

## **RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

### **Special Education Law**

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html> - USDOE Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/code/current/title6a/chap14.pdf> - New Jersey Administrative Code on Special Education

<http://www.edlawcenter.org/issues/special-ed.html> - Education Law Center. Links to [http://www.asha.org/policy/GL2001-00062/Parental Rights in Special Education](http://www.asha.org/policy/GL2001-00062/Parental_Rights_in_Special_Education) document, recent case law, other resources.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/> -- Great resource for understanding the law in plain language. Training programs also available.

### **Parent Advocacy:**

<http://www.spanadvocacy.org/> -- NJ Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (funded by NJDOE)

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/> -- Great resource for what it takes to move from “emotions to advocacy” for your child.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/bks/feta2/ch12.ieps.pdf> - SMART IEPs (copy and paste the link into your browser)

### **General Disability Resources:**

<http://www.ncld.org/> -- National Center for Learning Disabilities

<http://www.ldanatl.org/> -- Learning Disabilities Association for America

<http://www.ldonline.org/> -- Online LD resources maintained by WETA (PBS of Washington)

<http://nichcy.org/laws/idea> – National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

<http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/> -- State Office of Special Education

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/eis/index.shtml> – State office for Early Intervention program.

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/index.html> – NJ Division of Disability Services.

### **Assistive Technology**

<https://www.learningally.org/> -- Access downloadable books for your child through Learning Ally (Formerly Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexia). Ipod app available.

<https://www.bookshare.org/> -- Another source for downloadable books, includes textbooks.

### **Transition Planning Resources**

<http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/transition/> -- School to Life Transition resources

<http://www.gow.org/page.cfm?p=346> -- LD Friendly Colleges compiled by Gow School counselor

<http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional> -- List of colleges that do not require ACT/SAT for admissions.

### **Understanding Educational Tests -- Resources for Parents**

<http://dibels.org/dibels.html> and <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/> -- Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)

[http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/tests\\_measurements.html](http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/tests_measurements.html) -- Tests and Measurements

### **ADD/ADHD:**

[www.chadd.org/](http://www.chadd.org/) C.H.A.D.D - Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders

### **Autism:**

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/> -- Autism Speaks

<http://aspennj.org/> -- Asperger Syndrome Education Network, Inc.

<http://www.autism-society.org/> -- Autism Society of America

<http://www.aspergersyndrome.org/> -- Online Asperger Syndrome Information and Support (OASIS) center

<http://www.nhautism.org/> -- New Horizon's in Autism

<http://www.solvingthepuzzle.com/> -- a support group for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

[Info@poac.net](mailto:Info@poac.net) **POAC (Parents of Autistic Children)**

[www.njcosac.org](http://www.njcosac.org) COSAC (The NJ Center for Outreach & Services for the Autism Community)

### **Developmental Disabilities:**

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/index.html> Division of Developmental Disabilities

<http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter/> The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities

<http://www.arcnj.org/> -- The ARC of New Jersey

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/index.html> -- State Division of Developmental Disabilities

<http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter/> --Elizabeth M. Boggs Center, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center

<https://www.njcdd.org/> -- NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities

[NJ637@marchofdimes.com](mailto:NJ637@marchofdimes.com) March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

[shrewsburydistrict@mdausa.org](mailto:shrewsburydistrict@mdausa.org) Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA

[sbatsr@sbatsr.org](mailto:sbatsr@sbatsr.org) Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region

[njtsa@aol.com](mailto:njtsa@aol.com) Tourette's Syndrome Association of NJ

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Phone: (732) 660-1005

### **Mental Health**

[www.dbsanewjersey.org](http://www.dbsanewjersey.org), [www.dbsalliance.org](http://www.dbsalliance.org)

DBSA – Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance New Jersey

Depression and Bipolar Support Groups

Phone: 1-888-496-9484

[Nnjcha@njcha.org](mailto:Nnjcha@njcha.org) Center for the Healing Arts Anger Management for Adolescents

Mental health counseling services

Phone: (732) 747-2944

[www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) National Alliance on Mental Illness

### **Downs Syndrome:**

<http://www.ndss.org/> -- National Down Syndrome Society

<http://ndsccenter.org/> -- National Down Syndrome Congress

### **Dyslexia and other reading disabilities:**

<http://www.interdys.org/> – International Dyslexia Association (Also see websites for local IDA chapters in NJ and PA. New York chapter renamed as “Everyone Reading.org)

<http://www.nationalreadingpanel.org/> – Findings of the National Reading Panel

<http://www.fcrr.org/> -- Florida Center for Reading Research – A clearinghouse for research related to reading

<http://dyslexia.yale.edu/> -- The Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity (founded by Sally Shaywitz)

<http://www.readingrockets.org/helping/> -- Reading Rockets (Louisa Moats) – How to help your struggling reader

<https://www.facebook.com/overcomingdyslexiaNJ> – Decoding Dyslexia NJ (NJ based grassroots parent advocacy network)

<http://csl.georgetown.edu/> -- Center for the Study of Learning @Georgetown. Dr. Guinevere Eden, Director, is the source for groundbreaking fMRI research on dyslexia and the brain.

<http://www.cooperhealth.org/departments-programs/cooper-learning-center> – Dr. Richard Selzick, Director (author of “The Shutdown Learner.”)

<http://www.childrenofthecode.org/> -- Children of the Code

### **Hearing Impaired Students/Parents:**

[http://www.rid.org/UserFiles/File/pdfs/About\\_RID/For\\_Educational\\_Interpreters/Educational\\_Interpreting\\_Resources\\_Toolkit/Educational\\_Interpreting\\_ToolKit\(1\).pdf](http://www.rid.org/UserFiles/File/pdfs/About_RID/For_Educational_Interpreters/Educational_Interpreting_Resources_Toolkit/Educational_Interpreting_ToolKit(1).pdf) (File contains lots of links of interest)

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/home/index.html> -- New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

### **Speech Related Resources:**

<http://www.promptinstitute.com/> PROMPT

<http://www.njsha.org> New Jersey Speech and Hearing Association

<http://www.asha.org> American Speech and Hearing Association

### **Visually Impaired:**

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/home/index.html> – State Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired

<http://www.nyise.org/blind.htm> -- The New York Institute for Special Education's Blindness Resources Center

[monctyblind@aol.com](mailto:monctyblind@aol.com) Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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[dtomasetti@njadb.org](mailto:dtomasetti@njadb.org) New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

<http://www.freeholdareachallengersports.org> Challenger Sports

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