

Connecting Connecticut



Resource Directory

**A Directory for Schools and Community Organizations
Serving Families With Children Who Have Disabilities.**

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Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center is pleased to publish "Connecting Connecticut Resource Directory." We hope that the information included is useful in your work supporting families, especially families of children with disabilities, across Connecticut.

We realize that a resource such as this can never be totally inclusive, and that it can become quickly outdated. Please let us know if your organization's information is included and has changed so that we can keep the directory as up to date as possible.

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Program Listing By Category

Assistive Technology/Universal Design for Learning

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Behavioral Support/Mental Health Resources

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Community Collaboratives/Care Coordination
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Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services
Family Advocacy Organization for Children's Mental Health (FAVOR)
Family Centered Services of CT
Family and Children's Agency
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National Alliance on Mental Illness of Connecticut (NAMI-CT)
Psychological Services Clinic at UCONN

Camps and Recreation

Connecticut Camping Association
Camp Harkness
Camp Horizons
Hole in the Wall Gang Camp
Special Olympics of Connecticut, Inc.
Unified Sports
Unified Theater

Check the blue pages of your phone book to contact your local Parks and Recreation Department, YMCA/YWCA (www.ymca.net), Boy/Girl Scouts or Boys and Girls Club (www.bgca.org). A listing of equestrian therapy programs can be found at <http://www.pathintl.org/path-intl-centers/find-center>.

Connecticut Private Approved Programs

This directory contains information regarding each privately operated special education program that is currently approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). For the complete Directory of Private Approved Special Education Programs visit: http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/Priv_SpEd_Progs.pdf. For more information contact Colleen Hayles, Coordinator, Approved Private Special Education Programs at 860-713-6922 or at colleen.hayles@ct.gov.

Disability Related Organizations

American Childhood Cancer Organization
American Diabetes Association of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts
American Lung Association Northeast
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Autism Services and Resources Connecticut (ASRC)
Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut
The Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care
Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress
Connecticut Families for Effective Autism Treatment, Inc. (CT FEAT)
Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation
Decoding Dyslexia CT
Easter Seals Connecticut/Rhode Island
Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut, Inc.
Family Advocacy Organization for Children's Mental Health (FAVOR)
The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN)
Friends of Autistic People (FAP)
Friends of Retarded Citizens of Connecticut (FORConn)
Little Hearts, Inc.
Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Connecticut (NAMI-CT)
National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut (NFBC)
National Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater Connecticut Chapter
National Spinal Cord Injury Association Connecticut Chapter (SCIACT)
New England Center for Hearing Rehabilitation (NECHEAR)
New England Consortium of Deaf-Blind Projects
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Connecticut
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America - Connecticut Chapter
Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities, Inc.
Southeastern Connecticut Community Center of the Blind
SPED Connecticut
Spina Bifida Association of Connecticut (SBA of CT)
Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.

Information and Referral

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Americans with Disabilities Act Coalition of Connecticut (ADACC)
Connecticut Association for the Gifted (CAG)
Connecticut Homeschool Network (CHN)
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Connecticut Head Start Association
Connecticut Lifespan Respite Coalition (CLRC)
Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)
The Cove Center for Grieving Children
Family Advocacy Program
Family Life Education (FLE)
Fleet and Family Support Center
Grandparent Programs at the Consultation Center
Hall Neighborhood House
Hispanic Health Council
Junta for Progressive Action
Kidsteps / Family and Children's Center / SARAH Inc.
Marrakech
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
Mi Casa Family Service and Educational Center
Padres Abriendo Puertas (PAP)
Parent Teacher Association of Connecticut
Parents Available to Help, Inc (PATH) Parent to Parent of Connecticut
Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Connecticut (PLAN of CT)
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England
Psychological Services Clinic (UCONN)
Special Education Network (SPED*NET) Wilton
Special Kids Support Center
St. Vincent's Autism and Developmental Services
Tiny Miracles
UConn A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service

UCONN Speech and Hearing Clinic
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) - Eastern Connecticut
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Hartford
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) - Southern Connecticut
Yale University Parenting Center and Child Conduct Clinic

Independent Living

Access Independence
Center for Disability Rights
Disability Network of Eastern Connecticut (DNEC)
Independence Northwest (IN)
Independence Unlimited, Inc.

Legal Services

Attorney Referral, Legal Aid and Advocacy Services - CT Law Libraries
Center for Children's Advocacy
Children's Law Center of Connecticut, Inc.
Connecticut Legal Services
Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)
Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA)
Connecticut Probate Court
Connecticut Voices for Children
Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)
Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc.

Mentoring

Best Buddies of Connecticut
Camp Horizons
Connecticut Kids as Self Advocates (KASA)
Connecticut Youth Leadership Project, Inc. (CT YLP)
Connecticut Youth Services Association
Goodwill Industries
Leadership Education and Athletics in Partnership, Inc. (LEAP)
Project Genesis, Inc.

Regional Education Service Centers (RESC's)

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)
Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)
Cooperative Educational Services (CES)
Eastern Connecticut Regional Education Service Center (EASTCONN)
EDUCATION CONNECTION
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Health

Connecticut Community Health Centers
Family Strides, Inc.
Ledge Light Health District
Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Health Services
Regional Medical Home Support Centers (RMHSC)
Shriners Hospital Boston

State Agencies

Connecticut Birth to Three System
Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)
Connecticut Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) Central Office
Connecticut Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (CDHI)
Connecticut Department of Children and Families - Main Office (DCF)
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
Connecticut Department of Labor
Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) - Young Adult Services (YAS)
Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)
Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)
Connecticut Judicial Branch
Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)
Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC)
Connecticut Office of the Healthcare Advocate
Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA)
Connecticut State Department of Education

Transition

For information and resources regarding transition from school to adult life, please refer to another resource, "A Directory of Community Rehabilitation Providers for Youth in Transition and Adults with Disabilities in Connecticut". This resource directory provides school districts and families, with a comprehensive listing of agencies and services that could provide transition services to young adults with disabilities. This information about potential programs and services available to youth once they graduate from high school, prepares students and their families to make more informed choices about post-school options.

To view a copy of this directory on the web please visit: <http://ctserc.org/transition/RehabDirectory.pdf>

To obtain a hard copy please call SERC at: 800-842-8678.

2-1-1 Connecticut

1344 Silas Deane Highway
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Phone: 211
860-571-7500

E-mail: infoline@ctunitedway.org

Website: www.infoline.org;
www.211infoline.org;
www.211ct.org

2-1-1 Connecticut is the statewide information, referral and crisis intervention service. Callers can reach help 24 hours a day by dialing 211.

Access Independence

80 Ferry Boulevard
Suite 205
Stratford, CT 06615

Phone: 203-378-6977

TDD: 203-378-3248

E-mail: info@drcfc.org

Website: www.drcfc.org

Access Independence is one of Connecticut's Independent Living Centers (ILC). ILCs assist people with disabilities to achieve their maximum independence by controlling their own lives and developing skills to live and work in the community. The four core services are advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling and skills training.

Adoption Assistance Program

195 Farmington Avenue
Suite 2000
Farmington, CT 06032

Toll Free: 877-679-1961

Phone: 860-679-4006

Email: aap@uchc.edu

Website: aap.uchc.edu

The Adoption Assistance Program provides assessment, education, brief counseling and referral services to adoptive families and to those touched by adoption.

African & Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities (AFCAMP)

60 B Weston Street
Hartford, CT 06120

Phone: 860-548-9959

E-mail: info@afcampa.org

Website: www.afcampa.org

AFCAMP is a parent run organization whose board members, staff and volunteers are parents and caregivers of children with disabilities. They offer parent to parent support, education and referral services, and advocacy and support at PPT meetings to parents and caregivers of children with disabilities in Hartford and New Haven for the purpose of improving children's education and quality of life.

American Childhood Cancer Organization

P.O. Box 498

Kensington, MD 20895-0498

Phone: 301-962-3520

Toll Free: 855-858-2226

E-mail: staff@acco.org

Website: www.acco.org

The American Childhood Cancer Organization is a national nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to educate, support, serve and advocate for families of children with cancer, survivors of childhood cancer and the professionals who care for them.

American Diabetes Association of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

2080 Silas Deane Highway, 2nd Floor
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Toll Free: 800-DIABETES (342-2383)

Email: AskADA@diabetes.org

Website: www.diabetes.org

The mission of the Association is to prevent and cure diabetes while improving the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The American Diabetes Association funds research, publishes scientific findings, and provides information and other services to people with diabetes, their families, health professionals and the public.

American Lung Association Northeast

45 Ash Street
 East Hartford, CT 06108-2342
Phone: 860-289-5401
E-mail: info@lungne.org
Website: www.lungne.org

The mission of the American Lung Association Northeast is to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. Programs and services are offered statewide in the areas of asthma, flu, pneumonia, smoking prevention, cessation, tuberculosis and air quality.

Americans with Disabilities Act Coalition of Connecticut (ADACC)

60 B Weston Street
 Hartford, CT 06120
Phone: 860-800-2232
 860-570-2222 TTY
E-mail: adacoalition@gmail.com
Website: www.adacc.net

The ADACC informs Connecticut citizens about the ADA and works to foster voluntary compliance. It offers a way for any interested person, business, employer and public agency to obtain information. They also provide training and technical assistance on rights and responsibilities under the ADA.

Arc of Connecticut

43 Woodland Street, Suite 260
 Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: 860-246-6400
E-mail: lsimoes@arcocfct.org
Website: www.thearcct.org

The Arc of Connecticut is an advocacy organization committed to protecting the rights of people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities. They focus on promoting opportunities for the person's full inclusion within their communities. To find your local Arc, please visit their website and click on the Arc/Connecticut Chapters button on the left hand side.

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)

Peter C. Young Building
 350 State Street
 North Haven, CT 06473
Phone: 203-498-6800
E-mail: acesinfo@aces.org
Website: www.aces.org

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) is the Regional Educational Service Center for the twenty-five school districts in South Central Connecticut. They exist to improve public education through high quality, cost effective programs and services. They meet the educational needs of member districts by acting as both the Local Education Agency (LEA) and as the regional service agency. As the LEA, they operate schools designed to meet the specific needs of the region; currently special education and Interdistrict Magnet schools. As a regional service agency, they develop solutions to the most pressing needs of their member school districts.

Arthritis Foundation Northern and Southern New England Chapter

35 Cold Spring Road; Suite 411
 Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Phone: 860-563-1177
Toll Free: 800-541-8350
E-mail: info.sne@arthritis.org
Website: www.arthritis.org

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and other related diseases.

Attorney Referral, Legal Aid and Advocacy Services - CT Law Libraries

Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries
 Administrative Offices
 90 Washington Street; 3rd Floor
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-706-5145
Email: lawlibrarians@jud.ct.gov
Website: www.jud.ct.gov/lawlib/referral.htm

The Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries provides contact information for legal services within Connecticut.

Autism Services and Resources Connecticut (ASRC)

101 North Plains Industrial Road
 Harvest Park; Building 1A
 Wallingford, CT 06492
Phone: 203-265-7717
Toll Free: 888-453-4975
Email: info@autismconnecticut.org
Website: www.autismconnecticut.org

ASRC is a support organization for individuals, families and professionals involved with autism spectrum disorders. They offer resources, support groups, workshops, conferences, on-site professional training and other services and supports.

Best Buddies Connecticut

28 Washington Avenue
 2nd Floor
 North Haven, CT 06473
Phone: 203-234-3996
Toll Free: 866-CT-BUDDY
E-mail: LezlyeZupkus@bestbuddies.org
Website: www.bestbuddiesct.org

A state affiliate of Best Buddies International, Best Buddies Connecticut seeks to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through one-to-one friendships.

Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut

200 Day Hill Rd., Suite 250
 Windsor, CT 06095
Phone: 860-219-0291
E-mail: general@biact.org
Website: www.biact.org

The Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut promotes support groups and service systems for people with brain injuries and their families. They provide education about traumatic brain injury and advocates for community and medical resources.

Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (BCAC)

2470 Fairfield Avenue
 Bridgeport, CT 06605
Phone: 203-549-0075
Website: www.bcacct.org

BCAC's member organizations are committed to improving the well-being of Bridgeport children through programs combining research, community planning, advocacy, education and mobilization. BCAC promotes policies and programs to ensure that their children have the opportunity to grow up safe and receive the education and skills to reach their full potential.

Camp Harkness

301 Great Neck Road
 Waterford, CT 06385
Phone: 860-443-7818
Website: www.ct.gov/ddsc/cwp/view.asp?q=393150

Camp Harkness offers Connecticut residents with a physical or mental challenge a wheelchair accessible recreational facility located on Long Island Sound in Waterford, CT. Therapeutic and recreational programs include a barnyard facility, sandy beach area, picnic area and adapted boating and fishing. Heated cabins are also available.

Camp Horizons

P.O. Box 323
 South Windham, CT 06266
Phone: 860-456-1032
E-mail: info@horizonsct.org
Website: www.horizonsct.org

The mission of Camp Horizons is to provide high quality residential, recreational, support and work programs for people who are developmentally disabled or who have other challenging social and emotional needs. They are committed to continuous improvement in programs, facilities and staffing.



Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)

111 Charter Oak Avenue
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-247-2732
Website: www.crec.org

Since 1966, CREC has worked with and for its member districts, to develop a wide array of cost-effective and high-quality programs and services to meet the educational needs of children and adults in the Capitol Region. CREC also reaches additional towns/districts through a number of statewide services and programs. The organization assists more than 150,000 students each year, offers more than 120 programs, and manages over 20 facilities, including eight interdistrict magnet schools. CREC's mission is to work with boards of education of the Capitol Region in order to improve the quality of public education for all learners.

CAST

Phone: 781-245-2212
Website: www.cast.org

Located north of Boston, CAST is a nonprofit education research and development organization that works to expand learning opportunities for all individuals through Universal Design for Learning. CAST works to understand the full extent of the human learner variability and to find transformative approaches that make education more effective for all.

CCMC School

300 John Downey Drive
 New Britain, CT 06051
Phone: 860-837-6400
E-mail: pgerrit@ccmckids.org
Website: www.connecticutchildrens.org

View the Connecticut Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education Directory of Private Approved Programs for a complete description at: www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/Priv_SpEd_Progs.pdf.

CCSN: The Center for Children with Special Needs and The Center for Independence

2213 & 2300 Main Street
 Glastonbury, CT 06033
Phone: 860-430-1762
E-mail: info@ccsnct.org
Website: www.ccsnct.org

CCSN is an interdisciplinary clinic specializing in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of children and adolescents with complex neurodevelopmental disabilities, particularly autism spectrum disorders, pediatric chronic illness, developmental disabilities and severe behavioral difficulties.

Center for Adaptive Technology

Southern Connecticut State University
 501 Crescent Street
 Engleman Building; Room 5
 New Haven, CT 06515
Phone: 203-392-5799
E-mail: cat@southernct.edu
Website: www.southernct.edu/adaptive_tech

Established in 1989, the Center for Adaptive Technology has a three-part mission to: support SCSU's students with disabilities, support SCSU's students in educational programs and provide community support. The Center now includes the Adaptive Technology Lab (ATL) serving students with disabilities and the Educational Technology Resource Lab (ETRL) serving students studying in fields relating to adaptive technology.

Center for Children's Advocacy

2074 Park Street
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-570-5327
Website: www.kidscounsel.org

The Center for Children's Advocacy is a nonprofit organization affiliated with UCONN School of Law. The Center protects the legal rights of poor children and youth who are dependent upon Connecticut's judicial, child welfare, health, mental health, education and juvenile justice systems for their care. Center attorneys help individual children with issues such as abuse and neglect, access to medical or mental health care, special education, truancy and juvenile justice involvement.

Center for Communication Disorders

Southern Connecticut State University
 501 Crescent Street; Davis Hall B-12
 New Haven, CT 06515
Phone: 203-392-5955
E-mail: purdym1@southernct.edu
Website: www.southernct.edu/communicationdisorders

The Center for Communication Disorders provides a variety of family-inclusive services including speech, language, hearing and advocacy for children and adults with communication disorders in the communities of Greater New Haven and its surrounding counties.

Center for Disability Rights

764B Campbell Avenue
 West Haven, CT 06516
Phone: 203-934-7077
E-mail: info@cdr-ct.org
Website: www.cdr-ct.org

The Center for Disability Rights is a membership driven center for independent living, engaging in advocacy, information and referral, independent living skills, assistive technology, community education and technical assistance designed to promote systemic change and the fuller integration of people with disabilities into the community.

The Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Southern CT State University
 Davis Hall
 501 Crescent Street
 New Haven, CT 06515
Phone: 203-392-5929; 203-392-5925
E-mail: erenr1@southernct.edu
Website: www.southernct.edu/asdcenter

The Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders serves as a resource and collaborative partner by developing, validating and delivering effective, innovative training, services and technical assistance to teachers, other school-based personnel, families and community services providers in the use of evidence-based practices for individuals ages 3-21 with autism spectrum disorders in Connecticut.

Centro De La Comunidad

109 Blinman Street
 New London, CT 06320
Phone: 860-442-4463
E-mail: info@centrocomunidad.org
Website: www.centro-sect.org

Founded in 1969, Centro de la Comunidad is New London's oldest Latino community-based organization. Their mission is to provide services, programs and advocacy that improve the social, political and economic conditions of the Latino community in Southeastern Connecticut, while nurturing and promoting its cultural traditions as it builds bridges with other communities. Their program areas include: adult education, cultural awareness, economic development, social services, legal advocacy, youth programming, family management and immigration rights.

Child Guidance Clinics

Website: www.dir.ct.gov/dcf/Licensed_Facilities/listing_OPCC.asp

The child guidance clinics provide outpatient psychiatric services for children. Please view the above website for a list of child guidance clinics.

Children's Law Center of Connecticut, Inc.

30 Arbor Street, North
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-232-9993
Toll Free: 888-LAW-DOOR (529-3667)
E-mail: clc@clcct.org
Website: www.clcct.org

Children's Law Center of Connecticut, Inc, is a private nonprofit organization that represents disadvantaged children in family court.

**Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care
Sickle Cell Association of America
Northern, CT Chapter**

100 Arch Street
P.O. Box 702
New Britain, CT 06050
Phone: 860-223-7222
E-mail: citizensforquality@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cqsgcc.org

Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care is an organization made up of volunteers from Connecticut who are parents, family members and friends of people living with Sickle Cell Disease, educators and members of the clergy who are interested in providing quality care and support for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease and related disorders. They offer educational materials, in-service trainings, advocacy, referrals, counseling and individual support.

Community Collaboratives/Care Coordination

Website: www.ct.gov/dcf/cwp/view.asp?a=2558&q=314350

Connecticut currently has 25 community collaboratives statewide that promote access to and services for children with behavioral health needs and their families. Families seeking care coordination services should contact the community collaborative identified for each town/city in the state.

Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA)

144 Clinton Street
New Britain, CT 06053
Phone: 860-832-9438
E-mail: edith@cafca.org
Website: www.cafca.org

CAFCA is a network of Connecticut's 12 Community Action Agencies that builds communities, promotes public policy and develops leaders to end poverty in Connecticut.

Connecticut Association for the Gifted (CAG)

P.O. Box 2598
Westport, CT 06880
Phone: 203-291-6586
E-mail: info@ctgifted.org
Website: www.ctgifted.org

CAG is an organization for educators, psychologists, parents, policy makers, administrators and others to learn about the unique educational and affective needs of gifted children and how to meet these needs effectively in their schools, families and communities. It recognizes that gifted children come from all cultures and backgrounds and have diverse abilities and interests.

Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents (CAFAP)

2189 Silas Deane Highway; Suite 2
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Phone: 860-258-3400
Toll Free: 800-861-8838
E-mail: info@cafap.com
Website: www.cafap.com

CAFAP is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening foster families, adoptive families and relative caregivers through support, training and advocacy. Their main focus is on child safety and well-being.

Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership

500 Enterprise Drive, Suite 4D
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Phone: 877-552-8247
866-218-0525 TTY
E-mail: ctbhp@valueoptions.com
Website: www.ctbhp.com

The primary goal of the CT BHP is to provide enhanced access to and coordination of a more complete and effective system of community-based behavioral health services and supports and to improve member outcomes. CT BHP is dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of behavioral health services, to simplifying access to those services, and to making the system more efficient and accountable through:

Connecticut Birth to Three System

Toll Free: 800-505-7000
866-888-4188 Family Support Line
Website: www.birth23.org

The Connecticut Birth to Three System is for children birth to 36 months of age with developmental delays or disabilities. They provide evaluation and services to eligible families including: service coordination, individualized family service plans (IFSP), OT, PT, speech, special instruction, family training and others identified in IFSP.

A list of Birth to Three Programs can be found on their website: www.birth23.org/programs/general/.

Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)

184 Windsor Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095
Phone: 860-602-4000
TDD: 860-602-4221
E-mail: Brian Sigman brian.sigman@ct.gov
Website: www.ct.gov/besb

BESB provides comprehensive services for persons of all ages who are legally blind including children who are visually impaired. Services include: braille instruction, independent living and social development training, provisions of adaptive technology and textbooks, transition from school to work experiences, mentoring programs and consultation services to local school districts.

Connecticut Braille Association, Inc.

Braille Division
44 Imperial Avenue
Westport, CT 06880
Phone: 203-227-5243
Email: micki1@juno.com
Website: www.familyconnect.org

Connecticut Braille Association, Inc. provides textbooks for the visually impaired in the state of Connecticut, as well as other requests for individuals.

Connecticut Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) Central Office

55 Farmington Avenue, 12th Floor
Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: 860-920-7163 Video Phone
Toll Free: 800-537-2549
E-mail: brs.dss@ct.gov
Website: www.ct.gov/brs

BRS is a part of the Department of Social Services. They assist persons with physical or mental disabilities to prepare for, find or keep a job. The disability must result in a substantial impediment to employment. The Bureau oversees vocational rehabilitation services, disability determination services and the Connect to Work Center. The Connect to Work Center, includes: independent living, CT Tech Act Project, work incentives planning and assistance grant, and the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG).

Connecticut Camping Association

50 Winding Trails Drive
Farmington, CT 06032
Phone: 860-677-8458 ext.14
Email: camp@ctcamps.org
Website: www.ctcamps.org

The CT Camping Association (CCA) has been the voice of CT camps since 1965. The CCA is a non-profit organization that promotes good camping practices and works closely with the CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and the American Camp Association (ACA). One of the main purposes of the CCA is to further the interests and welfare of children and adults through camping as an educational and recreational experience.

The Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN)

85 Willow Street
New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: 203-772-4017
E-mail: info@conncan.org
Website: www.conncan.org

The Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN) is an advocacy organization leading a movement to improve public education for kids. ConnCAN brings parents, educators, policymakers, and advocates together to help ensure that all kids have access to great schools regardless of race, wealth, or zip code.



**Connecticut Commission on Children,
Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)**

18-20 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-240-0290
Website: www.cga.ct.gov/coc

The CT Commission on Children is a non-partisan commission brings 25 representatives from the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government together with the private sector to promote public policies in the best interest of the child. PLTI enables parents to become leading advocates for children. In addition, a companion training, Parents Supporting Education Excellence, is available.

**Connecticut Commission on the Deaf and
Hearing Impaired (CDHI)**

67 Prospect Avenue; 3rd Floor
West Hartford, CT 06133
Toll Free: 800-708-6796 Voice
TTY: 860-231-8169
Interpreting Unit: 860-231-1690x. 5 Voice
Website: www.cdhi.ct.gov/cdhi

CDHI is a state agency dedicated to advocating, strengthening and implementing state policies affecting deaf and hearing impaired individuals. CDHI provides personal and family counseling services, information and referral, sign language interpreting services, oral interpretive services, community education and in-service training on hearing loss, job development and placement including vocational counseling.

Connecticut Community Health Centers

Connecticut Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Ave
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134
Phone: 860-509-8074
Website: www.ct.gov/dph

Community Health Centers serve as the medical home and family physician for many of the poor, underserved and vulnerable people at risk for poor health status who live in communities throughout Connecticut. They offer comprehensive, community-based health care including pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric health care, prenatal and postpartum care as well as supportive services such as translation, transportation, case management, social services and culturally sensitive health care.

**Connecticut Council of Family Service
Agencies**

1310 Silas Deane Highway; Suite 219
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone: 860-571-0093
E-mail: Doug Larson dlarson@ctfsa.org
Website: www.ctfsa.org

The Council is a statewide network of independent, nonprofit, family service agencies that deliver services from offices located throughout Connecticut. Member agencies are community-based, licensed by the state and nationally accredited.

**Connecticut Department of Children and
Families - Main Office (DCF)**

505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 800-842-2288
Website: www.ct.gov/DCF

DCF is legally responsible for providing services to protect children and youth up to age 18 from abuse, neglect, abandonment and exploitation. Services include family assessment, counseling, family preservation, temporary emergency shelter, parent aides, parenting classes, aid to unwed mothers, foster care and adoption. Please contact the main office for a location nearest you.

**Connecticut Department of Developmental
Services (DDS)**

460 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-418-6000
Toll Free: 866-737-0330
Email: ddsct.co@ct.gov
Website: www.ct.gov/dds

DDS is the state agency responsible providing services to individuals with intellectual disability over the age of 21. In addition, the agency oversees the federally funded Birth to Three System which serves infants and toddlers. Services include, family support, respite, case management, clinical, residential, employment and day programs. To find the DDS region appropriate for a CT town, please see the town finder page at: www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=395462&ddsPNavCtr=1.

Connecticut Department of Labor

200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone: 860-263-6000
E-mail: dol.webhelp@ct.gov
Website: www.ctdol.state.ct.us

The Department of Labor assists people seeking jobs through a statewide network of employment assistance centers.

**Connecticut Department of Mental Health
and Addiction Services (DMHAS) - Young
Adult Services (YAS)**

410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-418-7000
Phone - Hearing Impaired: 860-418-6707
Website: www.ct.gov/dmhas

DMHAS is for young adults ages 18-25 (may be referred at 16) who have chronic and serious mental health illness, and are medically indigent (don't have insurance). Priority is given to DCF clients. DMHAS fosters independence by offering housing supports, clinical supports for mental health issues, skill building and vocational supports.

Connecticut Department of Public Health

410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06134
Phone: 860-509-8000
Website: www.ct.gov/dph

The Connecticut Department of Public Health provides a variety of services for children with special health care needs in Connecticut as well as programs for all children on preventing disease, promoting good health and ensuring a safe and healthy environment. A listing of the programs and services they provide can be found online at: www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3115&q=387268&dphNav_GID=1601.

**Connecticut Department of Social
Services (DSS)**

55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: 800-842-4524 TDD/TTY
Toll Free: 800-842-1508
Website: www.ct.gov/dss

DSS provides a broad range of services to the elderly, persons with disabilities, families, and individuals who need assistance in maintaining or achieving their full potential for self-direction, self-reliance and independent living. They provide a continuum of core services to: meet basic needs of food, shelter, economic support and health care, promote and support the choice to live with dignity in one's own home and community, and promote and support the achievement of economic viability in the workforce. Some of the agencies/programs you may find helpful are: the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Independent Living Centers and Adult Services.

Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress

P.O. Box 243
Meriden, 06450
Toll Free: 888-486-8537
E-mail: info@ctdownsyndrome.org
Website: www.ctdownsyndrome.org

Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress provides support for families of individuals with Down syndrome. They also provide information to new parents, social activities and advocacy.

**Connecticut Families for Effective Autism
Treatment, Inc. (CT FEAT)**

P.O. Box 370352
West Hartford, CT 06137-0352
Phone: 860-571-3888
E-mail: ctfeat1@ctfeat.org
Website: www.ctfeat.org

CT FEAT provides information and resources to help parents evaluate the effectiveness of current autism treatment. They approach and support families implementing intensive treatment programs based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).



Connecticut Family Resource Center Program

Connecticut State Department of Education
Bureau of Health, Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education
25 Industrial Park Road
Middletown, CT 06457
Phone: 860-713-6543
E-mail: Louis Tallarita
louis.tallarita@ct.gov
Website: www.sde.ct.gov

The Connecticut Family Resource Center Program promotes comprehensive, integrated, community-based systems of family support and child development services located in public schools buildings. This model is based on the "Schools for the 21st Century" concept developed by Dr. Edward Zigler of Yale University. Family Resource Centers are located in 62 schools throughout Connecticut and provide access, within a community, to a broad continuum of early childhood and family support services that foster the optimal development of children and families.

Connecticut Family Support Network

1074 Main Street.
South Glastonbury, CT 06073
Phone: 860-430-5679
Toll Free: 877-376-2329
Email: Tesha Imperati, Executive Director
timperati@ctfsn.org
Website: www.ctfsn.org

The Connecticut Family Support Network is a statewide network of parents of children with a wide range of disabilities and special health care needs who provide information, resources and training to families

Connecticut Head Start Association

250 Cedar Street
New haven, CT 06519
Phone: 860-777-4006
Website: www.ctheadstart.org

Head Start and Early Head Start addresses all areas of child development and early learning essential for school and long-term success. The Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework (children 3 - 5 years old), the Early Head Start Program Performance Measures (Infants/Toddlers), Connecticut Early Learning Standards and other guidance documents (for children Birth - 5 years old), and current research in child development and learning support Head Start and Early Head Start programs to identify established school readiness and promote the school readiness of children by enhancing their development in a learning environment that supports children's growth.

Connecticut Homeschool Network (CHN)

P.O. Box 115
Goshen, CT 06756
Website: www.cthomeschoolnetwork.org

CHN is Connecticut's statewide information and support network. They are an independent, online-based homeschooling organization, which serves to inform, empower and foster community among home educators in the state of Connecticut. CHN is completely inclusive, welcoming everyone of all races, religions, lifestyles, abilities and disabilities, and learning methodologies.

Connecticut Judicial Branch

Website: www.jud.ct.gov

The Connecticut Judicial Branch offers information and support on issues related to parenting education, probate court/ guardianship, custody and child support issues, juvenile issues including probation and legal rights in detention.

Connecticut Legal Services

62 Washington Street
Middletown, CT 06457
Toll Free: 860-344-0447
E-mail: povertylaw@connlegalservices.org
Website: www.connlegalservices.org

Connecticut Legal Services provides special education representation to low income clients. Community education materials can be found at: www.larcc.org under publications of children with disabilities.

Connecticut Lifespan Respite Coalition (CLRC)

2138 Silas Deane Highway #100
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Phone: 860-513-0172
Toll Free: 877-737-1966
E-mail: ctrespit@cox.net
Website: www.ctrespit.org

The Connecticut Lifespan Respite Coalition determines the need for respite care and the types of care needed in each part of the state. They provide information to caregivers and providers about respite issues, needs and resources. They have devised an effective system for assuring that care is available to - and easily accessed by - every caregiver who needs it throughout the state.

Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)

999 Asylum Avenue #1
Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: 860-566-2106
Toll Free: 800-994-0939
E-mail: oca@ct.gov
Website: www.ct.gov/oca

OCA monitors and evaluates public and private agencies that are charged with the protection of children, and reviews state agency policies and procedures to ensure they protect children's rights and promote their best interest.

Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC)

165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-713-6410
Website: <http://www.ct.gov/oec/site/default.asp>

OEC was established to help improve the various early childhood programs and components in the state to create a cohesive high-quality early childhood system. OEC also oversees a coordinated system of early childhood care, education and support.

Connecticut Office of the Healthcare Advocate

P.O. Box 1543
Hartford, CT 06144
Toll Free: 866-466-4446
Email: healthcare.advocate@ct.gov
Website: www.ct.gov/oha

The Office of the Healthcare Advocate assists consumers with healthcare issues through the establishment of effective outreach programs and the development of communications related to consumer rights and responsibilities. The office focuses on assisting consumers to make informed decisions when selecting a health plan, assisting consumers to resolve problems with their health insurance plans, and identifying issues, trends and problems that may require executive, regulatory or legislative intervention.

Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA)

60B Weston Street
Hartford, CT 06120
Phone: 860-297-4300
Email: opa-information@ct.gov
Website: www.ct.gov/opapd

OPA provides information on disability rights and services and advocates for people with disabilities who have been discriminated against or who are experiencing difficulty securing relevant supports and services. They provide legal assistance, investigate complaints of abuse and neglect of adults with intellectual and psychiatric disabilities, offer training and technical assistance and support the development of community advocacy groups.

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)

338 Main Street
Niantic, CT 06357
Toll Free: 800-445-2722
Phone: 860-739-3089
E-mail: cpac@cpacinc.org
Website: www.cpacinc.org

Satellite Office:
Fairhaven Community Health Center
374 Grand Avenue, New Haven, CT 06513
Phone: 203-776-3211

Connecticut Parent Information and Resource Center

25 Industrial Park Road
Middletown, CT 06457
Phone: 800-842-8678
E-mail: info@ctpirc.org
Website: ctpirc.org

The Connecticut Parent Information and Resource Center (CT PIRC) provides support, resources, and outreach to all Connecticut families. Training opportunities are provided for parent leaders, community-based, faith-based, and school personnel on No Child Left Behind (NCLB), family learning/literacy, and school-family-community partnerships, which include culturally responsive information. A toll-free phone line provides assistance to families on educational issues related to the No Child Left Behind Act. The CT PIRC website has links to resources on NCLB, family learning, family engagement, parent involvement, and school-family-community partnerships.

Connecticut Probate Court

186 Newington Road
West Hartford, CT 06110
Phone: 860-231-2442
Website: <http://www.ctprobate.gov/>

In addition to their traditional role of overseeing decedents' estates and trusts, the probate courts handle a wide range of sensitive issues affecting children, the elderly, persons with intellectual disabilities, and individuals with psychiatric disabilities. In carrying out their responsibilities, the probate courts strive to protect the rights of individuals while affording those involved in probate matters an approachable and consumer-friendly environment.

Connecticut State Department of Education

165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-713-6543
Website: www.sde.ct.gov

The Connecticut State Department of Education is the administrative arm of the Connecticut State Board of Education. Through leadership, curriculum, research, planning, evaluation, assessment, data analyses and other assistance, the Department helps to ensure equal opportunity and excellence in education for all Connecticut students. The Department operates the CT Technical High School System.

Connecticut Voices for Children

33 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06510
Phone: 203-498-4240
E-mail: voices@ctvoices.org
Website: <http://www.ctvoices.org/>

Connecticut Voices for Children promotes the well-being of all of Connecticut's young people and their families by advocating for strategic public investments and prudent public policies. Connecticut Voices for Children advances its mission through high quality research and analysis, strategic communications, citizen education and development of advocates.

Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)

75 Charter Oak Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-247-6090
E-mail: cwealf@cwealf.org
Website: www.cwealf.org

The Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund provides free legal information and referrals related to family, employment, education and civil rights law including: Title IX, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, divorce, child support, and LGBT civil rights.

Connecticut Youth Leadership Project, Inc. (CT YLP)

202 Highwood Drive
South Glastonbury, CT 06073
Phone: 860-623-2774
E-mail: kcstig@gmail.com
Website: www.ctyyp.org

CT YLP is a nonprofit organization that empowers youth with disabilities to realize their leadership and self-advocacy potential. CT YLP coordinates the Connecticut Youth Leadership Forum. The goal of Youth Leadership Forum is to offer high school students with disabilities in Connecticut an educational and motivational forum where they can explore and develop their leadership potential in an atmosphere of support and encouragement. Student participation in YLF benefits each student's community by increasing awareness and sensitivity of the capacities of people with disabilities.

Connecticut Youth Services Association

P.O. Box 551
Glastonbury, CT 06033
E-mail: cysa@ctyouthservices.org
Website: www.ctyouthservices.org

Connecticut Youth Services Association (CYSA) leads, strengthens and supports a unified network of Youth Service Bureaus dedicated to promoting the well-being of Connecticut's children, youth, and families. CYSA has been serving Youth Service Bureaus since 1972. Mandated by Connecticut General Statue a Youth Service Bureau (YSB) is an agency operated directly by one or more municipalities that is designed for planning, evaluation,

coordination, and implementation of a network of resources and opportunities for children, youth, and their families. In addition, YSBs are responsible for the provision of services and programs for all youth to develop positively and to function as responsible members of their communities. In addition to providing direct services like other agencies, YSBs have a responsibility to assess the needs of youth, identify gaps in service and coordinate services for youth to fill the gaps and avoid duplication of services. YSBs are either a municipal department or a local non profit organization.

Cooperative Educational Services (CES)

40 Lindeman Drive
Trumbull, CT 06611
Phone: 203-365-8800
Email: info@ces.k12.ct.us
Website: www.ces.k12.ct.us

C.E.S. is one of Connecticut's 6 Regional Education Service Centers. Its mission as the Regional Education Service Center in Southwestern CT is to promote the success of school districts and their communities.

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation

302 West Main Street #100
Avon, CT 06001
Phone: 860-676-8166; 860-676-8255
Toll Free: 800-753-2357; 800-223-8355
E-mail: info@cdlsusa.org
Website: www.cdlsusa.org

The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation is a family support organization which exists to ensure early and accurate diagnosis of CdLS. They promote research into the causes and manifestations of the syndrome and help people with a diagnosis of CdLS and others with similar characteristics make informed decisions throughout their lifetime.

The Cove Center for Grieving Children

250 Pomeroy Avenue; Suite 107
Meriden, CT 06450
Phone: 203-634-0500
Toll Free: 800-750-2683
Website: www.covect.org

The Cove Center for Grieving Children provides community support groups for children and their families who have experienced the death of someone significant in their lives.

CRISKids

315 Windsor Ave.
Windsor, CT 06095
Phone: 860-527-8000
Website: www.crisradio.org

CRISKids is an audio service that offers instant access to the only extensive online audio library of children's magazines, Common Core text, and custom recordings--all featuring human narration. Individual subscriptions for students are available for \$5.00/month or \$30.00/year.

Decoding Dyslexia

E-mail: DDConnecticut@yahoo.com
Website: www.decodingdyslexia.org

Decoding Dyslexia – CT is a grassroots movement driven by Connecticut families, teachers and advocates concerned with the limited identification and access to educational interventions for dyslexia within CT public schools. The organization aims to raise dyslexia awareness, empower families to support their children and inform policy-makers on best practices to identify, remediate and support students with dyslexia in CT public schools.

Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut (DNEC)

19 Ohio Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360
Phone: 860-823-1898
Video Phone: 860-237-4515
E-mail: dnecc@dnecc.org
Website: www.dnecc.org

DNEC is one of Connecticut's Independent Living Centers (ILC). ILCs assist people with disabilities to achieve their maximum independence by controlling their own lives and developing skills to live and work in the community. The four core services are advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling and life skills training.

Early Childhood Consultation Partnership

Advanced Behavioral Health
213 Court Street
Middletown, CT 06457
Phone: 860-638-5309
Website: www.abhct.com

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Partnership serves children birth to five and their families in licensed child care and early education programs.

Easter Seals Connecticut/Rhode Island

P.O. Box 100
85 Jones Street
Hebron, CT 06248-0100
Phone: 860-874-7687
Website: www.ct.easterseals.com

Each Easter Seals center provides family-focused programs tailored to meet the specific needs of the particular community it serves. Primary Easter Seals services include: medical rehabilitation, early intervention, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, job training and employment, child care, adult day services, camping and recreation. There are many Easter Seals programs in Connecticut.

Eastern Connecticut Regional Education Service Center (EASTCONN)

376 Hartford Turnpike
Hampton, CT 06247
Phone: 860-455-0707
E-mail: info@eastconn.org
Website: www.eastconn.org

EASTCONN is one of Connecticut's six Regional Education Service Centers. Located in Northeastern Connecticut. EASTCONN promotes collaborations that are responsive to the educational needs of all learners.

EDUCATION CONNECTION

355 Goshen Road
Litchfield, CT 06759
Phone: 860-567-0863
E-mail: info@educationconnection.org
Website: www.educationconnection.org

The Education Connection is one of Connecticut's six Regional Education Service Centers. Located in Western Connecticut, Education Connection promotes the success of school districts and their communities.

This service provides emergency services including mobile response; psychiatric assessment; medication consultation, assessment, and short-term medication management; behavioral management services; substance abuse screening and referral to traditional and non-traditional services for any family with a child in crisis. Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (EMPS) deliver a range of crisis response and crisis stabilization services to children, youth, their families and caregivers including children residing in relative, adoptive and foster care homes. For children currently involved in clinical treatment, EMPS first assesses the capability of that clinical service to handle the intervention. The EMPS provider is responsible for assuring that the client receives appropriate care during the crisis period. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This service is for children, age birth to seventeen, and/or the child or family. **To find the contact for your town please visit:** www.empsct.org or dial 211.

Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut, Inc.

386 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457-3360
Phone: 860-346-1924
Toll Free: 800-899-3745
E-mail: efct@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.epilepsyct.com

The EFCT helps people with epilepsy understand, manage and cope with their disorder. The agency services include: a parent and family telephone network, summer camp for children and teens, educational programs for schools, interaction with children with epilepsy, support groups, membership program and electronic e-news service.

Family Advocacy Organization for Children's Mental Health (FAVOR)

185 Silas Deane Highway, 2nd Floor
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone: 860-563-3232 ext. 201
E-mail: Jenny Bridges jgarcia@favor-ct.org
Website: www.favor-ct.org

FAVOR's mission is to help improve mental health services for children with serious emotional disorders throughout Connecticut by increasing the availability, accessibility, cultural competence and quality of mental health services for children through family advocacy.

Family Advocacy Program

Middlesex Hospital
28 Crescent Street
Middletown, CT 06457
Phone: 860-344-6426
Website: www.middlesexhospital.org

Middlesex Hospital's Family Advocacy Program enhances parents ability to care for their children while improving access to resources and responding to family needs. Components of the program include maternal and child health, child and adolescent outpatient counseling and home based psychiatric services.

Family Centered Services of CT, Inc. (Formerly Coordinating Council For Children In Crisis, Inc.)

235 Nicoll Street (Rear)
New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: 203-624-2600
E-mail: info@FamilyCT.org
Website: www.ccccnh.org

Family Centered Services of CT, Inc. works with families to ensure that they are safe and nurturing places where children can succeed. Care coordination to children and youth with special health care needs and their families is offered free of charge. Other services include home-based parenting education, domestic violence counseling, and support for kinship caregivers.

Family and Children's Agency, Inc. (FCA)

9 Mott Avenue; 4th Floor
Norwalk, CT 06850
Phone: 203-855-8765
E-mail: ttaylor@fcagency.org
Website: www.familyandchildrensagency.org

FCA serves families through individual and family counseling, therapeutic foster care, domestic and international adoptions, family support programs for at-risk pregnant women and teens, substance abuse day treatment program for women, respite care for parents of severely emotionally disturbed children, adult and teen mentoring to younger children and a host of services for the elderly.

Family Life Education (FLE)

30 Arbor Street, 1st Floor
 South Building
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-231-7744
Website: www.familylifeedu.org

FLE works with youth and families through group and case management in three areas: teen and young parent support, prevention education and child abuse intervention.

Family Strides, Inc.

350 Main Street; Suite D
 Torrington, CT 06790
Phone: 860-482-3236
Toll Free: 877-787-9146
Website: www.familystrides.org

Family Strides consists of several different programs including Healthy Start, HUSKY Outreach, Nurturing Families Network CT - Northwest, Nurturing Connections, Father Involvement Initiatives, the Nurturing Fathers Program and Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC). Bilingual services are available.

Fleet and Family Support Center

Sub Base New London
 83 Grayling Avenue, Building #3
 Groton, CT 06349-5093
Phone: 860-694-3383
Website: http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/installations/navsubbase_new_london/ffr.html

The Center serves both active duty and retired personnel and encompasses the whole Navy "family". Services are all free of charge. The Center provides information about child development, parenting, continuing education, career development and basic skills for living (such as budgeting and consumer affairs).

The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN)

11781 Lee Jackson Highway; Suite 160
 Fairfax, VA 22033
Toll Free: 800-929-4040
E-mail: faan@foodallergy.org
Website: www.foodallergy.org

FAAN's mission is to raise public awareness, to provide advocacy and education, and to advance research on behalf of all those affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Friends of Autistic People (FAP)

974 North Street
 Greenwich, CT 06831
Phone: 203-661-8510
E-mail: fap.autismct@gmail.com
Website: www.autisticadults.com

FAP is a group of parents and professionals dedicated to raising awareness of services and supported living arrangements needed for the entire spectrum of grown children with autism. They educate and inform the public, parents and legislators about autism and the needs of individuals with autism through e-mail alerts, and presentations by autism professionals and authors of personal stories. They advocate for life span supports with the legislators and the business world. FAP also does telephone referrals and runs parent support group .

Friends of Retarded Citizens of Connecticut (FORConn)

200 Leeder Hill Drive; Apartment 326
 Hamden, CT 06517
Phone: 203-375-1796
E-mail: ewalen@sbcglobal.net

FORConn is a parent and guardian volunteer organization that advocates for all persons with mental retardation, regardless of their age, place of residence, education, work, play and worship. FORConn members believe that a full range of choice for all services is a top priority for people with mental retardation and their families.

Futures, Inc.

158 Broad Street
 Middletown, CT 06457
Phone: 860-347-5099
Toll Free: 888-891-9319
E-mail: info@futures-ct.org
Website: www.futuresschool.org

Futures, Inc. is a nonprofit agency providing educational services to students with special needs. Futures' services include: consulting, assessment and consultations, tutoring, mentoring, staff training, transition planning, support services and alternative school programs. They also have offices located in New London and Hartford.

Goodwill Industries

165 Ocean Terrace
 Bridgeport, CT 06605
Phone: 203-368-6511
Website: www.goodwill.org

Goodwill offers a wide range of services especially designed for people with disabilities or other special needs who are unemployed, underemployed, entering the workforce for the first time, or students making the transition from a school to work environment. These services include: case management, individual and group supported employment, work tryouts, vocational evaluation, competitive job placement and follow-up. Supporting living arrangements and a Day Support Option program are also available for developmentally disabled individuals. Goodwill also offers a mentoring program.

Grandparent Programs at The Consultation Center

389 Whitney Avenue
 New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: 203-789-7645
E-mail: info@theconsultationcenter.org
Website: www.theconsultationcenter.org/index.php?/grandparents-raising-grandchildren.html

The Grandparent programs include, the grandparent respite program, the grandparent raising grandchildren support program, the "Grandnews" newsletter and information and resource referral. Their goal is to reduce negative health outcomes that can result from difficulty coping with an array of stressors and other risk factors including economic hardship, substance abuse, illness and death, abuse and neglect, family violence, HIV/AIDS, incarceration and divorce.

Hall Neighborhood House

52 George E. Pipkin's Way
 Bridgeport, CT 06608
Phone: 203-345-2000
Email: info@hnhonline.org
Website: <http://hnhonline.org>

Hall Neighborhood House's main services include daycare for low to moderate income families, performing arts for children and teens, youth services (including computer training and education to teens) and a senior citizen program.

Healthnet: Connecticut Consumer Health Information Network

Lyman Maynard Stowe Library
 University of Connecticut Health Center
 263 Farmington Avenue
 P.O. Box 4003
 Farmington, CT 06034
Phone: 860-679-2839
Website: <http://library.uhc.edu/departm/hnet>

Healthnet: Connecticut Consumer Health Information Network, a program of the University of Connecticut Health Center Library, provides free, customized consumer health research service for Connecticut residents with questions about their health or a family member's health. Their website includes links to topic-by-topic lists of recommended websites on subjects such as Connecticut health resources, research news, navigating the health care system, children's health, developmental disabilities and others.

Help Me Grow

Children's Trust Fund
 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 287
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 1-800-505-7000
 860-713-5330
Website: www.ct.gov/ctf

Help Me Grow ensures that children and their families have access to a system of early identification, prevention and intervention services. They link child health providers, parents and service providers with existing community resources through a toll-free Child Development Infoline.

High Road Academy - Wallingford Campus

29 and 31 Village Lane
Wallingford, CT 06492

Phone: 203-840-1030

Email: rchomicz@highroadschool.com

Website: www.highroadschool.com

View the Connecticut Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education Directory of Private Approved Programs for a complete description at: http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/Priv_SpEd_Progs.pdf.

Hispanic Health Council

175 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-527-0856 ext. 256

Email: Mary Vivo

maryv@hispanichealth.com

Website: www.hispanichealth.com/hhc

The Hispanic Health Council is a community based organization committed to improving the health and social well being of Puerto Rican, Latinos and under served communities in Connecticut. The Council provides a comprehensive, community-based approach to serving people through research, service, training and advocacy.

Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

565 Ashford Center Road
Ashford, CT 06278

Phone: 860-429-3444

E-mail: ashford@holeinthewallgang.org

Website: www.holeinthewallgang.org

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, Connecticut is a nonprofit, residential summer camp and year-round center serving children and their families coping with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions. Through Camp programs, year-round outreach to hospitals and clinics, and ongoing services for children, families and caregivers, the Camp serves more than 15,000 annually. All of the Camp's services are provided free of charge.

Independence Northwest (IN)

1183 New Haven Road, Suite 200
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Phone: 203-729-3299

E-mail: info@independencenorthwest.org

Website: www.independencenorthwest.org

Independence Northwest is one of Connecticut's Independent Living Centers (ILC). ILCs assist people with disabilities to achieve their maximum independence by controlling their own lives and developing skills to live and work in their community. The four core services are advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling and skills training.

Independence Unlimited, Inc.

151 New Park Avenue; #65
Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-523-0126 Voice/TTY

Website: <http://independenceunlimited.org/>

Independence Unlimited provides a variety of services to help people with disabilities live as independently as possible in the community of their choice. Services include information and referral, independent living skills training, peer counseling, and individuals and system advocacy. The agency also transitions people with disabilities from institutions into the community. Businesses and organizations can receive technical assistance and surveys to determine compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability and accessibility requirements. Independence Unlimited is a non-residential, nonprofit center for independent living as defined under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended.

The Institute of Living at Hartford Hospital Child and Adolescent Programs

200 Retreat Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-545-7000

Toll Free: 800-673-2411

Website: www.harthosp.org/InstituteOfLiving

The Institute of Living at Hartford Hospital Child and Adolescent Programs offers a wide variety of services including, inpatient, child day treatment, an outpatient child guidance clinic, IOL day program at Bloomfield, extended day programs and special education school. To reach their assessment center please call 860-545-7200.

Junta for Progressive Action

169 Grand Avenue
New Haven, CT 06513

Phone: 203-787-0191

203-787-4934

E-mail: info@juntainc.org

Website: www.juntainc.org

Founded in 1969, Junta for Progressive Action, Inc. is the oldest Latino community based nonprofit organization in New Haven, CT. Their mission is to provide services, programs and advocacy that improve the social, political and economic conditions of the Latino community in Greater New Haven, while nurturing and promoting its cultural traditions as it builds bridges with other communities.

Kids in Crisis

1 Salem Street
Cos Cob, CT 06807

Phone: 203-327-5437

E-mail: general@kidsincrisis.org

Website: www.kidsincrisis.org

The Kids in Crisis mission is to protect infants, children and teens from abuse and family crisis. They provide free, round-the-clock crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter and prevention programs in local communities throughout Connecticut.

Kidsteps / Family and Children Center - SARAH, Inc.

246 Goose Lane
Guilford, CT 06437

Phone: 203-453-7592 x101

Toll Free: 877-KID-STEP

E-mail: kidsteps@sarah-inc.org

Website: www.sarah-inc.org

SARAH Inc. is a family founded, nonprofit agency dedicated to providing community based supports to people for whom life presents special challenges. KIDSTEPS provides services and workshops for families of children with disabilities age birth to 12

Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership, Inc. (LEAP)

31 Jefferson Street
New Haven, CT 06513

Phone: 203-773-0770

E-mail: Henry Fernandez, Interim Executive Director

hfernandex@leapforkids.org

Website: www.leapforkids.org

LEAP provides year-round after school and summer enrichment for children ages 7-12 who live in 5 New Haven neighborhoods: Church Street South, Fairhaven, Farnam Court, Lower Dixwell and Dwight. Mentored by high school and college students in small groups, children read each day, engage in community service projects, and participate in arts, athletics, aquatics and technology workshops.

LEARN

44 Hatchetts Hill Road
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Phone: 860-434-4800

E-mail: communications@learn.k12.ct.us

Website: www.learn.k12.ct.us

LEARN initiates, supports and provides a wide range of programs and services that expand opportunities and enhance the quality of learning in the educational community. Through its leadership, resources and work with schools, students, families and other community agencies, LEARN promotes regional and statewide cooperation and provides a framework for districts to achieve their goals.

Learning Ally

2067 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140

Phone: 617-500-2724

E-mail: Mark Doucette

mdoucette@learningally.org

Website: www.learningally.org

RFB&D operates a studio with seven soundproof booths and sophisticated digital recording equipment that produces RFB&D books. They record a variety of texts including science and technology books for over 750 Connecticut residents and thousands of people across the country. These books are distributed on CD.

Ledge Light Health District

216 Broad Street
 New London, CT 06360
Phone: 860-448-4882
E-mail: Jennifer Muggeo jmuggeo@llhd.org
Website: www.llhd.org

The Ledge Light Health District provides professionally managed comprehensive public health services designed to improve the quality of life and health safety of its service population. In addition to essential environmental health services and compliance enforcement, the District provides population-based prevention programs to reduce health risk, disease and death. They do this through education, promotions and outreach activities.

Little Hearts, Inc.

P.O. Box 171
 110 Court Street, Suite 2
 Cromwell, CT 06416
Phone: 860-635-0006
Toll Free: 866-435-4673
Website: www.littlehearts.org

Little Hearts is a national organization providing support, education, resources, networking and hope to families affected by congenital heart defects.

Marrakech, Inc.

6 Lunar Drive
 Woodbridge, CT 06525
Phone: 203-389-2970
 203-397-0658
Email: info@marrakechinc.org
Website: www.marrakechinc.org

Marrakech, Inc. provides residential, employment, support, referral and advocacy services to people with disabilities or similar service needs. They assist them in exercising their human rights as citizens and as contributing members of society. They also have a Children and Youth Service division that provides comprehensive services to those age 3-21.

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Health Services

Route 2
 P.O. Box 3260
 Mashantucket, CT 06338
Phone: 860-312-8000
Website: www.mptn-nsn.gov

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Health Services operates a health facility for Native Americans. A comprehensive range of services are offered. These include basic medical care, community outreach, nutrition, behavioral health services and traditional healing.

Mental Health Association of Connecticut, Inc. (MHAC)

20-30 Beaver Road
 Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone: 860-529-1970
Toll Free: 800-842-1501
Website: www.mhact.org

MHAC is a statewide nonprofit membership organization that offers support groups, self-help groups, information and referral services, literature distribution, mental health and substance abuse education programs for children and adults, a newsletter and other services to promote the needs, goals and aspirations of its clients on their way to recovery.

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

157 Church Street, 21st Floor
 New Haven, CT 06510
Phone: 203-776-3050
Toll Free: 800-937-0843

Merrill Lynch has a network of Certified Special Needs Financial Advisors who are trained in special needs planning. These Financial Advisors can help parents address their family's needs using all the resources available through Merrill Lynch, including: traditional investments, special needs trusts, insurance products and estate planning strategies.

Mi Casa Family Service and Educational Center

590 Park Street
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-522-5222
E-mail: Jorge Rivera
jorge.rivera@micasainc.org
Website: www.micasainc.org

Mi Casa Family Service and Educational Center provides positive youth and adult education and development programs and services to the city of Hartford.

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)

148 Eastern Boulevard; 1st Floor
 Glastonbury, CT 06033
Phone: 860-633-4466
E-mail: hartford@mdausa.org
Website: www.mdausa.org

MDA supports three clinics in Connecticut at: The University of Connecticut, the Health Center in Farmington, The Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford and The Yale School of Medicine in New Haven. MDA also offers support groups, as well as assistance in obtaining and maintaining wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices when prescribed by a clinical physician. The Association also offers a wide range of programs for young people ages 6-21, including a one week summer camp session.

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Connecticut (NAMI-CT)

241 Main Street, 5th Floor
 Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-882-0236
Toll Free: 800-215-3021
E-mail: membership@namict.org
Website: www.namict.org

NAMI-CT (a chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is in its third decade of operation, having started in Connecticut with a core group of families more than 25 years ago. Their mission is to provide support for consumers, families and friends of individuals with severe or prolonged psychiatric disabilities. NAMI offers education and information to families and consumers about brain disorders and available mental health services, resources and treatment, advocacy for improved services and more humane treatment, and an end to stigma and its resulting economic and social discrimination.

National Cristina Foundation (NCF)

339 Lea Drive
 West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 203-863-9100
Website: www.cristina.org

NCF directs donations of used computer equipment to nonprofit organizations, schools and public agencies throughout the US. These organizations train people with disabilities, students at risk and economically disadvantaged persons to lead more independent and productive lives.

National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut (NFBC)

477 Connecticut Boulevard
 Suite 217
 East Hartford, CT 06108
Phone: 860-289-1971
E-mail: erival@comcast.net
Website: www.nfbct.org

The NFBC is a state affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind and works to improve the lives of blind people in Connecticut by providing information and education to its members and the public.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Connecticut Chapter

659 Tower Avenue; 1st Floor
 Hartford, CT 06112
Phone: 800-344-4867
E-mail: programs@ctfightsms.org
Website: www.ctfightsms.org

The National MS Society is committed to building a movement by and for people with MS that will move them closer to a world free of this disease. The Connecticut Chapter offers a wide range of programs and assistance to help those affected by MS cope with the demands of living with MS and maintain the highest possible quality of life.

**National Spinal Cord Injury Association
Connecticut Chapter (SCIACT)**

c/o Gaylord Hospital
Gaylord Farms Road
Wallingford, CT 06492
Phone: 203-284-2910
E-mail: nsciact@sciact.org
Website: www.sciact.org

SCIACT is a nonprofit organization that provides support and resources for people suffering from spinal cord injury (SCI) or diseases. They also educate the community about prevention of SCI as well as make them aware of people with disabilities.

**The New England Assistive Technology
(NEAT) Center at Oak Hill**

120 Holcomb Street
Hartford, CT 06112
Phone: 860-243-2869
860-286-3113 TTY
Toll Free: 866-526-4492
E-mail: info@neatmarketplace.org
Website: www.neatmarketplace.org

NEAT was established to provide information and access to equipment and devices that can change the lives of people of all ages, with all types of disabilities, both temporary and permanent. NEAT is about access: access to information, products, equipment, manufactures and vendors of equipment.

**New England Center for Hearing
Rehabilitation (NECHEAR)**

354 Hartford Turnpike
Hampton, CT 06247
Phone: 860-455-1404
E-mail: nechear@snet.net
Website: www.nechear.com

NECHEAR is a rehabilitation agency addressing the needs of infants, children and adults with all degrees of hearing loss. Full evaluations (communication and audiological) lead to appropriate home-based and school services. NECHEAR is a Birth to Three provider for hearing impaired infants, toddlers and their families.

**New England Consortium of Deaf-Blind
Projects**

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-7515
Email: nec@perkins.org
Website: www.nec4db.org

The New England Consortium of Deafblind Projects (NEC) provides technical assistance to children who are deaf-blind in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as well as to their families. Services provided include: on-site, regional and multi-state training relative to "effective practices" in deaf-blind education, child-specific consultation to team members working with children who are deaf-blind, consultation specific to family issues, particularly in the are of advocacy training and self-determination, community resources and evaluation referral and information dissemination.

Padres Abriendo Puertas (PAP)

60 B Weston Street
Hartford, CT 06120
Phone: 860-297-4391
Toll Free: 800-842-7203
Website: <http://padresabriendopuerta.wix.com/pap-website>
E-mail: PadresAbriendoPuertasINC@aol.com

PAP strives to ensure the human, civil and educational rights and total community inclusion of Latinos with developmental disabilities and their families.

Parent Teacher Association of Connecticut

540 Washington Ave.
North Haven, CT 06473
Phone: 203-691-9585
E-mail: office@ctpta.org
Website: www.ctpta.org

The Parent Teacher Association of Connecticut is the oldest and largest child advocacy organization in the state of Connecticut and in the nation.

**Parents Available to Help, Inc. (PATH)
Parent to Parent of Connecticut/Family
Voices**

P.O. Box 117
Northford, CT 06472
Toll Free: 800-399-7284
203-234-9554
E-mail: nanfi@aol.com; accirioli@att.net
Website: www.pathct.org

PATH Parent to Parent is an information and support network for families who have experienced a difficult pregnancy, premature birth, the loss of a young child or who have a child with medical needs, developmental delays and/or disabilities. PATH also services as the CT Family to Family Health Information Center, assisting families to navigate through the healthcare system

**Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of
Connecticut (PLAN of CT)**

P.O. Box 4280
Hartford, CT 06147
Phone: 860-523-4951
E-mail: Andrew Sylvester asylvester@planofct.org
Website: www.planofct.org

PLAN of CT serves as trustee for special needs trust. This is a low cost option for any family with a relative with special needs who needs to maintain their public benefits.

**Planned Parenthood of Southern New
England**

345 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: 203-865-5158
Email: support.ppsne@ppsne.org
Website: www.plannedparenthood.org/ppsne

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England is proud to be known as "The Source" for medically accurate information, education and training on sexuality and sexual health topics. PPSNE has a diverse and expert staff that provides culturally competent education, training and resources to audiences around the state – and country. They offer trainings geared specifically towards people with disabilities.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Phone: 860-926-4797
Website: www.pwsausa.org

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association is dedicated to serving individuals affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), their families and interested professionals. They provide information, education and support services through a toll-free telephone number, newsletter, publications and presentations, conferences, networking with local chapters and research funding.

Project Genesis, Inc.

720 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Willimantic, CT 06226
Phone: 860-456-1698
Toll Free: 888-456-1698
E-mail: info@projectgenesis.us
Website: www.projectgenesis.us

Project Genesis, Inc. provides individualized mentoring and transition services for students within many Connecticut schools. The staff participates as part of the student's team in developing a program which meets the needs of each young person, as determined in the IEP process.

Psychological Services Clinic (UCONN)

Department of Psychology
University of Connecticut
406 Babbidge Road ; Unit 1020
Storrs, CT 06269-1020
Phone: 860-486-2642
Website: <http://psychology.uconn.edu/research/psc.html>

The Psychological Services Clinic offers an array of mental health services to individuals, children, and families in eastern Connecticut. The Clinic is operated by the University of Connecticut as a training clinic for graduate students in Clinical Psychology. Services are provided by graduate students under the supervision of licensed clinical psychologists and faculty members in the Psychology Department. All contacts with the Clinic are completely confidential in accordance with Connecticut state law.

Regional Medical Home Support Centers (RMHSC)

RMHSC are freestanding health organizations in the community that provide technical assistance, care coordination and family support services to specified medical homes located in their region of the state. RMHSCs provide support services to families with CYSHCN that enable them to access appropriate health care services needed to enhance the health and well-being of their children. The RMHSCs are comprised of hospital-based entities, community health centers, home health/visiting nurse agencies, medical service organizations or private physician's offices. For additional information on RMHSC please visit: http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/family_health/children_and_youth/pdf/cmhi_contractor_contact_sheet_072209.pdf

To find the Regional Medical Home contact in your area, please visit: http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/family_health/children_and_youth/pdf/cmhi_regional_town_list_color_072209.pdf

Saint Vincent's Autism and Developmental Services

47 Long Lots Road
Westport, CT 06880
Phone: 203-341-4501
E-mail: Annemarie Callagy, LCSW,
acallagy@stvincents.org
Website: www.stvincentsbehavioralhealth.org

St. Vincent's Autism and Developmental Services provides children and teen social skills groups, sibling groups, parent support groups and parent workshops. In addition, the Center's multi-disciplinary team offers diagnostic testing and evaluation, clinical counseling, community resource coordination and educational support.

Shriners Hospital Boston

51 Blossom St.
Boston, MA 02114
Phone: 617-722-3000
Website: www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org

Shriners Hospital- Boston is a world leader in pediatric burn care, research and education. All medical treatment at Shriners is provided at no cost to patients and families. Any child is eligible for treatment up to his or her 18th birthday if the child has a condition that falls within the medical disciplines of Shriners Hospitals.

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America - Southern Connecticut Chapter

752 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608
Phone: 1-888-745-2327
203-909-6737
545 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: 203-366-8710
Email: scdaasouthernct@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scdaaofsouthernct.org

As an advocate for community education for people living with Sickle Cell Disease, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America SECT Chapter, Inc. offers a wide range of programs and services, including counseling, community education, patient financial assistance and newborn screening.

Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities, Inc.

38 Kings Highway North
Westport, CT 06880
Phone: 203-226-6831
E-mail: info@smartkidswithld.org
Website: www.smartkidswithld.org

Smart Kids with LD provides information and support to parents of children with learning disabilities and ADHD via a free e-newsletter published 16 times per year, a comprehensive, award-winning website, as well as educational programs for parents. Smart Kids with LD does not provide services or programs for children. Parents and professionals are invited to sign up for the free e-newsletter at www.smartkidswithld.org/email-signup.

Southeast Connecticut Community Center of the Blind

120 Broad Street
New London, CT 06320
Phone: 860-447-2048
E-mail: centeroftheblind@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.centerfortheblind.com

Southeast Connecticut Community Center for the Blind serves the blind population of Southeast CT with braille classes, adaptive technology lab, computer classes and craft/social groups. They have a bimonthly newsletter published in large print, braille and cassette. They host monthly dinner meetings, shopping trips and going out to lunch.

Special Education Network of New Canaan, Ltd. (SPED*NET New Canaan)

P.O. Box 1612
New Canaan, CT 06840
E-mail: info@spednet.org
Website: www.spednet.org

SPED*NET Special Education Network of New Canaan, Ltd. (SPED*NET New Canaan") is organized exclusively to educate the public on special education and disability-related issues. They strive to empower parents, professionals, and students to become more effective advocates in their schools and communities, particularly in New Canaan, and its neighboring towns. They serve as a resource for disability-related information, and as a parent-to-parent support and advocacy network for families of children with individual education plans (IEP's) and Section 504 plans.

SpEd Connecticut

999 Asylum Avenue; 4th Floor
Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: 860-560-1711
E-mail: info@spedconnecticut.org
Website: www.spedconnecticut.org

SpEd Connecticut is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the educational experience of children with disabilities. The organization provides information, training, and advocacy support to families as they seek appropriate educational services for their children with special educational needs.

SPED*NET Wilton Special Education Network of Wilton, Ltd.

44 Harbor View Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06854
E-mail: info@spednetwilton.org
Website: www.spednetwilton.org

SPED*NET Wilton provides information and support to families of children with special needs, especially those receiving special education services and supports through its web-guide to special services in CT, speaker series of educational presentations and website.

Special Kids Support Center

Connecticut Children's Medical Center
282 Washington Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-837-6200
Toll Free: 877-743-5516
Website: www.connecticutchildrens.org

The Special Kids Support Center is a Department of CT Children's Medical Center dedicated to helping children and families who are dealing with special health care needs.

Special Olympics of Connecticut, Inc.

2666 State Street; Suite 1
Hamden, CT 06517-2232
Phone: 203-230-1201
Toll Free: 800-443-6105
Website: www.soct.org

Special Olympics Connecticut provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In order to offer the most inclusive opportunities, additional athletes train and compete as special partners alongside their peers with intellectual disabilities.

Spina Bifida Association

Toll Free: 800-621-3141 x. 35
E-mail: sbaa@sbaa.org
Website: www.spinabifidaassociation.org

SBA of CT is a parent-to-parent chapter for those dealing with this disease. They provide support on a personal basis to parents and families who have children with Spina Bifida. Meetings feature topical discussions, family and social activities, and the opportunity to talk about any SBA news.

Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc.

190 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone: 860-344-0380
Toll Free: 800-453-3320
Website: www.slsct.org

Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc. is a nonprofit organization, that is part of a broad network of providers of legal services to low income people in Connecticut. Low income people with a legal problem should call the toll-free number for help with: housing issues, family matters, special education, social security, welfare, unemployment compensation, Medicaid, other government benefits, consumer issues or bankruptcy.

Tiny Miracles

381 Post Road, 2nd Floor
Darien, CT 06820
Phone: 203-202-9714
Website: www.tmf.org

The Tiny Miracles Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping families with premature infants in and around Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Tourette Syndrome Association of Connecticut, Inc.

Phone: 617-277-7589
Website: www.tsact.org

The mission of the Connecticut chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association Inc. is to educate the general public about Tourette Syndrome (TS) and further the acceptance of people with TS in all settings. Their services include: free in-service to school to educate the educators about modifications for students with TS, free peer in-services to classrooms where there is a student with TS who is misunderstood, education about TS, support and support groups.

UCONN A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service

263 Farmington Avenue; MC 6222
Farmington, CT 06030
Phone: 860-679-1500
TTY: 860-679-1502
Toll Free: 866-623-1315
Website: www.uconnucedd.org

The goal of the Center is to develop, implement and disseminate a coordinated group of applied research, demonstration and training projects directed at meeting the needs of persons with disabilities and their families in community based settings. The Center provides interdisciplinary preparation of students continuing education for individuals who serve people with developmental disabilities and their families, community and family education, technical assistance and model demonstration activities, and applied research and policy analysis.

UCONN Speech and Hearing Clinic

Department of Communication Sciences
850 Bolton Road; Unit 1085
Storrs, CT 06269
Phone: 860-486-2629
E-mail: speech&hearingclinic@uconn.edu
Website: <http://slhs.uconn.edu/uconn-speech-and-hearing-clinic/>

The Speech and Hearing Clinic offers services to children and adults in the areas of: articulation, fluency, voice, language, auditory processing, literacy and hearing. The clinic dispenses hearing aids and other listening devices. Assessment and treatment of communication disorders and hearing are provided.

Unified Sports

Special Olympics Connecticut, Inc.
2666 State Street; Suite 1
Hamden, CT 06517-2232
Phone: 203-230-1201
Email: specialolympicsct@soct.org
Website: www.soct.org

Unified Sports is a program that combines approximately equal numbers of individuals with and without intellectual disabilities on the same sports team for training and competition. All participants are of similar age and ability. Unified Sports expands sports opportunities for athletes and partners seeking new challenges.

Unified Theater

15 Lewis Street, Suite 207
Hartford, CT 06103
Phone: 860-559-3810
Website: www.unifiedtheater.org

Unified Theater is a student-driven initiative that facilitates inclusion of students with disabilities through the performing arts. Unified Theater's model is to partner with middle and high schools, train student leaders, and help them reach a successful final production where students of all abilities are included.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) - Eastern Connecticut

42 Norwich Road
Quaker Hill, CT 06375
Phone: 860-443-3800
E-mail: info@ucpect.org
Website: www.ucpect.org

UCP of Eastern Connecticut is a nonprofit agency that works with people with physical and developmental disabilities to enable the individual to live independently and with full citizenship within the community.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Hartford

80 Whitney Street
Hartford, CT 06105
Phone: 860-236-6201
Website: www.ucphartford.org

UCP of Greater Hartford is a nonprofit agency which supports children and adults with disabilities. They specialize in residential, vocational and in-home services. UCP also operates a summer camp on Long Island Sound in Connecticut.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) - Southern Connecticut

94-96 South Turnpike Road
Wallingford, CT 06492
Phone: 203-269-3511 ext. 19
E-mail: Arlene Weaver, aweaver.ucpasc@gmail.com
Website: www.ucpasc.org

UCP of Southern Connecticut is a nonprofit agency that works with people with physical and developmental disabilities to enable the individual to live independently and with full citizenship within the community.

Yale University Parenting Center & Child Conduct Clinic

314 Prospect Street
New Haven, CT 06520
Phone: 203-432-9993
E-mail: yale.parentingcenter@yale.edu
Website: www.yaleparentingcenter.yale.edu

The Yale University Parenting Center and Child Conduct Clinic helps parents develop effective ways of handling the daily challenges of parenting, including: bathing, potty training, getting dressed, homework, bedtime, sibling rivalry and cleaning up.

Additional Resources

The following is a partial listing of other resource directories and information centers that are available to support schools, community organizations and parents.

Disability Resource Directory

Produced by the State of Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.
Available at www.ct.gov/opapd/cwp/view.asp?a=1756&q=277246.

International Institute of Connecticut

Provides language and cross-cultural assistance in almost any language. Connecticut schools and community organizations can arrange interpretive services or request translations of flyers and other material. For more information visit www.iiconn.org or call 203-336-0141.

Center for Parent Information and Resources

The Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR) serves as a central resource of information and products to the community of Parent Training Information (PTI) Centers and the Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs), so that they can focus their efforts on serving families of children with disabilities. www.parentcenterhub.org

Programs that Help People in Connecticut: A Guide for Agencies

Produced by the Connecticut Light and Power Company and Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS), 2010-2012:
www.cl-p.com or request a copy by calling 860-947-2000.

Public Libraries

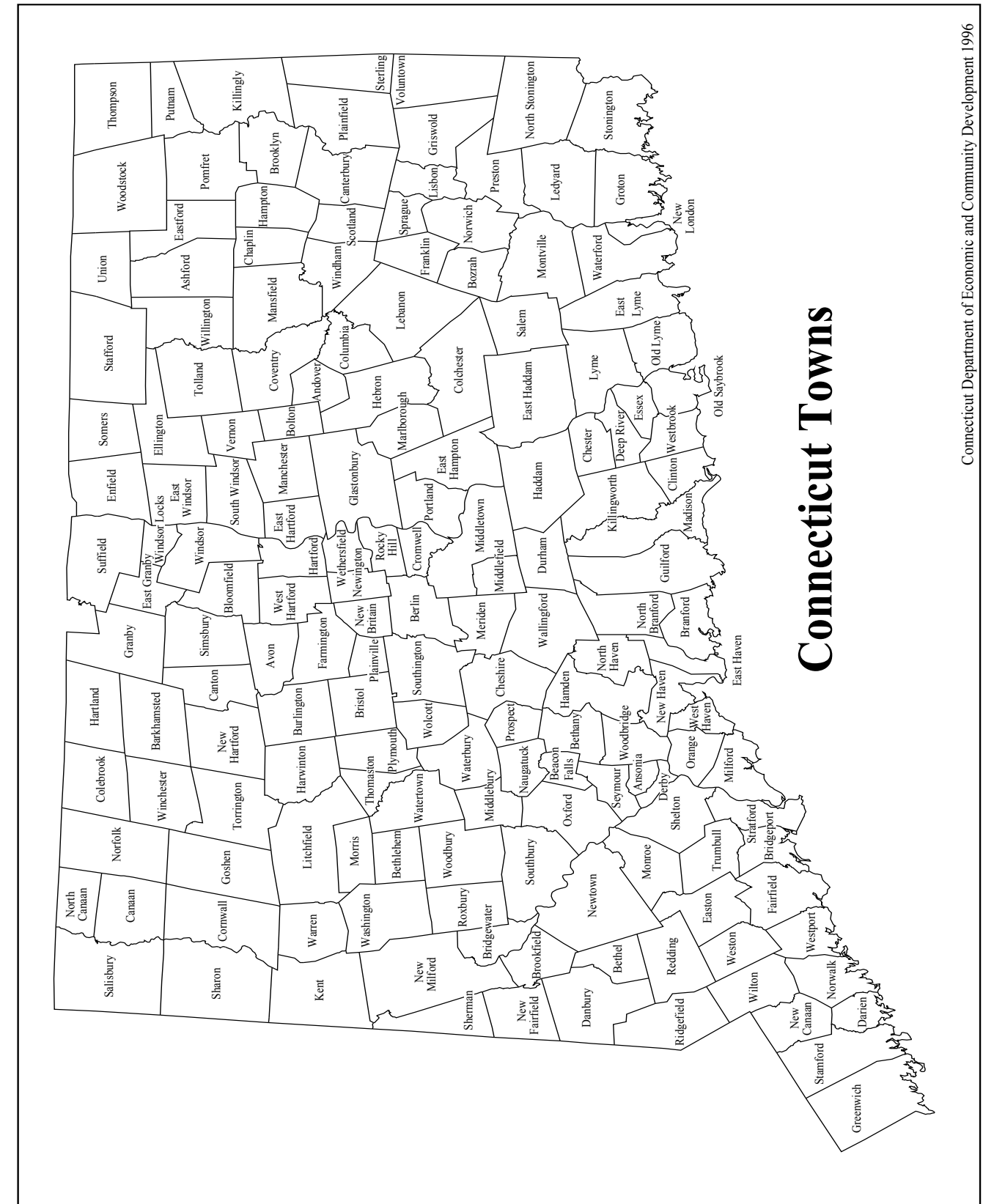
Some public libraries have developed special collections on issues relating to children with special needs. Contact your local library to find out how to access these collections.

Choose Success: A Guide to Public School Choice for Students and Their Families

Produced by the CT State Department of Education.
Available at www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2681&q=335070&sdePNavCtr=%7C#45479

Directory of Transition/Vocational Service Providers

Produced by the Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Special Education
Available at: http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/Directory_Trans_Service_Providers.pdf



Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development 1996



Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center, Inc. is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers information and support to families of children with any disability or chronic illness, age birth to 26. The Center is a member of a national network of parent programs currently operating in all 50 states.

CPAC is committed to the idea that parents can be the most effective advocates for their children, given the confidence that knowledge and understanding of special education law and its procedures can bring. It is CPAC's mission to support families in their efforts on behalf of their children with disabilities.

As a result of extensive outreach and referrals from other parents, schools and social service agencies, the number of families that the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center serves has grown dramatically over the past 32 years. Staffed primarily by parents of children with disabilities, we understand special education law both in theory and practice and offer a unique perspective that combines both empathy and insight.

In addition to our work with families, CPAC conducts in-service presentations for schools, teachers-in-training and service providers throughout the state so that they may better understand and serve the parents with whom they work. CPAC is also a source of information on current legislation and a referral center for state and local resources. The center publishes an e- newsletter for parents and professionals, has a website, Facebook page and maintains a resource library of books, articles, fact sheets, and DVDs on disability and education related issues. Services provided by the center are free to parents.

For more information please contact the center by phone at 860-739-3089 or toll free at 1-800-445-2722, by mail at CPAC, 338 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357 or by e-mail at cpac@cpacinc.org.



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