

# State, National, and Internet Resources *for* Special Populations

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## **Resources**

Louisiana State Resources

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This internet resource booklet provides parents/guardians, educators, paraprofessionals and interested individuals with a representative sampling of the enormous number of resources currently available regarding special education, multicultural education, and types of disabilities experienced by students with special needs in Louisiana. While it is literally impossible to compile an exhaustive list of resources, the following information will give the user a good starting point to begin his/her research.

For further information on this list, contact the Office of School and Community Support, Division of Family Career and Technical Education, Section of Family and Youth Development, Louisiana Department of Education.

**Louisiana State Resources** (From the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities {formerly Nichcy} [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org) - Updated April, 2004)

**Governor's Office of Disability Affairs**

Mary Anne Perault, Executive Director

P.O. Box 94004

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

(225) 219-7550

Email: [Mary.Perault@gov.state.la.us](mailto:Mary.Perault@gov.state.la.us)

Web site: [www.gov.state.la.us/disabilityaffairs/default.asp](http://www.gov.state.la.us/disabilityaffairs/default.asp)

**State Department of Education: Special Education**

Virginia C. Beridon, Director

Division of Special Populations

Louisiana Department of Education

1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(225) 342-3633 (877) 453-2721

Email: [virginia.beridon@la.gov](mailto:virginia.beridon@la.gov)

Web site: [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net)

(look for *Student and School Performance*>*Special Populations*)

**State Department of Education: No Child Left Behind**

Dr. Robin Jarvis, Director

Division of School Standards, Accountability & Assistance

Louisiana Department of Education

1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(225) 342-3513 (877) 453-2721

Email: [robin.jarvis@la.gov](mailto:robin.jarvis@la.gov)

Web site: [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net)

(look for *Student and School Performance*>*School Standards, Accountability, & Assistance*)

**Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities: Ages Birth through 2  
Early Steps**

Nicole M. Dupree  
Office of Public Health  
La. Dept of Health & Hospitals  
P.O. Box 60630  
New Orleans, LA 70160  
(225) 342-8093  
(504) 568-5050 fax (225) 342-8098  
Email: [nmdupree@dhh.la.gov](mailto:nmdupree@dhh.la.gov)  
Web site: [www.oph.dhh.state.la.us](http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us)

**Programs for Children with Disabilities: Ages 3 through 5**

Susan Crowther  
Division of Special Populations  
Louisiana Department of Education  
1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 342-3730 (877) 453-2721  
Email: [scrowther@la.gov](mailto:scrowther@la.gov)  
Web site: [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net)  
(look for *Student and School Performance*>*Special Populations*)

**State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency**

James E. Wallace, Director  
Department of Social Services  
Louisiana Rehabilitation Services  
8225 Florida Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4381  
(225) 925-4131 (800) 737-2958 (in LA)  
Email: [jwallace@dss.state.la.us](mailto:jwallace@dss.state.la.us)  
Web site: [www.dss.state.la.us/departments/lrs/vocationalrehabilitation](http://www.dss.state.la.us/departments/lrs/vocationalrehabilitation)

**Coordinator for Transition Services**

Bonnie Wise, Transition Consultant  
Division of Special Populations  
Louisiana Department of Education  
1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 342-3640 (877) 453-2721  
Email: [bonnie.wise@la.gov](mailto:bonnie.wise@la.gov)  
Web site: [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net)  
(look for *Student and School Performance*>*Special Populations*)

**Office of State Coordinator of Vocational Education for Students with Disabilities**

Patricia Merrick, Section Supervisor

Career and Technical Education  
Louisiana Department of Education  
1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 219-9333 (877) 453-2721  
Email: [patricia.merrick@la.gov](mailto:patricia.merrick@la.gov)  
Web site: [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net)  
(look for *School and Community Support*>*Career and Technical Education*)

**State Mental Health Agency**

Dr. Cheryl Bowers-Stephens, M.D., Assistant Secretary  
Office Mental Health  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
P.O. Box 4049 – BIN 12  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4049  
(225) 342-9238  
Email: [cstephen@dhh.la.gov](mailto:cstephen@dhh.la.gov)  
Web site: [www.dhh.state.la.us](http://www.dhh.state.la.us)  
(look for *Offices*)

**State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth**

Dr. Cheryl Bowers-Stephens, M.D., Chief  
Infant, Child and Adolescent Services  
Office Mental Health  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
P.O. Box 4049 – BIN 12  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4049  
(225) 342-9238  
Email: [cstephen@dhh.la.gov](mailto:cstephen@dhh.la.gov)  
Web site: [www.dhh.state.la.us](http://www.dhh.state.la.us) (look for *Offices*)

Richard Bassett  
Director of Children's Services  
Office Mental Health  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
P.O. Box 4049 – BIN 12  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4049  
(225) 342-3804  
Email: [rbassett@dhh.la.gov](mailto:rbassett@dhh.la.gov)  
Web site: [www.dhh.state.la.us](http://www.dhh.state.la.us)  
(look for *Offices*)

**Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities**

Kathy Kliebert, Assistant Secretary  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
P.O. Box 3117, BIN 21

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3117  
(225) 342-0095  
Email: [kkliebert@dhh.la.gov](mailto:kkliebert@dhh.la.gov)  
Web site: [www.dhh.state.la.us](http://www.dhh.state.la.us)  
(look for *Offices*)

**State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council**

Sandee Winchell, Executive Director  
Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council  
P.O. Box 3455  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3455  
(225) 342-6804 (800)-922-DIAL (Disabilities Information Access Line) (in LA only)  
Email: [swinchel@dhh.la.gov](mailto:swinchel@dhh.la.gov)  
Web site: [www.laddc.org](http://www.laddc.org)

**Protection and Advocacy Agency**

Lois V. Simpson, Executive Director  
The Advocacy Center  
225 Baronne Street, Suite 2112  
New Orleans, LA 70112-2112  
(504) 522-2337 (800) 960-7705 (in LA only)  
Email: [lsimpson@advocacyla.org](mailto:lsimpson@advocacyla.org)  
Web site: [www.advocacyla.org](http://www.advocacyla.org)

**Client Assistance Program**

Diane Mirvis, Director  
The Advocacy Center  
225 Baronne Street, Suite 2112  
New Orleans, LA 70112-2112  
(504) 522-2337 (800) 960-7705 (in LA only)  
Email: [dmirvis@advocacyla.org](mailto:dmirvis@advocacyla.org)  
Web site: [www.advocacyla.org](http://www.advocacyla.org)

**Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs**

Linda Pippins, Administrator  
Children's Special Health Services  
Office of Public Health  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
325 Loyola Ave., Room 607  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(504) 568-5055  
Email: [cshsweb@dhh.la.gov](mailto:cshsweb@dhh.la.gov)  
Web site: [www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/childrensspecial/index.html](http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/childrensspecial/index.html)

**State CHIP Program**

(Health care for low-income, uninsured children)

Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program  
LaCHIP Processing Office  
P.O. Box 91278  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9278  
(877) 252-2447  
Web site: [www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/?ID=119](http://www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/?ID=119)

**Programs for Children and Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired**

Florence Menard, Executive Director  
Blind Services  
Department of Social Services  
Louisiana Rehabilitation Services  
8225 Florida Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4834  
(225) 925-4131 (225) 925-3594  
Email: [Florence.Menard@dss.state.la.us](mailto:Florence.Menard@dss.state.la.us)

**Programs for Children and Youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

Kelli Clausen, Acting Executive Director  
Louisiana Commission for the Deaf  
8225 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(800) 256-1523 (V) (800) 543-2099 (TDD) fax (225) 922-1515  
Email: [kclausen@dss.state.la.us](mailto:kclausen@dss.state.la.us)  
Web site: [www.dss.state.la.us](http://www.dss.state.la.us)

**Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or with Speech Impairments**

(800) 947-5277 (V)  
(800) 846-5277 (TTY); 711 (TTY)  
(888) 550-5277 (ASCII)  
(888) 272-5530 (Speech to Speech)  
(800) 737-1813 (Spanish)

**Programs for Children and Youth who are Deaf-Blind**

Joyce Russo, Director  
Deaf Blind Project  
Division of Special Populations  
Louisiana Department of Education  
1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 342-3640 (877) 453-2721  
Email: [joyce.russo@la.gov](mailto:joyce.russo@la.gov)  
Web site: [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net)  
(look for *Student and School Performance*>*Special Populations*)

**State Education Agency Rural Representative**

Bennie McKay, Supervisor  
Richland Parish School Board  
Special Education  
P.O. Box 599  
Rayville, LA 71269  
(318) 728-5964

**Regional ADA & IT Technical Assistance Center**

Wendy Wilkinson, Director  
Disability Law Resource Project  
2323 S. Shepard Boulevard, Suite 1000  
Houston, TX 77019  
(713) 520-0232 (V/TTY) (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY)

**University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities**

Robert E. Crow, Director  
Human Development Center  
School of Allied Health Professions  
LSU Health Sciences Center  
1100 Florida Avenue, Building 138  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 942-8200 (504) 942-8380 (TDD/TTY)  
Email: [rcrow@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:rcrow@lsuhsc.edu)  
Web site: [www.hdc.lsumc.edu](http://www.hdc.lsumc.edu)

**Technology-Related Assistance**

Julie Nesbit, Executive Director  
Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LaTAN)  
P.O. Box 14115  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898  
(225)925-9500 (800) 270-6185 (V/TTY)  
Email: [jnesbit@latan.org](mailto:jnesbit@latan.org)  
Web site: [www.latan.org](http://www.latan.org)

**State Mediation System**

Ellen Dunlap Spears, Coordinator  
Division of Special Populations  
Louisiana Department of Education  
1201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 342-3661 (877) 453-2721  
Email: [ellen.dunlap@la.gov](mailto:ellen.dunlap@la.gov)  
Web site: [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net)  
(look for *Student and School Performance*>*Special Populations*)

**Special Format Library**

Elizabeth Perkins, Librarian

State Library of Louisiana

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

701 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(225) 342-4944 (225) 342-4943 (800) 543-4702

Email: [eperkins@pelican.state.lib.la.us](mailto:eperkins@pelican.state.lib.la.us)

Web site: [www.state.lib.la.us/Dept/SpecServ/sbph.htm](http://www.state.lib.la.us/Dept/SpecServ/sbph.htm)

## **Disability-Specific Organizations**

### **Attention Deficit Disorder:**

To identify a group in your state or locality, contact either:

#### **Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)**

8181 Professional Place, Suite 201

Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070 (800) 233-4050 (Voice mail to request information packet)

Web site: [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

#### **Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)**

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA 19464

(484) 945-2101

Web site: [www.add.org](http://www.add.org)

### **Autism:**

#### **Louisiana State Autism Chapter**

4425 Annunciation Street

New Orleans, LA 70115

(504) 896-9050 (800) 955-3760

Email: [lsac@lastateautism.org](mailto:lsac@lastateautism.org)

Web site: [www.lastateautism.org](http://www.lastateautism.org)

### **Blind/Visual Impairments:**

#### **American Foundation for the Blind-Southwest**

Mary Ann Siller, Director

260 Treadway Plaza, Exchange Park

Dallas, TX 75235

(214) 352-7222

Email: [dallas@afb.net](mailto:dallas@afb.net)

Web site: [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

#### **Affiliated Blind of Louisiana**

409 W. St. Mary Blvd.

Lafayette, LA 70506

(800) 319-4444

Web site: [www.affiliatedblind.org](http://www.affiliatedblind.org)

### **Brain Injury:**

#### **Head Injury Foundation**

William E. Moak, Executive Director  
217 W. Buffwood Drive  
Baker, LA 70714-3755  
(225) 775-2780  
Email: [wmoakbiala@aol.com](mailto:wmoakbiala@aol.com)

**Cerebral Palsy:**

**UCP of Baton Rouge – Children’s Developmental Center**

Janet Ketcham, Executive Director  
1805 College Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(225) 923-3420  
Email: [CDCJanet@aol.com](mailto:CDCJanet@aol.com)

**UCP of Greater New Orleans**

Paul Bussell, President/CEO  
1000 Leonidas Street and Leake Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
(504) 865-0003  
Email: [info@ucpgno.org](mailto:info@ucpgno.org)  
Web site: [www.ucpgno.org](http://www.ucpgno.org)

**Developmental Disability:**

**The Arc of Louisiana**

Julia Kenny, Executive Director  
365 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 383-1033  
Email: [arcla@bellsouth.net](mailto:arcla@bellsouth.net)  
Web site: [www.thearcla.org](http://www.thearcla.org)

**Epilepsy:**

**Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Louisiana**

Dorothy Martino, LCSW, Executive Director  
3701 Canal Street, Suite H  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 486-6326 (800) 960-0587  
Email: [epileps@bellsouth.net](mailto:epileps@bellsouth.net)  
Web site: [www.noepilepsy.com](http://www.noepilepsy.com)

**Learning Disabilities:**

**Northwestern State University**

Barbara Duchardt, Associate Professor of Special Education  
Teacher Education Center, Room 103-A, Pod D  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-5154  
Email: [duchardt@nsula.edu](mailto:duchardt@nsula.edu)

**Mental Health:**

**Mental Health Association in Louisiana**

Yakima Black, Executive Director  
263 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 103  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801  
(225) 343-1921 (800) 241-6425  
Email: [YBLACK@mhal.org](mailto:YBLACK@mhal.org)  
Web site: [www.mhal.org](http://www.mhal.org)

**NAMI Louisiana**

11762 S. Harrell's Ferry Road, Suite D  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
(225) 292-6928 (888) 343-5864  
Email: [namilaab@bellsouth.net](mailto:namilaab@bellsouth.net)  
Web site: [www.nami.org/laami](http://www.nami.org/laami)

**Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health**

Verlyn "Vee" Boyd, Director  
5627 Superior Drive, Suite A-2  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816-6086  
(225) 293-3508 (800) 224-4010  
Email: [info@laffcmh.com](mailto:info@laffcmh.com)  
Web site: [www.laffcmh.com](http://www.laffcmh.com)

**Special Health Care Needs:**

**Family Voices Louisiana**

Phyllis Landry-Ratcliff, Executive Director  
1539 Jackson Avenue, Suite 200  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
(504) 299-9176  
Email: [familyla@bellsouth.net](mailto:familyla@bellsouth.net)

**Speech and Hearing:**

**Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association**

Judy Fellows, President  
8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

(225) 922-4512

Email: [lsha@pncpa.com](mailto:lsha@pncpa.com)

Web site: [www.lsha.org](http://www.lsha.org)

### **Spina Bifida:**

#### **Spina Bifida Association of Greater New Orleans**

P.O. Box 1346

Kenner, LA 70063

(504) 737-5181

Email: [sbagno@sbagno.org](mailto:sbagno@sbagno.org)

Web site: [www.sbagno.org](http://www.sbagno.org)

### **Organizations Especially for Parents:**

#### **Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)**

##### **Project PROMPT**

Cindy Arceneaux, Director

4323 Division Street, Suite 110

Metairie, LA 70003-3179

(504) 888-9111 (800) 766-7736 (in LA)

Email: [info@projectprompt.com](mailto:info@projectprompt.com)

Web site: [www.projectprompt.com](http://www.projectprompt.com)

Email list serve: **La Disability Talk**

Just send e-mail to: [fhprompter@yahoo.com](mailto:fhprompter@yahoo.com) or \_\_\_\_\_

[LaDisabilityTalk-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LaDisabilityTalk-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

#### **Community Parent Resource Center** (serving greater New Orleans area only)

##### **Pyramid Parent Training**

D.J. and Ursula Markey, Co-Directors

2552 St. Philip Street

New Orleans, LA 70119

(504) 827-0610

Email: [PyramidCPRC@aol.com](mailto:PyramidCPRC@aol.com)

##### **Partners in Policymaking**

Sharyn Scheyd, Coordinator

P.O. Box 64162

Kenner, LA 70064

(504) 443-3831

Email: [sharyn@sharynscheyd.com](mailto:sharyn@sharynscheyd.com)

Web site: [www.laddc.org/plans/activities/pip/index.php](http://www.laddc.org/plans/activities/pip/index.php)

##### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

##### **Louisiana Parent-Teacher Association**

Kathy Huse, President

1543 Del Plaza, Suite 13  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
(225) 927-7382  
Email: [la\\_office@pta.org](mailto:la_office@pta.org)  
Web site: [www.lapta.org](http://www.lapta.org)

**Other Disability Organizations:**

**Direct Support Professionals Coalition**

1100 Florida Avenue, #119  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 942-8289  
Email: [sdelvi@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:sdelvi@lsuhsc.edu)  
Web site: <http://la-dsp.org>

**Easter Seals Louisiana**

Daniel Underwood, President/CEO  
305 Baronne Street, Suite 400  
New Orleans, LA 70112-1617  
(504) 523-7325 (V/TTY) (800) 695-7325 (V/TTY) (in LA only)  
Email: [ESSLA@aol.com](mailto:ESSLA@aol.com)

**Families Helping Families of Louisiana**

(A statewide network of Family Resource Centers)  
Frances Hilburn, Statewide Coordinator  
Contact: Susan Benoit, Executive Director

**Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana**

2927 Hodges Street  
Lake Charles, LA 70601  
(337) 436-2570 (800) 894-6558  
Email: [fhfswla@xspedius.net](mailto:fhfswla@xspedius.net)  
Web site: [www.fhfla.org](http://www.fhfla.org)

**Louisiana Citizens for Action Now (LaCAN)**

Kay Marcel, Statewide Coordinator  
713 N. Lewis Street  
New Iberia, LA 70563  
Email: [kamarcel@bellsouth.net](mailto:kamarcel@bellsouth.net)  
Web site: [www.lacanadvocates.org](http://www.lacanadvocates.org)

**Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association**

P.O. Box 14806  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898  
(225) 291-4014  
Email: [lotassoc@aol.com](mailto:lotassoc@aol.com)  
Web site: [www.lota.org](http://www.lota.org)

**Louisiana Health and Rehabilitation Center**

Shanta Barnes, Director  
1033 N. Lobdell Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70812  
(225) 231-2490  
Email: [info@lahealthandrehab.org](mailto:info@lahealthandrehab.org)  
Web site: [www.lahealthandrehab.org](http://www.lahealthandrehab.org)

**Louisiana Youth Leadership Forum**

Twyla McNeely, Facilitator  
4323 Division St., Suite 110  
Metairie, LA 70002  
(504) 888-9111 (800) 766-7736  
Email: [tmcneely@fhfgno.org](mailto:tmcneely@fhfgno.org)  
Web site: [www.fhfgno.org](http://www.fhfgno.org)

**VSA arts of Louisiana**

Everett Parker, Executive Director  
Department of Education  
2758-D Brightside Lane  
Baton Rouge, LA 70820  
(225) 761-4243 (V/TTY)  
Email: [eparker@vsala.org](mailto:eparker@vsala.org)  
Web site: <http://la.vsarts.org>

**Best Buddies Louisiana**

Marti Luke, State Director  
365 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801  
(225) 383-7899  
Email: [MartiLuke@bestbuddies.org](mailto:MartiLuke@bestbuddies.org)  
Web site: [www.bestbuddieslouisiana.org](http://www.bestbuddieslouisiana.org)

**Military Child Education Coalition**

108 East FM 2410, Suite D  
Harker Heights, TX 76548  
(254) 953-1923  
Email: [Mary.Keller@MilitaryChild.org](mailto:Mary.Keller@MilitaryChild.org)  
Web site: [www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org)

## Resources by Topic:

### ADD/ADHD Resources

[www.add.org](http://www.add.org) - *Attention Deficit Disorder Association*

Begin your search for anything relating to ADD/ADHD at the *National Attention Deficit Disorder Association* website.

[www.newideas.net](http://www.newideas.net) - *The ADHD Information Library*

A content-rich site with over 60 pages of information on ADD/ADHD for parents and teachers

[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org) - *National Resource Center on AD/HD*

This is the home for the magazine *Attention! For Families & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*.

[www.addhelpguide.com](http://www.addhelpguide.com) - *ADD Help Guide*

This is an ADD help guide designed and maintained by a 20 year old man with ADD aimed at helping parents/guardians better understand a child with ADD.

[www.add-adhd.org](http://www.add-adhd.org) - *Optometrist's Network – Info page on Attention Deficit Disorder*

A thorough and informative site with several helpful links

[www.adhdnews.com](http://www.adhdnews.com) - *ADHD News*

*ADHDNews.com* advocates education as a means of empowerment. It has a discussion group, research updates, articles for parents/guardians, and schooling advice.

[www.addinschool.com](http://www.addinschool.com) - *ADD in School.com*

Parents/guardians of ADD/ADHD children and classroom teachers will want to explore this site.

<http://add.about.com/> - *About.com on ADD/ADHD*

Resources for parents/guardians of children with ADD/ADHD

[www.addept.org](http://www.addept.org) - *ADDept*

*ADD and Parenting* offers a guidebook for parents and teachers discussing such topics as homework and behavior strategies.

### Assistive Technology Resources

[www.closingthegap.com](http://www.closingthegap.com) - *Closing the Gap*

*Closing The Gap* highlights hardware and software products appropriate for people with special needs, and explains how this technology is being implemented in education, rehabilitation, and vocational settings around the world. The in-depth articles, product reviews, and extensive product guide offer a variety of resources that help solve your

technology implementation problems.

### **Autism Resources**

[www.laautism.org/resource\\_page.htm](http://www.laautism.org/resource_page.htm) - *Louisiana Center for Excellence in Autism*  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

[www.autism.org/links.html](http://www.autism.org/links.html) - *Center for the Study of Autism, Portland, Oregon*  
Offers a choice of 98 different web links to sites about autism

[www.autism-pdd.net](http://www.autism-pdd.net) - *Autism – PDD Resources Network*  
The purpose of this site is to guide you to the key issues associated with Autism spectrum disorders.

[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) - *Autism Society of America*  
The mission of the Autism Society of America is to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum, and their families, to be fully participating, included members of their community.

### **Behavioral Health Resources**

[www.behavioradvisor.com](http://www.behavioradvisor.com) - *Behavior Advisor*  
Dr. McIntyre's amazing Behavior Management Advice Site (Roaming the cyber-hallways with a forged pass)

[www.pbis.org](http://www.pbis.org) - *OSEP Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS)*  
Established by the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education, to give schools capacity-building information and technical assistance for identifying, adapting, and sustaining effective school-wide disciplinary practices

### **Cerebral Palsy Resources**

[www.ucp.org](http://www.ucp.org) - *United Cerebral Palsy*  
*United Cerebral Palsy Association* serves the needs of persons with cerebral palsy and other disabilities and their families.

[www.ndsaonline.org](http://www.ndsaonline.org) - *National Disability Sports Alliance*  
The National coordinating body of competitive sports for individuals with cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and survivors of stroke.

<http://twinenterprises.com/cp/> - *CP Resource Center*  
One of many great websites detailing aspects of cerebral palsy and related links.

[www.lovingpaws.com](http://www.lovingpaws.com) - *Loving Paws Assistance Dogs*

*Loving Paws Assistance Dogs* is a non-profit organization that trains dogs to assist children under the age of 18 with disabilities.

[www.shriners.com](http://www.shriners.com) - *Shriner's Hospitals for Children*

*Shriner's Hospitals for Children* provides expert, no-cost orthopedic and burn-care to children under the age of 18.

## **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Resources**

[www.deafactioncenter.org](http://www.deafactioncenter.org) - *The Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center of Louisiana*

Established in 1982, the Center provides comprehensive services through one central agency to "bridge the gap" between the hearing and deaf worlds.

[www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org) - *Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

Advocating independence through listening and talking

[www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org) - *National Association of the Deaf*

The *National Association of the Deaf* is the oldest and largest constituency organization safeguarding the accessibility and civil rights of 28 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans in education, employment, healthcare, and telecommunications.

[www.deafblind.com/](http://www.deafblind.com/) - *A-Z to Deafblindness*

*A-Z to Deafblindness* is hosted by James Gallagher who is deaf-blind.

[www.deaf.com](http://www.deaf.com) - *DEAF.com*

*DEAF.com* provides numerous links to useful websites devoted to those who are deaf and/or have hearing impairments.

[www.deaflibrary.org](http://www.deaflibrary.org) - *The Deaf Resource Library*

*The Deaf Resource Library* is a virtual library. An online collection of reference material and links intended to educate and inform people about Deaf cultures in Japan and the United States

[www.deafresources.com](http://www.deafresources.com) - *Deaf Resources*

*Deaf Resources* offers unique, hard-to-find American Sign Language, Deaf Products, and gifts.

[www.listen-up.org](http://www.listen-up.org) - *Listen Up*

*Listen Up* specializes in information for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

[www.hearingcenteronline.com/](http://www.hearingcenteronline.com/) - *The Hearing Center Online*

*The Hearing Center Online* is an informative, fun, and interactive community for those who are hard of hearing and everyone who cares about them.

[www.deafzone.com](http://www.deafzone.com) - *The Deaf Zone*

The *Deaf Zone* provides an extensive list of Deaf resources.

[www.deaftoday.com/](http://www.deaftoday.com/) - *Deaf Today*

*Deaf Today* features daily news relevant to the Deaf and/or Hard-of-Hearing from around the world.

[www.handsandvoices.org](http://www.handsandvoices.org) - *Hands and Voices*

*Hands & Voices* is a parent driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing unbiased support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

[www.lalsd.org](http://www.lalsd.org) - *Louisiana School for the Deaf*

Its mission is to provide quality educational programs in a nurturing environment for children of this state who are deaf or hard of hearing; to prepare students to maximize their potential in a diverse and changing society; and in doing so, foster a challenging, rewarding workplace.

## **Disability Resources - General**

[www.fetaweb.com/help/la.htm](http://www.fetaweb.com/help/la.htm) - *Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities*

Louisiana Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities

[www.disabilityisnatural.com](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com) - *Disability is Natural*

A new twist on an old idea.

[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org) - *National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (formerly National Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities)*

We are the center that provides information to the nation on: disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; IDEA, the nation's special education law; No Child Left Behind, the nation's general education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities.

[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP) - *Office of Special Education Programs*

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts.

[www.dssc.org/frc/idea.htm](http://www.dssc.org/frc/idea.htm) - *Federal Resource Center for Special Education*

The FRC supports a [nationwide technical assistance network](#) to respond to the needs of students with disabilities, especially students from under-represented populations.

[www.specialneedsplanning.com/](http://www.specialneedsplanning.com/) - *Beyond Wills and Trusts*

Find information and support regarding a very special subject - financial planning for families with a member who has a disability or special needs.

[www.disabilityrights.org/linkindex.htm](http://www.disabilityrights.org/linkindex.htm) - *The Council for Disability Rights*

Advancing rights and enhancing lives of people with disabilities

[www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.html](http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.html) - *family village*

A global Community of Disability-Related Resources

[www.tash.org](http://www.tash.org) - *TASH*

TASH is an international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals fighting for a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm.

[www.peakparent.org](http://www.peakparent.org) - *PEAK Parent Center*

To ensure that individuals with disabilities lead rich, active lives and participate as full members of their schools and communities

## **Down Syndrome Resources**

[www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org) - *The National Down Syndrome Society*

The National Down Syndrome Society provides parental, educational, and clinical resources; with information on referral services, research, and special programs.

[www.ndscenter.org](http://www.ndscenter.org) - *The National Down Syndrome Congress*

It is the mission of the National Down Syndrome Congress to be the national advocacy organization for Down syndrome and to provide leadership in all areas of concern related to persons with Down syndrome.

[www.unomas21.com](http://www.unomas21.com) - *Uno Mas Down Syndrome On line – Just a little something extra*

This site exists to celebrate the uniqueness of people with Down syndrome, and to offer support to new and expectant parents. Our goal is to help all families to share experience, advice and support.

[www.disabilitysolutions.org](http://www.disabilitysolutions.org) - *Disability Solutions*

A resource for families and others interested in Down Syndrome and related disabilities

## **Early Childhood Resources**

[www.pediatrics.about.com](http://www.pediatrics.about.com) - *About.com*

*Pediatrics.about.com* focuses on early childhood development issues, while offering numerous links to sites addressing specific special needs.

[www.kidsource.com](http://www.kidsource.com) - *Kid Source*

*Kid Source* stresses why it is important to get help as soon as possible for a child if it is suspected the child may have a special need.

[www.sceic.com](http://www.sceic.com) - *The Space Coast Early Intervention Center*

*The Space Coast Early Intervention Center* is for children 18-months to five-years-old with special needs. It offers a great playground and many activities.

[www.earlyintervention.com](http://www.earlyintervention.com) - *Early Intervention Solutions*

Offers one-on-one information for parents with children with special needs.

[www.dec-sped.org](http://www.dec-sped.org) - *Division for Early Childhood*

*The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)* is a non-profit group that advocates for individuals who work with or on behalf of children with special needs, birth through age 8, and their families.

[www.circleofinclusion.org](http://www.circleofinclusion.org) - *Circle of Inclusion*

The *Circle of Inclusion Web Site* is for early childhood service providers and families of young children. This web site offers demonstrations of and information about the effective practices of inclusive educational programs for children from birth through age eight.

## **Gifted and Talented Resources**

[www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org) - *National Association for Gifted Children*

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is an organization of parents, teachers, educators, other professionals and community leaders who unite to address the unique needs of children and youth with demonstrated gifts and talents as well as those children who may be able to develop their talent potential with appropriate educational experiences.

[www.worldgifted.org](http://www.worldgifted.org) - *World Council for Gifted and Talented Children*

The purpose of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (WCGTC) is to focus world attention on gifted and talented children and ensure the realization of their valuable potential to the benefit of humankind.

[www.gifted.uconn.edu/nrcgt.html](http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/nrcgt.html) - *National Research Center for Gifted and Talented*

The work of The National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented (NRC/GT) is guided by emerging research about the broadened conception of human potential and the need to develop "high-end learning" opportunities for all of America's students.

## **Health/Medical Resources**

[www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com) - *WebMD*

WebMD provides valuable health information, tools for managing your health, and support to those who seek information.

[www.aap.org/topics.html](http://www.aap.org/topics.html) - *American Academy of Pediatrics*

The official web site of the American Academy of Pediatrics — an organization of 60,000 pediatricians committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults

[www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org) - *National Kidney Foundation*

The National Kidney Foundation, Inc., a major voluntary health organization, seeks to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

[www.medicalmailbox.com](http://www.medicalmailbox.com) - *Medical Mailbox.com*

Sign up to get the latest news and developments on any medical and health related topic delivered directly to your Email box for free.

[www.noah-health.org](http://www.noah-health.org) - *NOAH: New York Online Access to Health*

NOAH provides access to high quality full-text consumer health information in English and Spanish that is accurate, timely, relevant and unbiased.

## **Inclusion Resources**

[www.inclusion.com](http://www.inclusion.com) - *Inclusion.com*

Together we're better. All Means All. Inclusion Means WITH – not just in.

[www.inclusion.org](http://www.inclusion.org) - *Inclusion Network*

The Inclusion Network is a non-profit organization whose staff and volunteers partner to promote inclusion of people with disabilities in the Greater Cincinnati community.

[www.inclusiveschools.org](http://www.inclusiveschools.org) - *National Institute for Urban School Improvement*

It is essential for educators to enlarge their perspective to encompass all children, all curricular reforms, all teaching reforms, all support personnel, all policies, and all strategies for student assessment, in order to ensure the rights of excluded learners.

[www.powerof2.org](http://www.powerof2.org) - *Power of 2*

Collaboration is a powerful tool to successfully include children with special needs in the general education classroom.

## **Individualized Education Program (IEP) Resources**

[www.fape.org/pubs/index.htm](http://www.fape.org/pubs/index.htm) - *FAPE*

Helping parents and advocates improve educational results for children with disabilities

[www.ldonline.org/ld\\_indepth/iep/iep.html](http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/iep/iep.html) - *Learning Disabilities On-Line*

The leading web site on learning disabilities for parents, teachers, and other professionals, lots of links

### **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Americans with Disabilities Act Resources**

[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/Policy/IDEA](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/Policy/IDEA) - *IDEA '97*

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997

[www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm) - *Americans with Disabilities Homepage*

Information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act

[www.504idea.org/504resources.html](http://www.504idea.org/504resources.html) - *Council of Educators for Students with Disabilities, Inc.*

Our focus is on students eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and we address the needs of special education students as well.

### **Learning Disabilities Resources**

[www.ldresources.com](http://www.ldresources.com) - *LD Resources*

Resources for the Learning Disabilities community

[www.schwablearning.org/index.asp](http://www.schwablearning.org/index.asp) - *SchwabLearning.org*

A parent's guide to helping kids with learning difficulties

[www.cast.org](http://www.cast.org) - *CAST*

CAST is a not-for-profit education research and development organization that uses technology to make education more flexible and accessible for all students, especially those with disabilities.

[www.ldonline.org](http://www.ldonline.org) - *LD Online*

The leading web site on learning disabilities for parents, teachers and other professionals

[www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org) - *Reading Rockets*

Information about teaching kids to read and helping those who struggle

[www.interdys.org/index.jsp](http://www.interdys.org/index.jsp) - *International Dyslexia Association*

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals with dyslexia, their families and the communities that support them.

## **Multicultural Education Resources**

<http://curry.edschool.Virginia.edu/go/multicultural> - ***Multicultural Pavilion***

Through the Multicultural Pavilion, I strive to provide resources for educators, students, and activists to explore and discuss multicultural education; facilitate opportunities for educators to work toward self-awareness and development; and provide forums for educators to interact and collaborate toward a critical, transformative approach to multicultural education.

[www.ncela.gwu.edu](http://www.ncela.gwu.edu) - ***National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition & Language Instruction Educational Programs***

(NCELA) collects, analyzes, synthesizes and disseminates information about language instruction educational programs for English language learners and related programs. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement & Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students under Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

[www.cacanational.org](http://www.cacanational.org) - ***The Chinese American Citizens Alliance***

Offers information relative to Chinese Americans and education

[www.ael.org/page.htm?&pd=1&scope=mi&index=395&pub=x](http://www.ael.org/page.htm?&pd=1&scope=mi&index=395&pub=x) - ***AEL: Appalachia Educational Laboratory***

The *Migrant Education Directory* may be found at this website. Serving education since 1966 through research, evaluation, professional development, and technical assistance

[www.ael.org/page.htm?&index=751&pd=1&scope=ma&pub=x&pv=x](http://www.ael.org/page.htm?&index=751&pd=1&scope=ma&pub=x&pv=x) - ***AEL: Resources for Mexican American Education***

Serving education since 1966 through research, evaluation, professional development, and technical assistance

[www.nabe.org](http://www.nabe.org) - ***National Association for Bilingual Education***

The only national organization exclusively concerned with language-minority students in American schools

[www.cal.org/nclle/](http://www.cal.org/nclle/) - ***National Center for EST Literacy Education***

Provides numerous resources and current information regarding ESL practices

[www.aiefprograms.org](http://www.aiefprograms.org) - ***American Indian Education Foundation***

Provides support for Indian education throughout the U.S.

[www.vietnamese-american.org](http://www.vietnamese-american.org) - ***The Vietnamese-American Organization***

Focuses on social, political, and education issues of interest to Vietnamese Americans

<http://clas.uiuc.edu/> - ***Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)***

The CLAS Institute identifies, evaluates, and promotes effective and appropriate early intervention practices and preschool practices that are sensitive and respectful to children

and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

## **Orthopedic Impairment Resources**

[www.naph.net](http://www.naph.net) - *The National Association of the Physically Handicapped*

A national organization of people with disabilities and non-disabled associates banded together to advance the social, economic, and public welfare of people with disabilities.

[www.shriners.com](http://www.shriners.com) - *Shriner's Hospitals of North America*

Shriner's Hospitals for Children provides expert, no-cost orthopedic and burn-care to children under the age of 18.

[www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) - *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*

Offers free medical care to children with a wide range of medical conditions

[www.abledata.com](http://www.abledata.com) - *Able Data*

The ABLEDATA database contains information on more than 30,000 assistive technology products (over 20,000 of which are currently available), from white canes to voice output programs.

## **Recreation Resources**

[www.accessiblejourneys.com/](http://www.accessiblejourneys.com/) - *Accessible Journeys*

We have created the expertise and the resources to provide accessible travel programs that harmonize individual capabilities with recreational travel.

[www.makoa.org/travel.htm](http://www.makoa.org/travel.htm) - *Makoa.org*

"Makoa" is a Hawaiian word that means "courageous". Numerous travel links

[www.lionscamp.org](http://www.lionscamp.org) - *LA Lions Camps*

The Louisiana Lions Camp is a non-profit residential summer camp.

[www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org) - *ASCCA: Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults*

The Camp ASCCA Mission is to help children and adults with disabilities achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence.

[www.campchallenge.org](http://www.campchallenge.org) - *Camp Challenge*

Camp Challenge is a grass-roots non-profit organization dedicated to giving ill children and their siblings ages 6 through 18 a summer camp experience. Camp is open to all children who reside in Louisiana and have a form of cancer and chronic hematological disorders.

[www.serve.com/campcamp](http://www.serve.com/campcamp) - *Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP)*

Established in 1979 to provide a wide range of recreational, rehabilitative, educational,

and respite services for children with developmental disabilities and their families.

[www.dreamstreetfoundation.org](http://www.dreamstreetfoundation.org) - *Dream Street Foundation*

Dream Street provides camping programs for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses including cancer, AIDS and blood disorders.

[www.dreamstreetms.org](http://www.dreamstreetms.org) - *Dream Street, Utica, Mississippi*

Dream Street is a five day four night camping program for children with physical disabilities.

[www.medcamps.com](http://www.medcamps.com) - *Med-Camps of Louisiana*

Life is too much fun to miss out! Get out of that house, come have a good time in the woods!

### **Special Education Resources (General)**

[www.pacer.org/links/national/education.htm#1](http://www.pacer.org/links/national/education.htm#1) - *The Pacer Center*

To expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.

[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org) - *The Council for Exceptional Children*

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted.

[www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=oc](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=oc) *U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services*

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) is committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. In supporting President Bush's *No Child Left Behind* agenda and the *New Freedom Initiative*, OSERS provides a wide array of supports to parents and individuals, school districts and states in three main areas: [special education](#), [vocational rehabilitation](#) and [research](#).

[www.halcyon.com/marcs/sped.html](http://www.halcyon.com/marcs/sped.html) - *Marc Sheehan's Special Education and Exceptionality Page*

The site includes pages devoted to educational resources; lesson plans; special education resources; local, national and international sports; and American college and high school mascots.

<http://seriweb.com/> - *Special Education Resources on the Internet (SERI)*

A collection of information on resources of interest related Special Education.

[www.fcsn.org](http://www.fcsn.org) - *Federation for Children with Special Needs*

The Federation is a center for parents and parent organizations to work together on behalf of children with special needs and their families.

[www.accessunlimited.com](http://www.accessunlimited.com) - *Access Unlimited*

At Access Unlimited we believe that mobility, like people, comes in all shapes and colors.

### **Spina Bifida Resources**

[www.sbaa.org](http://www.sbaa.org) - *Spina Bifida Association of America*

Devoted to promoting public awareness of Spina Bifida. This site features a calendar of events and an explanation of current medical research.

[www.waisman.wisc.edu](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu) - *Waisman Center*

The Waisman Center is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about human development, developmental disabilities, and neurodegenerative diseases throughout the human lifespan.

### **Transition Resources**

[www.ncset.org](http://www.ncset.org) - *National Center on Secondary Education and Transition*

Coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities in order to create opportunities for youth to achieve successful futures.

[www.qualitymall.org](http://www.qualitymall.org) - *Quality Mall*

A place where you can find lots of free information about person-centered supports for people with developmental disabilities.

[www.ncwd-youth.info](http://www.ncwd-youth.info) - *National Collaborative on Workforce & Disability*

Your source for information about employment and youth with disabilities.

### **Traumatic Brain Injury Resources**

[www.biausa.org](http://www.biausa.org) - *Brain Injury Association of America*

Creating a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy

[www.braintrauma.org](http://www.braintrauma.org) - *Brain Trauma Foundation*

The mission of The Brain Trauma Foundation is to improve the outcome of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) patients nationwide.

[www.ninds.nih.gov/health\\_and\\_medical/disorders/tbi\\_doc.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/health_and_medical/disorders/tbi_doc.htm) - *National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke*

NINDS Traumatic Brain Injury information page

[www.internationalbrain.org](http://www.internationalbrain.org) - *The International Brain Injury Association*

Dedicated to the development and support of multidisciplinary medical and clinical professionals, advocates, policy makers, consumers and others who work to improve outcomes and opportunities for persons with brain injury.

[www.pensacolabrainnetwork.com](http://www.pensacolabrainnetwork.com) - *The Pensacola Brain Network*

Here you will find many resources relevant to individuals with brain injuries and other neurological impairments, their families, friends, caregivers, and those wanting to learn more.

[www.bisociety.org](http://www.bisociety.org) - *The Brain Injury Society*

Committed to empowering persons living with conditions caused by a brain injury

[www.tbi-sci.org](http://www.tbi-sci.org) - *The Rehabilitation Research Center (RRC) for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)*

Conducts research to better understand and improve outcomes after TBI and SCI

## **Visual Impairment Resources**

[www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org) - *American Council of the Blind*

The nation's leading membership organization of blind and visually impaired people

[www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org) - *National Federation of the Blind*

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) is the nation's largest and most influential membership organization of [blind](#) persons. This is the nation's largest and most influential organization for the blind.

[www.lowvisioncouncil.org](http://www.lowvisioncouncil.org) - *Vision Council of America – Low Vision Division*

The VCA Low Vision Division works to raise awareness of low vision rehabilitation among eye care providers, as well as visually impaired consumers and their caregivers.

[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org) - *The American Foundation for the Blind*

The American Foundation for the Blind—the organization to which [Helen Keller](#) devoted her life—is a national nonprofit whose mission is to ensure that the ten million Americans who are blind or visually impaired enjoy the same rights and opportunities as other citizens.

[www.albinism.org](http://www.albinism.org) - *The National Organization of Albinism and Hypopigmentations*

Is a U.S.-based non-profit organization that offers information and support to people with albinism, their families, and those who work with them.

[www.navh.org](http://www.navh.org) - *National Association for the Visually Handicapped*

To provide services, visual aids and training

[www.blindness.org](http://www.blindness.org) - *The Foundation Fighting Blindness*

Driving the research that will provide preventions, treatments/cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, Usher Syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases

[www.spedex.com/napvi](http://www.spedex.com/napvi) - *The National Association for Parents of the Visually*

*Impaired* Parents must regard themselves as the long-lasting resource and the only consistent persons who continually have the child's interest at heart throughout their lifetime. This organization is a means to help them fulfill that function.

[www.tr.wou.edu/dblink/aadb.htm](http://www.tr.wou.edu/dblink/aadb.htm) - *The American Association of the Deaf-Blind*

A national consumer advocacy organization for people who have combined hearing and vision impairments

[www.nib.org](http://www.nib.org) - *The National Industries for the Blind*

National Industries for the Blind (NIB) enhances the opportunities for economic and personal independence of persons who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining and improving employment. NIB operates under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day ([JWOD](#)) Act, a mandatory federal purchasing program, enabling people who are blind to work and provide [products and services](#) to federal and commercial customers.



***Families Helping Families Family Resource Centers of Louisiana –***

This network of 9 family resource centers serving Louisiana are groups of families who, through their own experiences, are committed to reaching out to other families who have members with special needs and self-advocates. The term "special needs" includes physical, mental, emotional, behavioral, and/or academic issues.

[www.fhfla.org](http://www.fhfla.org)

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**Region 2** – Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana,  
Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana Parishes

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