

Child Care for Medically Complex Children

Resource List developed by the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities

- Maryland's Office for Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) launched a new online resource database for children and youth with special health care needs in February 2013. Maryland's Office for Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs created the resource database, the Maryland Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Resource Locator. The database was developed in partnership with Maryland families is designed to assist parents, caregivers, families, providers, and youth in locating needed resources. The database features information about more than eight hundred resources for Maryland families and is accessible in over 50 languages; <http://specialneeds.dhmh.maryland.gov>
- The Parents Place of Maryland-A Center for Families of Children with Special Needs: Our purpose is to ensure that families of children with any kind of disability or special health care need have the knowledge and assistance they need to make informed decisions that support their child's health, education, and development. We provide peer support to families, and information and education to families, professionals and the community at large. Great Advocates! <http://www.ppm.org/>
- LOCATE: Child Care, a program of the Maryland Family Network: a free and confidential service available to any Maryland parent searching for regulated child care; computerized resource and referral database that contains information on all regulated child care in the state of Maryland. Parents can obtain referrals to regulated child care available in their neighborhoods or near their workplaces. Call LOCATE: Child Care at this toll free number: 877.261.0060 search through the web: <http://mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/childcare/choose.html>
- Resource Finder: The Resource Finder at the Kennedy Krieger Institute informs consumers, families and professionals about community services, trainings, research, and other information on developmental disabilities and related disorders across the lifespan. This is accomplished through mediums that would best suit the customer such

as telephone, electronic methods, conferences, printed materials, video, and other methods.

<http://resourcefinder.kennedykrieger.org/mod/home/index.php>

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Pathfinders for Autism:

<http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/resources/service>

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Maryland State Department of Education/The Early Childhood Gateway: A resource for providers and families with young children with disabilities-birth thru five.

<http://www.mdecgateway.org/olms/output/page.php?id=9351>

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Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD): The mission of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger is to maximize potential and create change to increase the capacity of the community to incorporate state-of-the-art advances so that persons of any age with, or at risk for, developmental disabilities can achieve independence, productivity, and inclusion within their communities. This is accomplished through interdisciplinary pre-service training, exemplary community service, technical assistance, research, and dissemination activities. <http://mcdd.kennedykrieger.org/>

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Kennedy Krieger Institute: Kennedy Krieger Institute is an internationally recognized institution located in Baltimore, Maryland dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with pediatric developmental disabilities through patient care, special education, research, and professional training.

<http://www.kennedykrieger.org/>

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Abilities Network-PROJECT ACT: Project ACT means All Children Together. The goal of Project ACT is to make it possible for families, childcare professionals and other education and service agencies to collaborate in successfully including children of all abilities in community settings. They provide a wide variety of trainings that are approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care for Core of Knowledge hours. Website: <http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org/>

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PACT: Helping Children with Special Needs: PACT's mission is to promote the development of young children with special needs and their families through programs providing comprehensive assessments, early

intervention services, family support services, parent education, counseling and specialized childcare. <http://pact.kennedykrieger.org>

- Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL): The Center has developed evidence-based, user-friendly training modules to help early childhood educators meet the needs of the growing number of children with challenging behaviors and mental health challenges. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel>
- Family Village: A Global Community of Disability-Related Resources/Library icon has an extensive list of disability and resources on each. <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/>
- National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY): We serve the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth. Here, you'll also find easy-to-read information on IDEA, the law authorizing early intervention services and special education. Our State Resource Sheets will help you connect with the disability agencies and organizations in your state. <http://www.nichcy.org>
- Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities- A wealth of Information on resources throughout Maryland. <http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/md.htm>
- Children Disabilities Information: Articles and resources empowering parents of children with disabilities and special needs. <http://www.childrensdisabilities.info/>
- Disability Is Natural: "The mission of Disability is Natural is to encourage new ways of thinking about developmental disabilities, in the belief that our attitudes drive our actions, and changes in our attitudes and actions can help create a society where all children and adults with developmental disabilities have opportunities to live the lives of their dreams, included in all areas of life". <http://www.disabilityisnatural.com>
- TeacherVision-Children's Books about Disabilities: <http://www.teachervision.fen.com/learning-disabilities/reading/5316.html>
- Keep Kids Healthy:

<http://www.keepkidshealthy.com/WELCOME/conditions/developmentaldelays.html>

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association – <http://www.asha.org>
- American Physical Therapy Association - PT awareness month is October: <http://www.apta.org>
- American Occupational Therapy Association– OT awareness month is April. <http://www.aota.org>
- Autism Society of America-Autism awareness month is April. <http://www.autism-society.org>
- Asthma and Allergy Network–A & A awareness month is May. <http://www.aanma.org/>
- National Down syndrome Society-Down syndrome awareness month is October. <http://www.ndss.org/>
- Circle of Inclusion: <http://www.circleofinclusion.org/>
- Developmental Delay Resources (DDR): <http://www.devdelay.org/>
- United Cerebral Palsy: <http://www.ucp.org/>