

Washington State Resources for Parents of Children and Youth with Disabilities

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Parents of youth with disabilities have unique opportunities to promote their successful transition to postsecondary education, employment, and full adult participation in society. Parents can provide the foundation for young people to become self-determined, learn decision-making skills, and gain access to resources. Families can assist in the transition process by providing direction in exploration of interests, guidance in career and college planning, and encouragement as they pursue their dreams. Parents can help each other, too. As they develop skills in working with their own children they can:

Provide information,
Answer questions,
Recommend resources,
Empower youth and young
adults with disabilities,
Network,
Train, and
Support one another.

Parents are most effective when they have up-to-date information, communication, and community resources. The following resources may be particularly helpful in assisting parents in Washington State as their children prepare for college and careers. Compiled with input from many parents, this list includes printed materials, websites, disability-related conferences and organizations, and agencies that provide services to individuals with disabilities.

Disability-Specific Organizations

American Foundation for the Blind 212-502-7600 www.afb.org

The Arc of Washington State

Advocates for the rights of citizens with developmental disabilities
1-888-754-8798
360-357-5596
www.arcwa.org

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

800-939-1019 www.add.org

Autism Society of America

800-328-8476 www.autism-society.org

Brain Injury Alliance of Washington

206-467-4800 www.biawa.org

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

301-306-7070 www.chadd.org

Deaf-Blind Service Center (DBSC)

206-323-3644 (TTY) www.seattledbsc.org

Epilepsy Foundation Northwest

206-487-5251 800-322-1000 (toll free) www.epilepsywashington.org

The FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) Family Resource Institute

fetalalcoholsyndrome.org

Hearing, Speech, and Deafness Center

206-323-5770 888-222-5036 (toll free) 800-761-2821 (toll free TTY) www.hsdc.org



Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

800-422-7930 (voice/TTY)

www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/office-deaf-and-hard-hearing

Spina Bifida Association of Washington State

253-589-3700

888-289-3702 (toll free)

www.sbaws.org

Telecommunications Relay Services

800-833-6384 or 711

800-833-6388 (TTY); 711 (TTY)

www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/odhh/telecommunication

Washington Sensory Disabilities Services

360-947-3297

www.wsdsonline.org

Washington Talking Book and Braille Library

206-615-0400

800-542-0866 (toll free)

www.wtbbl.org

Washington State Department of Services for the Blind

800-552-7103

www.dsb.wa.gov

Education and Employment

Center for Change in Transition Services

206-296-6494

www.seattleu.edu/ccts

Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology (DO-IT)

206-685-3648

888-972-3648 (voice/TTY)

www.uw.edu/doit/

Oregon Office on Disability and Health (OHSU)

503-494-1205

www.ohsu.edu/oregon-office-on-disability-and-health

Special Education Guide

www.specialeducationguide.com

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

303-541-0200

www.wiche.edu/studentExchange

Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

360-709-4600

www.wtb.wa.gov

Health and Community Resources

Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD)

206-543-7701

depts.washington.edu/chdd/

Children's Hospital Medical Center

206-987-2000

866-987-2000 (toll free)

206-987-0391 (TTY)

www.seattlechildrens.org

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program

360-236-3573

doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InfantsandChildren/ HealthandSafety/ChildrenwithSpecialHealthCareNeeds

Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Washington

206-520-5000 (out patient)

206-598-8161 (in patient)

rehab.washington.edu

PROVAIL

206-363-7303

888-810-0745 (toll free)

www.provail.org

Shriners Hospitals for Children

813-2811-8162

www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/SILC.html

Summit Assistance Dogs

360-293-5609

www.summitdogs.org

Washington State Client Assistance Program

206-849-2939 (voice and text)

www.washingtoncap.org



Organizations for Parents

Parent to Parent (P2P)

1-800-821-5927 (Susan Atkins, WA P2P coordinator) www.arcwa.org/getsupport/parent_to_parent_p2p_programs

Parent to Parent Power

https://www.power2parent.org/

PAVE (Partnerships in Action, Voices for Empowerment)

253-565-2266 www.wapave.org

Washington State Fathers Network

425-653-4286 www.fathersnetwork.org

Washington State Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

253-214-7410 www.wastatepta.org

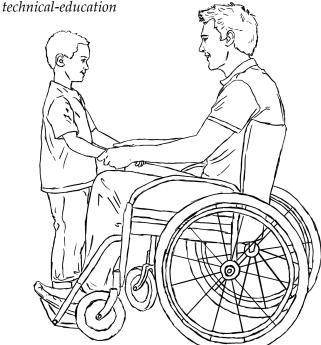
State Agencies and Organizations

Answers for Special Kids Resource Line 800-322-2588 800-883-6388 (TTY)

Career and Technical Education

360-725-6000 360-664-3631 (TTY)

https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/career-



Children with Special Health Care Needs Program

Washington State Department of Health

360-236-4700 (voice)

711 (TTY)

doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/infants-and-children/ health-and-safety

Disability Rights Washington

206-324-1521 800-562-2702 800-905-0209 (TTY) 711 (TTY) www.disabilityrightswa.org

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) 360-725-3413 www.dshs.wa.gov/dda

Division of Special Education

Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction 360-725-6000 360-664-3631 (TTY) www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) 800-637-5627 www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

360-902-9511 esd.wa.gov/gcde

King County Office of Civil Rights

206-263-2446 206-296-7596 (TTY)

www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/civil-rights.aspx

Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) of Washington

425-882-0820 www.ldawa.org/

Mental Health Division

Department of Social and Health Services 1-877-980-9220

www.dshs.wa.gov/mental-health-and-addiction-services



No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction 360-725-6000 360-664-3631 (TTY) www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/Contact.aspx

Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) 800-422-7930 (voice/TTY) 360-725-3450 (voice) 360-725-3455 (TTY) www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/office-deaf-and-hard-hearing

Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP)

800-214-8731 (toll free) 866-866-0162 (toll free TTY) www.wata.org

Washington Speech and Hearing Association 253-525-5162

www.wslha.org

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council

360-586-3560 (main reception) 800-634-4473 (toll free) www.ddc.wa.gov

Transportation and Driving

King County Metro Transit

206-553-3000

kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro.aspx

Spokane Transit

509-328-7433 711 (TTY) www.spokanetransit.com

St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute Driver Rehab Program

509-473-6000 www.st-lukes.org

Washington State Department of Transportation

360-705-7000

360-705-7438

wsdot.wa.gov/about/americans-disabilities-act-ada

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