

NATIONAL (USA) RESOURCES FOR MAMAS OF A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD



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<http://www.medicaidwaiver.org/> All 50 states links to the Medicaid waivers. Please note if your income is above the Medicaid requirements, your child **STILL** can apply for Medicaid waiver services based on disability **REGARDLESS** of family income!!! Respite services, music therapy, and many other services may be available for your child. Please Note: don't use Medicaid waiver services to cover speech, occupational, or mental health therapy. Your regular Medicaid coverage will cover that! This is a major mistake novice parents make.

[www.socialsecurity.gov-](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/) If you are applying for SSI disability services a child starter kit will be sent or it is available on the website. Social Security Benefits or SSI are based on family income. Your child may or may not be available. To find the closest social security office near you go to www.ssa/ICON/main.jsp by providing your zip code. You will need to apply in person or by phone for SSI benefits. <http://www.nasdds.org/>The toll free number is 1-800-772-1213.

<http://www.nasdds.org/> Has intellectual and developmental agency addresses and phone numbers of all 50 states, latest governmental news about intellectual and developmental disabilities, a resource library with information on Medicaid, HCBS (Home and Community Based Services)Waiver, ADA, behavioral challenges, case management, employment, housing and more articles.

<https://www.disabilitycoop.com/> This site has a wealth of information. The claim to be "A Premier Source of Developmental Disability News" is probably accurate. There is an extensive blog where 5 articles can be downloaded per month free of charge. 6 articles or more require a membership charge. They have an article that nationally ranks developmental disability services that I found helpful.

<http://www.thebestschools.org/blog/2012/03/10/schools-children-autism/> Lists schools that have been recognized as good schools that specialize in autism.

<http://insource.org/> A parent run organization that provides parents with support during the IEP process and more. Insource will literally attend the IEP conference with you and educate you about your child's rights. **Only in Indiana!**

<http://www.familyvoices.org/> A parent run group that walks families through the Medicaid waiver process and health care insurance. Available in all 50 states.

<http://www.ndrn.org/index.php> National Disability Rights Network. Offers protection and advocacy for people with disabilities. There is a link to state offices for your convenience.

<http://ucp.org/> **United Cerebral Palsy Organization**

<https://tash.org/about/> TASH is an international leader in disability advocacy. Founded in 1975, TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information

and resources for parents, families and self-advocates. The inclusive practices TASH validates through research have been shown to improve outcomes for all people.

<http://autisticadvocacy.org/> The Autistic Self Advocacy Network seeks to advance the principles of the disability rights movement with regard to autism. ASAN believes that the goal of autism advocacy should be a world in which Autistic people enjoy the same access, rights, and opportunities as all other citizens. We work to empower Autistic people across the world to take control of our own lives and the future of our common community, and seek to organize the Autistic community to ensure our voices are heard in the national conversation about us. Nothing About Us, Without Us!

http://nationalautismassociation.org/?gclid=CjwKEAjwtpPGBRDhoLaqn6HknWsSJABR-o5sADvsagYplRd48ni1NgiGJhuV8IHBA9FG8XcQqGymDRoCHW7w_wcB The mission of the National Autism Association is to respond to the most urgent needs of the autism community, providing real help and hope so that all affected can reach their full potential. They specialize in assisting families with preventing kids with autism from wandering off.

<http://www.thearc.org/> The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

<http://www.ndss.org/Down-Syndrome/What-Is-Down-Syndrome/> National Down Syndrome Society.

http://www.pva.org/accessible-design?s_src=google&gclid=CjwKEAjwtpPGBRDhoLaqn6HknWsSJABR-o5syE63fKMisXlqtqbyvWdnThQtSrnboGt2cpwsUGk2VxoCue7w_wcB At Paralyzed Veterans of America, we seek to promote an accessible, barrier free environment for all veterans and people with disabilities. Access to public building and structures should be a fundamental right – and requires architectural design that makes public and private buildings, structures, entrances and other facilities wheelchair accessible.

<http://www.asha.org/> American Speech and Hearing Association.

<http://www.afb.org/default.aspx> American foundation for the blind.

<http://www.psychiatry.org/> American Psychiatry Association.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/> Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

<http://www.accreditedonlinecolleges.org/resources/accredited-online-colleges-and-disability-education/> According to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), roughly 11 percent of all undergraduate students reported having some form of disability. With an estimated [20.2 million students enrolled in American colleges in 2015](#), it's safe to extrapolate that there are over 2 million students with disabilities currently attending higher education institutions nationwide. The goal of [Accredited Online Colleges](#) has always been to provide prospective students with the resources they need to choose the perfect school to fit their needs. With such an undeniable demographic of students with disabilities, we wanted to create this special guide to not only help them choose the right school, but also to give a

thorough overview of the resources and accommodations available to them at whichever institution they ultimately choose.

<http://www.cast.org/> Center for Applied Technology

<http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/> Disabled Sports USA Disabled Sports USA's mission is to provide national leadership and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop independence, confidence, and fitness through participation in community sports, recreation and educational programs.

<http://www.epilepsy.com/> The Epilepsy Foundation.

<http://incight.org/> Incight is a 501(c) 3 non-profit that supports and empowers key life aspects of education, employment, and independence for people with disabilities.

<https://www.paralympic.org/> The Paralympic Games.

<https://www.bing.com/search?q=special+olympics+national+games&form=EDGHPC&q=AS&cid=38ff487a99fa410984941435bca2cdf5&pq=special+olympics+na&cc=US&setlang=en-US#>

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