

Exceptional Family Member Program Helpful Websites

Advocacy: <http://www.childrensdisabilities.info/advocacy/advocacy-healthprofessionals.htm>. How to talk so health professionals will listen. This website provides children's disability information, articles, and resources empowering parents of children with disabilities and special needs.

Autism Society of South Carolina: www.scautism.org/ the primary focus of the organization has and continues to be advocacy for individuals and families and ongoing education of the public about the needs of the autism community. Since autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong disorder, the organization works with families, professionals, providers, and policy makers to ensure that needed services and options are available throughout the life-span of people on the spectrum.

Cadre (National Center on Dispute Resolution): www.directionservice.org Cadre encourages the use of mediation and other collaborative strategies to resolve disagreements about special education and early intervention programs. They offer a spectrum of services including promoting ways to prevent conflict and help with early dispute assistance, education and conflict, resolution options, due process hearings, etc.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN): <http://irsc.org/> Internet Resources for Special Children (IRSC) web site features disability specific information and much more! The IRSC site is dedicated to children with disabilities and other health related disorders worldwide.

Disability info: <http://www.disabilityinfo.gov>. Exists to connect people with disabilities to the information and resources they need to pursue their personal and professional ambitions. There is information about travel, workplace support and fair housing.

Disaster Preparedness/Emergency Planning:
<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/epoverview.htm> Emergency Preparedness for Children with Special Needs. American Academy of Pediatrics.

Easter Seals: <http://sc.easterseals.com/site/> Create opportunities, promote individual choice and change the lives of children and adults with disabilities by maximizing their individual potential for living, learning, speech, mobility or orthopedic impairments, as well as stroke, neurological disorders or developmental disabilities, regardless of how the disability was acquired.

Financial Concerns/Insurance Issues:
<http://www.schealthystart.org/public/childhealth/index.htm> Child Health Insurance. SC Healthy Start.

Military Homefront: <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> The central, trusted, up-to-date source for Service members and families to obtain information about all Quality of Life programs and services. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need.

Military One Source: <http://www.militaryonesource.com> Designed to help you deal with life's issues. Our consultants are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can call in and speak to a master's level consultant or you can go online to access information or email a consultant.

Military Spouse Career Center: www.military.com/spouse Provides assistance to you regardless of your location.

Military Teens on the Move: www.dod.mil/mtom A website specifically for military teens and kids who are facing yet another move.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY): www.nichcy.org Offers a wealth of information in both English and Spanish about early intervention for infant and toddlers and specific disabilities.

Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington Tennessee to check on Navy Exceptional Family Member Status 1-866-827 or <http://npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/ExceptionalFamilyMember/>

The Parent Training and Resource Center (PTRC) is a program offering support, training, information and referral to families accessing special education services for their children and youth with disabilities. The PTRC is funded by the US Dept. of Education through funds allocated by Part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The PTRC addresses the need to empower parents/caregivers to strengthen their role as participants in the provision of appropriate educational services for their children with special needs. www.frcdsn.org/frc.html

Provider Issues: What Parents Want from Doctors and Hospitals.
<http://specialchildren.about.com/od/medicalissues/a/parentswant.htm>
From "About, Inc.", A part of the New York Times Co.

Record Keeping: <http://www.providence.org/resources/oregon/PDFs/swindellsbinder.pdf> My Child's Life Care Notebook and Organizer. Jean Baton Swindells Resource Center for Children and Families. Providence Child Center. An excellent care notebook resource!

Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation: www.starlight.org A non-profit dedicated to granting the wishes of children who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening disorder.

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP): www.stompproject.org Support and advice for military parents regardless of special challenges your child may face. Join the list serve and correspond with other parents of specially challenged children.

The Dream Factory: www.dreamfactoryinc.com An organization dedicated to granting the dreams of children with critical or chronic illnesses.

Transition: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/transitioning.htm> ENTERING THE WORLD OF WORK: WHAT YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS? US Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy.

TRAVEL: www.eduplace.com Car games. Download a map of the United States and have the children color in a state each time they spot a license plate from that state.

Wrightslaw: www.wrightslaws.com Parent, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities. Wrightslaw has thousands of articles, cases, and free resources about dozens of topics.