training and public policy center promoting the civil rights and the full societal inclusion of people with disabilities.

### **Illinois Advocacy Organizations:**

- 1• The Arc of Illinois Committed to empowering persons with disabilities to achieve full participation in community life through informed choices.
- 2• Arc of Springfield SPARC provides residential, vocational, family support and respite support services to more than 1,100 infants, children, adults and seniors with developmental disabilities in 36 central Illinois counties
- 3• Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois (CCDI) is a grassroots, advocacy organization that advocates equality for the disabled.
- 4• Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc. (DREDF) is a national law and policy center dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, technical assistance, and education and training of attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities.
- 5• Great Lakes ADA & IT Center a disability and business technical assistance center.
- 6• Illinois Council on Developmental Disability (ICDD) is dedicated to improving the lives of the disabled by focusing on education, employment, transportation, health care and community living.
- 7• Infinitec All Learners focuses on including students with disabilities in our schools and communities.
- 8• LaRabida Children's Hospital is a hospital in Chicago dedicated to serving children with lifelong medical conditions, developmental disabilities and those who have been abused.
- 9• People First of Illinois is made up of groups of people with disabilities who are committed to empowering others with disabilities.
- 10• UCP of Greater Chicago dedicated to advancing the independence of people with disabilities, enriching their lives, providing support for their families, and advocating for their inclusion in every facet of community life.
- 11• UCP of Illinois is a nonprofit advocacy organization which speaks for the needs of all children and adults with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities.

- 12• UCP Land of Lincoln is committed to maximizing the independence and opportunities for full participation in the community for individuals with cerebral palsy or other disabilities and their families, by raising the standard for quality programs, services and advocacy.
- 13• University of Illinois at Chicago Center For Excellence In Developmental Disabilities is dedicated to the scholarly, interdisciplinary study of disability and related aspects of human development. It critically examines current and prospective disability policies, conceptual models, and intervention strategies in terms of their historical development and their present merits.

### **Disability and Public Policy:**

- 1• Administration on Developmental Disability (ADD) is the U.S. Government organization responsible for implementation of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.
- 2• The Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy (CSADP) provides public education, leadership development and training, technical assistance and information dissemination, and conducts action-research and analysis of public policy issues affecting individuals with disabilities and their families.
- 3• Federal Agencies Directory is a complete US Government Federal Agencies directory.
- 4• Federal Grant Opportunities allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies.
- 5• National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) is a national organization for Developmental Disabilities Councils, agencies appointed by governors to represent and advocate for people with developmental disabilities.
- 6• National Disability Rights Network (Formerly known as NAPAS) promotes equality for the disabled by providing and strengthening quality legally based advocacy services for their members.
- 7• National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency making recommendations to the President and Congress to enhance the quality of life for all Americans with disabilities and their families.
- 8• U.S. Department of Education
- 9• U.S. Department of Justice ADA Information Site information to assist persons with disabilities and to help communities better serve such individuals
- 10• U.S. Library of Congress Thomas Information Service: legislative information.