



National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information National Adoption Information Clearinghouse



Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families

Children with Disabilities/Special Needs

The following organizations are among many that provide resources for parents and caregivers on children with disabilities/special needs. Inclusion on this list is for information purposes and does not constitute an endorsement by the Clearinghouse or the Children's Bureau.

ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center (ARCH)

Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project
800 Eastowne Dr., Suite 105
Chapel Hill, NC, 27514
Toll-Free: (800) 473-1727, Ext. 222
Email: Ylayden@chtop.org
URL: <http://www.archrespite.org/nrc.htm>

The mission of the ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center is to assist and to promote the development of respite and crisis care programs, to help families locate respite and crisis care, and to serve as a voice for respite in all forums. The ARCH National Network includes the ARCH National Resource Center for Respite Care Services, which is partially funded by a Children's Bureau grant; the Respite Locator Service, an ARCH National Resource Center initiative to help caregivers find respite services in their communities; and the National Respite Coalition, which advocates for respite policy and programs at the local, State, and national levels.

Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services/ACF
Mail Stop HHH 405 - D
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW
Washington, DC, 20447
Phone: (202) 690-6590
URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/>

The major goal of the Developmental Disabilities Programs of the ADD is to partner with State governments, local communities, and the private sector to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of -- and have access to -- culturally competent services, support, and other assistance and opportunities that promote independence, productivity, and inclusion in the community. The programs address all facets of the life cycle: diagnosis, early intervention, therapy, education, training, employment, and community living and leisure activities.

Adopt America Network

National Headquarters
1025 N. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH, 43615
Phone: (419) 534-3350
Fax: (419) 534-2995
Toll-Free: (800) 246-1731
Email: adoption@adoptamericanetwork.org
URL: <http://www.adoptamericanetwork.org/>

The Adopt America Network, a private adoption exchange, is supported by donations, grants, and the purchase of services. Their mission is to find permanent and loving adoptive homes for special-needs children who are awaiting adoption.

National Adoption Information Clearinghouse

330 C St., SW
Washington, DC 20447
(703) 352-3488 or (888) 251-0075
naic@caliber.com
<http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/>

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA)

American Public Human Services Association
810 First Street NE
Suite 500
Washington, DC, 20002-4267
Phone: (202) 682-0100
Fax: (202) 289-6555
Email: DEvans@aphsa.org
URL: <http://aaicama.aphsa.org>

The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance facilitates the administration of the ICAMA. The Compact is the legal mechanism by which member States regulate and coordinate the interstate delivery of services to children with special needs who are adopted pursuant to adoption assistance agreements. Along with advocating State participation in the ICAMA, the Association provides technical and legal assistance, education and training, and materials on practice and policy issues.

Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

1010 Wayne Avenue
Suite 920
Silver Spring, MD, 20910
Phone: (301) 588-8252
Fax: (301) 588-2842
Email: kmusheno@aucd.org
URL: <http://www.aucd.org/>

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (formerly the American Association of University Affiliated Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities) promotes and supports the national interdisciplinary network of university centers on disabilities. The network includes University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDD), Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs, and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (DDRC). Through its members, AUCD serves as a resource for local, State, national, and international agencies, organizations, and policy makers concerned about individuals with developmental and other disabilities and their families.

Jewish Children's Adoption Network (JCAN)

P.O. Box 147016
Denver, CO, 80214-7016
Phone: (303) 573-8113
Email: jcan@qwest.net
URL: <http://www.users.qwest.net/~jcan/>

The primary goal of the Jewish Children's Adoption Network is to find Jewish homes for Jewish children. JCAN has worked on more than 1,000 cases and charges no fees for its services, which include helping a birth family parent a child, locating resources for help with personal problems or coping with a child's limitations, helping an adoptive family find resources for adoption or parenting, and helping biological and adoptive triad members in getting a search started.

Little People of America Adoption Committee (LPA)

5289 NE Elam Young Parkway
Suite F - 700
Hillsboro, OR, 97124
Phone: (503) 846-1562
Fax: (503) 846-1590
Toll-Free: (888) LPA-2001
Email: info@lpaonline.org
URL: http://www.lpaonline.org/lpa_adoptions.html

The purpose of the Little People of America Adoption Committee is to find a loving home for every dwarf child. The role of LPA is to act as a link between prospective parents and adoption agencies that represent dwarf children. LPA is not an adoption agency, but a referral source only. By outreaching to adoption agencies, doctors, hospitals, geneticists, and others, LPA is able to locate available dwarf children for adoption and prospective parents who are interested in adopting them.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

Parklawn Building Room 18-05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD, 20857
Phone: (301) 443-2170
Fax: (301) 443-1797
Email: ctibbs@hrsa.gov
URL: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/>

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau strives to provide national leadership and to work in partnership with States, communities, private agencies, and families to strengthen the maternal and child health (MCH) infrastructure, assure the availability and use of medical homes, and build knowledge and human resources to assure continued improvement in the health, safety, and well-being of the MCH population. The MCH population includes all America's women, infants, children, adolescents and their families, fathers, and children with special health care needs.

National Adoption Center (NAC)

1500 Walnut Street
Suite 701
Philadelphia, PA, 19102
Toll-Free: (800) TO-ADOPT
Email: nac@nationaladoptioncenter.org
URL: <http://www.nationaladoptioncenter.org>

The National Adoption Center expands adoption opportunities for children throughout the United States, particularly children with special needs and from minority cultures.

National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC)

330 C Street SW
Washington, DC, 20447
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Toll-Free: (888) 251-0078
Email: naic@caliber.com
URL: <http://naic.acf.hhs.gov>

NAIC offers information on all aspects of adoption for professionals, policy makers, and the general public. The Clearinghouse develops and maintains a computerized database of books, journal articles, and other materials on adoption and related topics, conducts database searches, publishes materials on adoption, and gives referrals to related services and experts in the field. NAIC also maintains a database of experts knowledgeable in various areas of adoption practice. NAIC's primary audiences are adoption professionals and adoptive parents and children.

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Email: nccanch@caliber.com
URL: <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>

The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, a service of the Children's Bureau, helps professionals locate information on child abuse and neglect and related child welfare issues. Among its resources, the Clearinghouse offers a bibliographic database of child maltreatment and related child welfare materials, summaries of State laws concerned with child abuse and neglect and child welfare, fact sheets, resource lists, bulletins, and other publications. Jointly with the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC), the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information publishes the Children's Bureau Express, an online digest of news and resources for professionals concerned with child maltreatment, child welfare, and adoption.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

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Washington, DC, 20013-1492
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Toll-Free: (800) 695-0285
Email: nichcy@aed.org
URL: <http://www.nichcy.org>

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities is a national information and referral center providing information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals. The Center's special focus is children and youth (birth to age 22). Services include personal responses to questions, publications, referrals, database and library searches, and materials in Spanish.

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)

900 17th Street NW
Suite 910
Washington, DC, 20006
Phone: (202) 785-4585
Fax: (202) 466-6456
Toll-Free: (800) 663-0327
Email: information@nofas.org
URL: <http://www.nofas.org>

The National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is dedicated to eliminating birth defects caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy and to improving the quality of life for those affected by fetal alcohol syndrome/fetal alcohol effect. NOFAS is committed to raising public awareness of fetal alcohol syndrome and to developing and implementing innovative ideas in prevention, intervention, education, and advocacy in communities nationwide. NOFAS also operates a national clearinghouse for regional, State, and local fetal alcohol syndrome organizations.

National Resource Center for Special Needs Adoption

16250 Northland Drive
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Southfield, MI, 48075
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Email: nrc@nrcadoption.org
URL: <http://www.nrcadoption.org>

The National Resource Center for Special Needs Adoption assists States, Tribes, and other Federally funded child welfare agencies improve their ability to ensure the safety, well being, and permanency of abused and neglected children through adoption and post-legal adoption services, program planning, and policy development. The Center, which believes every child is adoptable and every child deserves a permanent family, provides training, consultation, and informational materials for professionals, organizations, and parents. The Center is a service of the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

National Respite Coalition (NRC)

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The mission of the National Respite Coalition, an initiative of the ARCH National Respite Network, is to secure quality, accessible, planned, and crisis respite services for all families and caregivers who need them to strengthen and stabilize families and enhance child and adult safety. The Coalition works to achieve these goals by preserving and promoting respite in policy and programs at the national, State, and local levels.