

Web Sites for Parents and Families of Children with Disabilities

The internet has a vast array of information to help parents and families. You can find medical facts, advocacy tips, parenting advice, coping strategies, and support groups. The internet also provides a way for parents and children to connect with other families. The following sites are just a small sample of the wealth of knowledge available on the world wide web.

Advocacy, Disability, and Parenting Information

ABLEDATA

www.abledata.com

The ABLEDATA database contains information on more than 17,000 currently available products, from white canes to voice output programs. Each product has a detailed description including price and distributor.

American Library Association Resources for Parents, Teens & Kids

www.ala.org/parents/index.html

This site includes the librarian's guide to cyberspace for parents & kids, an internet guide for teens, 700+ amazing sites for kids and adults who care about them, and tips for parents.

The Beach Center on Families and Disabilities

www.lsi.ukans.edu/beach/index.htm

Beach Center newsletters, advocacy how-tos, opportunities for parents to make connections with other parents of children with disabilities, coping strategies, laws that affect families, links to other sites, and more.

Council for Exceptional Children

www.cec.sped.org

Resources, information, and support for families of children with disabilities.

Disability Resources on the Internet

www.disabilityresources.org

Annotated list with hundreds of internet sites, publications, videos and other information resources for parents of children with disabilities and the professionals who work with them.

Family Education

www.familyeducation.com/home

Parenting tips and ideas, resources, information about learning disabilities, message boards, software, and advice from experts.

Family Village

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu

Information on specific disabilities, health, technology, recreation, education, mailing lists, news groups, resources, internet chat lines, and more.

Internet Resources for Special Children (IRSC)

www.irsc.org

Many links on a variety of topics including specific disabilities, adaptive clothing, online magazines, health care, recreation, travel, and more.

National Information Center on Children and Youth with Disabilities

www.nichcy.org

National information and referral center with information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals. Special focus on children and youth from birth to age 22.

Our Kids

www.our-kids.org

Web links on many subjects including disabilities, accessibility, assistive technology, depression, support groups, resources, and more.

Parents Helping Parents

www.php.com

Directory of U.S. parent centers; parent training opportunities; discussion forums; and used equipment for sale, loan, or give away.

The National Parent Network

www.npnd.org

Legislative facts and updates, children's issues, information on communicating with the federal government, publications, and conferences.

Solutions@eka.com

www.eka.com

Web links for children and adults with disabilities and their family members to numerous disability resources, products, and services.

Information on Specific Disability Organizations

American Foundation for the Blind

www.afb.org

Information and legal resources, reports, videos, books, and fact sheets relating to low vision and blindness.

American Society for Deaf Children

www.deafchildren.org

Advocacy, parent to parent network, list of annotated web links, legislative

information with parents connected e-mail network, speakers bureau, conventions, and resources.

The ARC

www.thearc.org

Information on mental retardation, state chapters, support and services for parents and siblings, web links, fact sheets, and other publications.

Autism Society

www.autism.org

Information, educational materials, web links, therapeutic interventions, and research about autism and related disorders.

Cancer Information Service

<http://cis.nci.nih.gov>

The latest, most accurate cancer information for patients, their families, the general public, and health professionals. Free public service of the National Cancer Institute, the Nation's primary agency for cancer research.

CHADD (Children with Attention Deficit Disorder)

www.chadd.org

Behavior management suggestions, medical interventions, AD/HD fact sheets, chapter locator, legislative information, and web links.

Children with Diabetes

www.childrenwithdiabetes.com

Medical information, product database, food and diet information and products, camp listing, chat room, message board, question and answer forum, web links, and more.

Easter Seals

www.easter-seals.org

Education, publications, listing of local services, and resources.

The Epilepsy Foundation

www.efa.org

Information, research, education, publications, advocacy, and local services.

Leukemia Society of America

www.leukemia.org

Provides information, referral services, support groups, and publications.

LD Online

www.ldonline.org

Interactive guide to learning disabilities for parents, teachers and students. Lists national and state agencies along with other resources.

Lupus Foundation of America

www.lupus.org

Information, research, health forums, resources, and local chapters.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

www.nmss.org

Information about multiple sclerosis, programs, publications, research, and local centers.

National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. (NORD)

www.rarediseases.org

Largest database of easy to understand information on over 1,100 rare disorders, used equipment exchange, organizational database, and medical links.

Oncolink: The University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center

www.oncolink.upenn.edu

Information about specific types of cancer, symptom management, research, prevention, conferences, and coping strategies.

United Cerebral Palsy

www.UCPA.org

Information on programs, services, research, and a variety of disability topics.

Medical Information

American Academy of Pediatrics

www.aap.org

Information on children's health, advocacy, eating disorders, learning disabilities, parenting, and more.

HealthScout

www.healthscout.com

Medical and pediatric encyclopedia, drug information, doctor locator, message boards, and personalized news.

Illness Health Care Information Resources

www-hsl.mcmaster.ca/tomflem/ill.html

A huge list of internet links with information and resources for patients, their families, and friends.

Med Help International

www.medhelp.org

Consumer health information, library, daily news, question and answer forum, and patient network.

Medscape

www.medscape.com

The Web's largest collection of free, full-text clinical medicine articles, annotated links to Internet resources, medical headlines, and more.

PubMed

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed

Access to over nine million articles in medical journals from the National Library of Medicine. Displays abstracts of articles. Complete journal articles can be ordered over the internet.

WebMD

www.webmd.com

Medical encyclopedia, news, live chats with experts, support communities, physician finder, research, drug database, herbal remedies, and individual health topics.

WeMedia

www.wemedia.com

Information; products; medical equipment; and resources including a rating system for physicians, hospitals, and healthcare plans nationwide.