

# District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent







# Central Directory of Early Intervention Resources

Strong Start
DC Early Intervention Program











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#### Dear Resident,

Children are our most valuable resource. Early intervention services can make a world of difference in the lives of infants and toddlers who are suspected of having, or have been diagnosed with, developmental delays or disabilities and their families. The Strong Start DC Early Intervention Program, (Strong Start) serves as the initial point of contact in initiating those services.

Early intervention services capitalize on the developmental potential of infants and toddlers with disabilities within the perspective of their daily routines and activities, increasing their potential to live independently as mature adults. The earlier services are started, the more likely it is that the educational achievement and quality of life for children with disabilities will be higher.

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C along with the District of Columbia Public Law 1-2-119 mandate that infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families receive coordinated services in the natural environment. These services must be flexible, culturally responsive, and most importantly, meet the needs of the child and family.

The Strong Start Central Directory provides information about:

- Public and private early intervention services, resources, and experts
- Research and demonstration projects being conducted in the District;
- Professional and other groups that provide assistance to Part C eligible children and their families.







#### **INTRODUCTION**

In the District of Columbia, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education is the lead agency for the Part C early intervention system. The Division of Specialized Education's Strong Start DC Early Intervention Program (Strong Start) serves as the single point of entry for infants and toddlers whose families have concerns about their development. Strong Start is charged with implementing the Infants and Toddlers Program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C (34 CFR, Part 303). Under this Act, Strong Start is responsible for services to young children, birth to age three (3) years.

#### WHAT ARE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES?

Early intervention services are provided based on the developmental needs of the child, the concerns and priorities of the family, and the resources available to them. Services are provided within the context of the child and family's daily activities and routines. Early intervention services include:

- assistive technology, including devices or services
- audiology or hearing services
- family training, counseling and home visits
- health services necessary for a child to benefit from other early intervention services
- medical services for diagnosis and evaluation
- nursing services
- nutrition services
- occupational therapy
- physical therapy
- psychological services
- service coordination (case management)
- social work services
- special instruction-cognitive therapy
- speech and language services
- vision services

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children are eligible for early intervention services when they have a condition known to result in developmental delay (like Down Syndrome); or if they demonstrate a 50% developmental delay (are doing the things that children half their age are doing) in one (1) or more areas of development.

#### WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

Services are provided in the child's natural environment, or the location that the child spends most of his/her day. Children can receive their services in a variety of settings, including the home, licensed child care centers, or early intervention programs designed to serve children with delays.







#### WHO PAYS FOR SERVICES?

Some services must be provided at no cost to the family such as multidisciplinary evaluations and service coordination. Families utilize public and private insurance to pay for other services. Strong Start uses a sliding fee scale to determine a family's ability to pay when financial assistance is requested.

#### **EVALUATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILTY**

Children under the age of three are eligible for Strong Start because they are either experiencing a significant developmental delay, or they have a diagnosed physical or mental condition with a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay. Strong Start does *not* serve infants and toddlers who are at risk of delay due to environmental causes but who are not actually experiencing a significant developmental delay. For children referred to Strong Start without a diagnosed condition, a multidisciplinary evaluation of all five areas of development, using a standardized instrument, will be conducted to determine eligibility.

#### WHO CAN REFER A CHILD TO STRONG START?

Strong Start is responsible for activities that promote the awareness of early intervention and helps to identify children who may need our services. This is called Child Find. Strong Start also accepts referrals from anyone who has concerns about a child's development including parents, family members, friends, physicians, hospitals, child care staff, and social workers.

#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHILD IS REFERRED?

Strong Start will evaluate a child, with the parent or guardian's permission, to determine how he/she is growing and if a delay is present. Strong Start must look at each child's development in all areas including:

- Physical how the child moves, uses hands, sees and hears
- Cognitive how the child thinks and learns
- Communication how the child understands language, makes beginning speech sounds, and uses speech
- Social/Emotional how the child copes, interacts and gets along with others
- Adaptive how the child does activities such as eating, drinking, dressing and toileting

If the child is eligible, a coordinated individualized family service plan (IFSP) will be developed with the family. This plan will address the family's needs, identify what kinds of things the child needs to work on, and the services that will be put in place to support the child's development.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO TO MAKE A REFERRAL?

Referring a child is easy. Simply call the Strong Start Child Find phone line at (202) 727-3665. The Strong Start Referral form can also be downloaded online at <a href="http://osse.dc.gov/service/strong-start-dc-early-intervention-program-dc-eip-child-find">http://osse.dc.gov/service/strong-start-dc-early-intervention-program-dc-eip-child-find</a> and faxed to 202-724-7230 or emailed to osse.dceip@dc.gov.







#### **GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESOURCES**

# **Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)**

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) is the District of Columbia public agency that protects child victims, and children at risk, of abuse or neglect. CFSA has four basic functions: (1) Child Protective Services (2) Supportive Family Services (3) Foster Care and (4) Permanence.

Child and Family Services Administration 200 I Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003

Phone: (202) 442-6100 Fax: (202) 727-6505

TTY: 711

Report Abuse/Neglect: (202) 671-7233

Email: <u>cfsa@dc.gov</u> <u>www.dc.cfsa.gov</u>

# **Department of Health**

#### ✓ Community Health Administration

The mission of the Community Health Administration is to improve health outcomes for targeted populations by promoting coordination within the health care system, by enhancing access to prevention, medical care and support services, and by fostering public participation in the design and implementation of programs for District of Columbia women, infants, children (including children with special health care needs) and other family members.

#### Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

WIC is a federally funded nutrition program that provides to pregnant women and new mothers nutrition education, nutrient-rich supplemental food, health and social service referrals and immunization screening for children less than two years of age.

#### Perinatal and Infant Health Bureau

The Perinatal and Infant Health Bureau is to reduce perinatal outcome disparities (including infant mortality, very low birth weight, and preterm births and to improve the preconception/inter-conception health of women and infants.

Community Health Administration 899 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, DC 20002

Tel: (202) 442-5955 Fax: (202) 442-4795 www.doh.dc.gov







#### ✓ Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA)

APRA's mission is to establish a substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery support system of care for District residents and families coping with the disease of addiction or at risk of becoming addicted to alcohol and illicit drugs.

Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) Assessment and Referral Center 64 New York Avenue, NE 3rd floor Washington, DC 20002 Telephone: (202) 727-8857

Fax: (202) 727-0092 www.doh.dc.gov

# **Department of Disability Services**

The Mission of the Department on Disability Services is to provide innovative, high quality services that enable people with disabilities to lead meaningful and productive lives as vital members of their families, schools, workplaces and communities in every neighborhood in the District.

Department of Disability Services 1125 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 Tel: (202) 730-1700

Fax: (202) 730-1700 Fax: (202) 730-1843 TTY: (202) 730-1516 www.dds.dc.gov

#### ✓ Rehabilitation Services Administration

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) provides comprehensive vocational and independent living services to persons with disabilities to promote their opportunities for employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence. RSA works with communities, businesses and organizations in an effort to ensure that individuals attain integrated employment in the mainstream of society.

Rehabilitation Services Administration Department of Disability Services 1125 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 Tel: (202) 442-8400

www.dds.dc.gov







#### ✓ Developmental Disabilities Administration

The Developmental Disabilities Administration is responsible for the oversight and coordination of all services and supports provided to all qualified persons with intellectual disabilities in the District of Columbia. Intellectual disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior, which covers a range of everyday social and practical skills. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, autism and other impairments of the brain that occur during childhood.

**Developmental Disabilities Administration** 1125 15th Street NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20005 Tel: (202) 703-1700

Tel: (866) 923-5644 (Toll Free)

www.dds.dc.gov

# **Department of Employment Services**

The mission of the Department of Employment Services is to plan, develop and administer employment-related services to all segments of the Washington, DC metropolitan population.

Department of Employment Services 4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20019 Tel: (202) 724-7000 (202) 673-6993 (202) 673-6994 TDD/TYY

www.does.dc.gov

# **Department of Health Care Finance**

The mission of the Department of Health Care Finance is to improve health outcomes by providing access to comprehensive, cost-effective and quality healthcare services for residents of the District of Columbia. In addition to the Medicaid program, DHCF also administers insurance programs for immigrant children, the State Child Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP or CHIP) and Medical Charities (a locally funded program).

DC Department of Health Care Finance 441 4th Street, NW, 900S, Washington, DC 20001

Phone: (202) 442-5988 Fax: (202) 442-4790

TTY: 711

Email: dhcf@dc.gov www.dc.dhcf.gov







# **DC Housing Authority**

The Housing Authority is an independent agency that provides subsidized public housing for low-income, elderly, and disabled District residents.

DC Housing Authority 1133 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20001 Tel: (202) 535-1500 www.dc-ha.org

# **Department of Human Services**

#### ✓ Answers Please!

The 311 number, used for police non-emergencies, now includes the 211 Answers, Please! social service referral and information. The service is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 day-a-year. Residents can use the Mayors' 311 Citywide Call Center number to access a network of government and community social services. The 211 Answers, Please! Online website also provides a fast and easy way to search for local and national social service programs.

Answers Please! 64 New York Avenue, NE, 6th Floor Washington, DC 20002 Tel: (202) 671-4200

Fax: (202) 671-4325

www.answersplease.dc.gov

#### ✓ Income Maintenance Administration (IMA)

The Income Maintenance Administration implements the District's welfare reform legislation and meets the federal mandates under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 (PROWRA). The IMA makes timely and accurate determinations of eligibility and amount for TANF, medical assistance, and food stamps; promotes economic independence; and helps low income adults achieve self-sufficiency through employment and participation in work-related activities.

Income Maintenance Administration Customer Service (202) 727-5355 www.dhs.dc.gov







#### **Income Maintenance Administration Service Centers**

#### **Anacostia**

2100 Martin Luther King Ave, SE

Washington, DC 20020 Tel: (202) 645-4614

Fax: (202) 727-3527

#### **Congress Heights**

4001 South Capitol St, SW Washington, DC 20032 Tel: (202) 645-4546 Fax: (202) 654-4524

#### **Fort Davis**

3851 Alabama Ave, SE Washington, DC 20020 Tel: (202) 645-4500

Fax: (202) 645-6205

#### **H Street**

645 H Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 Tel: (202) 698-4350 Fax: (202) 724-8964

#### **Taylor Street**

1207 Taylor Street, NW Washington, DC 20011 Tel: (202) 576-8000 Fax: (202) 576-8740

# **Department of Mental Health**

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) offers a broad range of treatment and support services to families through community based mental health providers located in neighborhoods throughout the District. They also operate a school based program that offers prevention, early intervention and clinical services to a number of schools.

609 H Street, NE, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20002 Tel: (202) 673-7440

24-Hour Access Helpline: 1 (888) 793-4357 TDD Access Helpline: (202) 673-7500

www.dmh.dc.gov

#### √ Homeless Services

As part of its Homeless Services Strategy, DMH helps homeless people who are temporarily or chronically homeless and have mental illness get off the streets and into safe, decent housing where they can get the support they need.

Homeless Services
Department of Mental Health
64 New York Ave NE, 4th Floor,
Washington, DC 20003
Tel: (202) 671-0388 Phone

www.dmh.dc.gov







#### ✓ Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program

The Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program is a twenty-four hour/seven day a week operation that provides emergency psychiatric services, mobile crisis services and extended observation beds for individuals 18 years of age and older. Services can be accessed by telephone or in person. Mobile crisis service is available from 9 am to 1 am every day and can be activated through the Access Helpline on 1-888-793-4357. Mobile crisis service teams respond to adults who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis whether in the homes or on the street providing crisis stabilization including dispensing medication and performing assessment for voluntary and involuntary hospitalizations and linkages to other services, such as crisis beds and substance abuse detoxification and treatment.

Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program Department of Mental Health 1905 E Street, SE Building 14 Washington, DC 20003

Tel: (202) 673-9319 Fax: (202) 698-3171 www.dmh.dc.gov

# **District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)**

#### ✓ DCPS Central Office

The DC Public School's website offers comprehensive information on programs and services including office directories and school locators, enrollment and registration forms, press releases and announcements, satisfaction surveys and information on services for children with special needs.

District of Columbia Public Schools Central Office 1200 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 Tel: (202) 442-5885

Fax: (202) 442-5026 www.dcps.dc.gov







#### ✓ Early Stages Center

The Early Stages Center is a DC Public Schools Program for children three to five years old. Early Stages helps parents to identify any developmental delays that children may have and provide appropriate services to help address those delays. Children referred to the Early Stages Center will receive a full evaluation and treatment or services for a diagnosed delay.

Early Stages Center
Office of Special Education
DC Public Schools
1125 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001
Tel: (202) 698-8037

Fax: (202) 535-1008 www.earlystagesdc.org

# **Department of Parks and Recreation**

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provides quality urban recreation and leisure services for residents and visitors. DPR supervises and maintains area parks, community facilities, swimming pools and spray parks, and neighborhood recreation centers, as well as coordinates a wide variety of recreation programs including sports leagues, youth development, therapeutic recreation, aquatic programming, outdoor adventure, camping, and senior citizen activities. Adaptive programs and facilities are available for persons with disabilities.

Department of Parks and Recreation 3149 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20010 Tel: (202) 673-7647

Fax: (202) 673-2087 TTY: (023) 345-6789 www.dpr.dc.gov







# Office of the Attorney General

#### ✓ DC Child Support Enforcement Division

The DC Child Support Enforcement Division helps to establish paternity, establish child support orders, and enforce child support orders for both District-based and national cases involving District residents.

DC Child Support Enforcement Division One Judiciary Square 441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite #550N Washington, DC 20001 Tel: (202) 442-9900

www.csed.dc.gov

# Office of the State Superintendent of Education

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) sets statewide policies, provides resources and support, and exercises accountability for ALL public education in DC. OSSE directs resources that guarantee residents educated in the District of Columbia are among the highest performers in the nation.

Office of the State Superintendent of Education 810 First Street, NE, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20002 Tel: (202) 727-6436

Fax: (202) 727-2834 www.osse.dc.gov

#### ✓ Child Care Subsidy Program

The purpose of the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) is to provide subsidized child care services to eligible families who reside in the District of Columbia. A sliding fee scale according to the family size and income is used to determine income eligibility and whether families are required to make a co-payment.

Child Care Services Subsidy Program
Office of the State Superintendent of Education
810 First Street, NE, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 727-1839

Fax: (202) 727-5403 www.osse.dc.gov







#### ✓ Division of Early Care and Education

Early Care Education provides subsidized early care and education services. This office also provides technical assistance and training to over 300 early care and education centers across the city.

Division of Early Care and Education
Office of the State Superintendent of Education
810 First Street, NE, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
Washington, DC 20002
Tel. (202) 727, 1820

Tel: (202) 727-1839 Fax: (202) 741-5304

TTY: 711

www.osse.dc.gov

# ✓ Division of Specialized Education, Strong Start DC Early Intervention Program

The mission of Strong Start is to identify and serve infants and toddlers, birth to age 3, with developmental disabilities and/or delays and their families in a caring manner that supports the culture and meets the needs of families.

Strong Start - DC Early Intervention Program Office of the State Superintendent of Education 810 First Street, NE, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20002

Tel: (202) 727-3665 (Child Find Line)

Fax: (202) 724-7230 www.osse.dc.gov







#### THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

#### **Adaptive Success, LLC**

Adaptive Success provides occupational therapy, special instruction, and assistive technology services to infants and toddlers.

Adaptive Success, LLC 1303 Hamlin Street, NE Washington, DC 20017 Tel: (202) 270-7928

Fax: (202) 269-3692

Email: Lesley@adaptive-success.com

#### A Piece of Mind

A Piece of Mind provides behavioral assessments, as well as special instruction - Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA Therapy) for those children who come into the Early Intervention Program with behavioral concerns or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

A Piece of Mind 713 17<sup>th</sup> Street, SE Washington, DC 20003 Tel: (202) 549-0797

Email: Katie@apieceofmindonline.org

#### Center for Autism and Related Disorders (C.A.R.D.)

C.A.R.D. provides special instruction - Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA Therapy) services for children with concerns of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

C.A.R.D.

osse.dc.gov

5400 Shawnee Road Suite #208

Alexandria, VA 22312

Tel: (703) 750-0633 ext. 25

Fax: (703) 750-0655

Email: c.burton@centerforautism.com







#### ✓ Care Resources

Care Resources provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and special instruction therapy services

Care Resources 1026 Crowell Bridge Road Baltimore, MD 21286 Tel: (410) 583-1515

Fax: (410) 583-2491

www.careresourcesinc.com

# ✓ Chatterbox PT LC

Chatterbox provides speech language pathology therapy services.

Chatterbox 231 44<sup>th</sup> Street, NE Washington, DC 20019 Tel: (240) 604-8559

Tel. (240) 004-8333

Email: <u>info@chatterboxpllc.com</u>

# ✓ Chattering Children

Chattering children provides auditory-verbal therapy services to children of all ages.

Chattering Children 4880 MacArthur Boulevard, NW Washington, DC 20007

Tel: (202) 333-1403 Fax: (202) 333-1404

http://www.chatteringchildren.org/







#### ✓ Children's National Medical Center

#### Hearing and Speech Center

The Children's Hospital Hearing and Speech Center provides speech and language and audiological evaluations for children with special needs; and therapy services for children with communications problems.

Children's National Medical Center Hearing and Speech Center 111 Michigan Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20010

Tel: (202) 476-5000 www.cnmc.org

#### Child Development Clinic - Developmental Pediatrics Program

Children's National Medical Center Development Pediatrics Program provides developmental evaluations and consultations for infants/toddlers at-risk, or suspected of having a developmental delay. Parent support and training, resource information are also available.

Children's National Medical Center Child Development Clinic Developmental Pediatrics Program 111 Michigan Ave., NW Washington, DC 20010 Tel: (202) 476-5253

Fax: (202) 476-3233 www.cnmc.org

#### Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation provides evaluations of children with motor delays and physical disabilities; evaluation for equipment and braces; direct physical therapy and occupational therapy services.

Children's National Medical Center Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation 111 Michigan Ave., NW 1 Green, Suite 1300 Washington, DC 20010

Tel: (202) 884-3094 Fax: (202) 884-5979 www.cnmc.org







#### ✓ Clear Communication

Clear Communication provides speech-language pathology therapy services.

Clear Communication 3414 Hampton Hollow Drive #H Silver Spring, MD 20904

Tel: (202) 486-5339

Email: tamotiki@gmail.com

#### ✓ Coastal Healthcare

Coastal Healthcare provides children with physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services to infants and toddlers.

Coastal Healthcare Services 3801 Connecticut Avenue Suite #100 NW Washington, DC 20008

Tel: (202) 525-1542 Fax: 1-888- 427-1216

#### ✓ Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

The Early Intervention Program provides home-based early intervention services for children with visual disabilities, as well as other delays; advocacy, information and/or referral services for infants and toddlers birth through three years old. The Low Vision Clinic optometrist performs functional low vision evaluations and prescribes devices as needed.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind 1825 K. Street NW, Suite #1103 Washington, DC 20006

Tel: (240) 737-5109 Fax: (301) 589-7281

www.clb.org

osse.dc.gov







#### ✓ Conaboy & Associates, Inc.

Conaboy & Associates provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology therapy services, assistive technology services, as well as assessments.

Conaboy & Associates 900 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE Suite #306 Washington, DC 20002 Tel: (202) 544-2320

Fax: (202) 544-2321 www.conaboy.com

# ✓ Connections Therapy Center

Connections Therapy provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology and special instruction treatment services, as well as reassessments, for infants, toddlers, and their families.

Connections Therapy Center 9470 Annapolis Road Suite #416 Lanham, MD 20706

Tel: (301) 577-4333 Fax: (301) 577-5180 www.thectcenter.com

#### ✓ Genesis Health and Education Corp.

Genesis Health provides occupational therapy, speech therapy, and special instruction as well as conducts reassessments for infants and toddlers within the Early Intervention program.

Genesis Health and Education Corp.

2 Wisconsin Circle Suite #700
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Tel: (703) 349-0034 Fax: (703) 349-0365

Email: <a href="mailto:rkalunga@genesishe.com">rkalunga@genesishe.com</a>







#### √ The HSC Pediatric Center

The HSC Pediatric Center provides rehabilitative and transitional care to children who have complex disabilities that include developmental delays, cerebral palsy, and brain injuries. Children come to HSC when they are released from intensive care but still not ready to go home. HSC is guided by a family-centered philosophy, not only helping the child, but helping the entire family understand and accept the challenges ahead.

HSC Pediatric Center 1731 Bunker Hill Road, N.E. Washington, DC 20017 Tel:(202) 832-4400 Tel:1-800-226-4444 (Toll Free) www.hscpediatriccenter.org

#### ✓ It Takes a Village

It Takes a Village provides physical therapy, special instruction, and infant massage therapy services.

It Takes a Village 4415 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20011 Tel: (202) 423-3939

Fax: (202) 726-6779

Email: <a href="mailto:yolandalusane8@msn.com">yolandalusane8@msn.com</a>

#### ✓ Learning Together LLC

Learning Together provides special instruction- cognitive therapy, as well as special instruction - Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with behavioral concerns or Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Learning Together LLC 404 South Harrison Street Easton, MD 21601

Tel: (202) 427-4400 Fax: (410) 819-3133







#### ✓ Little Feet and Hands, Inc.

Little Feet and Hands provides eligibility evaluations of families to determine if they qualify for services under Part C. Additionally, Little Feet and Hands provides direct rehabilitative services.

Little Feet and Hands, Inc. 3321 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE Washington, DC 20017 Tel: (202) 832-3590

Fax: (202) 832-8494

#### ✓ Magnificus Corporation

Magnificus Corporation provides psychological services, nursing services, as well as parent training and counseling for families.

Magnificus Corporation 37 L Street, SE Washington, DC 20019 Tel: (202) 484-6242

Fax: (202) 484-6243

Email: <u>akintoye@magnificuscorp.com</u>

# ✓ Metropolitan Area Communications Services (MACS)

Metropolitan Area Communications Services provides early detection for children with special needs in speech, language, and hearing disorders. Early intervention treatment, screening, diagnostic evaluation, audiology program provides diagnostic tests as well as hearing aid evaluations and fittings, therapy and special education placement.

Metropolitan Area Communications Services (MACS) 6529 3rd Street, NW

Washington, DC 20012 Tel: (202) 723-6627

Fax: (202) 723-4474

Email: aforseter@hotmail.com

#### ✓ Milestone Therapeutics Services

Milestone Therapeutics Services provides occupational therapy services for children.

Milestone Therapeutic Services 2411 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE Washington, DC 20020

Tel: (202) 575-5404

Email: milestonetherapeuticservices@hotmail.com







#### **Multicultural Rehab**

Multicultural Rehab is an organization that provides dynamic, outcome-based, individualized, caring and effective speech-language, occupational, physical and massage therapies as well as cognitive learning supports to all individuals with special needs or disabilities — in particular, the bilingual, culturally diverse and/or English language learner.

Multicultural Rehab 9801 Georgia Avenue Suite #229 Silver Spring, MD 20902

Tel: (301) 754-2200 Fax: (301) 754-2226 www.mrehab.com

#### National Speech and Language

The National Speech and Language Therapy Center is a program designed to help children with speech and language disorders, as well as children found to be on the Autism spectrum. They offer diagnostic evaluations and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy.

National Speech and Language Therapy Center 5606 Shields Drive Bethesda, MD 20817 Tel: (301) 493-0023

Fax: (301) 493-8230

www.nationalspeech.com

# PSI

PSI provides early childhood education for children with special needs in center-based and home based programs: physical therapy, speech/language therapy; behavior program and parent education.

PSI 701 L Street, SE Washington, DC 20003 Tel: (202) 547-3870

Email: psidc@psifamilyservices.com







#### ✓ University Legal Services - Assistive Technology Program

University Legal Services is a non-profit organization that coordinates the provision of appropriate assistive technology devices and services to District residents who qualify. The Assistive Technology Program is one of several programs managed by the University Legal Services which serves as the District of Columbia's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for human, legal and service rights of people with disabilities. All services are free of charge to eligible individuals.

University Legal Services
Assistive Technology Program for the District of Columbia 2201 I Street, NE, Suite 130
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 547-0198

Fax: (202) 547-2662 www.uls-dc.org

#### ✓ University of the District of Columbia - Speech and Hearing Clinic

The UDC Speech and Hearing Clinic provides speech, language, and hearing evaluations and treatment for children and adults with speech needs.

University of the District of Columbia Speech and Hearing Clinic 4200 Connecticut Ave., NW, MB1002 Washington, DC 20008

Tel: (202) 274-6161 Fax: (202) 274-6350 www.udc.dc.gov







#### **ADVOCACY RESOURCES**

#### ✓ Advocates for Justice and Education

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc. was created as a mechanism to increase parental involvement in the education of children with special needs. Parent empowerment is used as a model to address injustices in the delivery of services.

Advocates for Justice and Education 1012 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003 Tel: (202) 678-8060 Toll Free: (888) 327-8060 4201 Georgia Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20011 Tel: (202) 265-9102 Fax: (202) 291-2225

www.aje-dc.org

#### √ The Children's Law Center, Inc.

The Children's Law Center is the voice for DC's abused and neglected children. They provide legal assistance to foster parents, grandparents, and other relatives who wish to adopt or obtain legal custody or guardianship of children trapped in the DC child welfare system or at risk of entering foster care.

The Children's Law Center 616 H Street, NW, Suite #300 Washington, DC 20001 Tel: (202) 467-4900

Fax: (202) 467-4949

www.childrenslawcenter.org

#### ✓ Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities - Family Empowerment Center

Quality Trust's Family Empowerment Center (FEC) is the District's one-stop family support center where families with a child or family member with a developmental disability can receive the advocacy, support, guidance and training they need to maneuver the District's government system for educational supports and other resources.

Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities Family Empowerment Center 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite #825 Washington, DC 20015

Tel: (202) 448-1450 Fax: (202) 448-1451 www.dcqualitytrust.org







#### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES RESOURCES**

# ✓ Autism Society of America

The Autism Society of America provides information and resources for parents and others as well as helpful web links, current news and key issues related to the field of autism. Links to local ASA chapters is provided on the website.

Autism Society of America 4340 East-West Hwy, Suite #350 Bethesda, MD 20814 Tel: 1-800-328-8476

www.autism-society.org

# ✓ National Downs Syndrome Society (NDSS) - Goodwin Family Information and Referral Center

Through its toll-free helpline and e-mail service, NDSS responds to questions from parents, professionals, self-advocates and other interested individuals. The Referral Center is supported by a translation service that can be accessed in over 150 languages.

National Downs Syndrome Society Goodwin Family Information and Referral Center 666 Broadway, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10012 Tel: 1-800-221-4602 (Helpline)

www.ndss.org

#### √ Social Security Administration (SSA)

Children with disabilities whose parents have little income or resources may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income Benefits. Contact the SSA to get a copy of the publication "Benefits for Children with Disabilities".

Social Security Administration (SSA) 2100 M Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20037 Tel: 1-800-772-1213

TTY: 1-800-325-0778 www.socialsecurity.gov







#### ✓ The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

NICHCY provides a wealth of information regarding disabilities. They serve the nation as a cultural source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children and youth.

NICHCY 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite #700 Washington, DC 20009 Tel: (202) 884-8200

Toll Free: 1-800-695-0285

www.nichcy.org

## ✓ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) helps with information in reference to purchase and refinancing of a home.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development- Local Office 820 First Street, NE, Suite #300 Washington, DC 20002

Tel: (202) 275-9200 Fax: (202) 275-9212

www.hud.gov

#### ✓ Zero to Three

Zero to Three is a national non-profit organization that promotes the health and well-being of infants, toddlers and their families. They organize monthly training sessions as well as host an annual conference that provides parents and service providers cutting edge knowledge on how best to serve children with development delay(s) or at risk for delay. Their website provides a wide array of child development resources, including parenting topics and information about growth and development. The website also offers a bookstore and access to the Zero to Three journal.

Zero to Three 1255 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, Suite #350 Washington, DC 20037 Tel: (202) 638-1144

Fax: (202) 638-0851 www.zerotothree.org

osse.dc.gov







## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

#### ✓ API Associates

API Associates provide a variety of services for children and adults, including but not limited to, diagnostic services, therapeutic services, crisis management, substance abuse rehabilitation, and parenting skills training. They will see children age five and older.

**API** Associates 7826 Eastern Avenue, NW, Suite #LL18 Washington, DC 20012 Tel: (202) 291-0912

Email: jwilliams@apiassociatesinc.com

#### ✓ Hillcrest Children's Center

The mission of Hillcrest Children's Center is to promote the well-being and spiritual development of all children and youth of the District of Columbia, through comprehensive, culturally responsive, family and community focused services, education and advocacy.

Hillcrest Children's Center 1408 U Street, NW, Suite A Washington, DC 20009

Tel: (202) 232-6100

#### ✓ LAUNCH, LLC

Launch, LLC Is a behavioral health provider offering a variety of services to patients of all ages. They also are a provider that works with the District of Columbia's Department of Mental Health. Launch, LLC will see children under 6 years old.

Launch, LLC 6856 Eastern Avenue, NW, Suite #211 Washington, DC 20012

Tel: (202) 723-6600 Tel: (202) 291-0951







## ✓ Psychiatric Institute of Washington

The Psychiatric Institute of Washington (PIW) provides comprehensive behavioral healthcare for children, adolescents, adults and senior adults suffering from mental health and addictive illnesses. PIW provides short-term, acute hospital care, offering inpatient, partial and intensive outpatient hospitalization, as well as specialized treatment programs for chemical dependency.

Psychiatric Institute of Washington 4228 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016 Tel: (202) 885-5600





#### RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

## ✓ Georgetown University Center for Child & Human Development

The Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development provides interdisciplinary diagnostic evaluation through a variety of clinics. Focus is on the following; autism, communication, developmental screenings, genetics, international pre-adoption/adoptions and pre-maturity. Advocacy information and/or referral for community-based services follow the diagnostic evaluations. Interdisciplinary teams may cover one or more of the following treatment areas: developmental pediatrics, geneticist, neurology, occupational therapy, psychology, physical therapy and speech and language therapy.

Georgetown University Center For Child & Human Development Georgetown University Box 571485 Washington, DC 20057

Tel: (202) 687-5000 Fax: (202) 687-8899

Email: gucdc@georgetown.edu www.gucchd.georgetown.edu

#### ✓ Healthy Babies Project

Healthy Babies provides support services for expectant mothers in Wards 5 and 6 and homeless pregnant women regardless of area; provides food for the expectant mothers if they are enrolled in their program; makes referrals for prenatal care, housing, Medicaid, food stamps, and financial aid; provides parenting skills and the Lamaze technique for child birth.

Healthy Babies Project 801 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 Tel: (202) 396-2809

(202) 330 2003

www.healthybabiesproject.org







#### MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS (MCOS)

Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) provide enrolled members of the District of Columbia with comprehensive health care and medical services.

AmeriHealth Family Choice

1120 Vermont Ave NW Ste 200

Washington DC 20005 Tel: (202) 407-8758 Fax: 1 (888) 604-2378

Health Services for Children With Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN)

1101 Vermont Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036 Tel: (202) 467-2737 Fax: (202) 721-7193

Medstar Family Choice 1101 Vermont Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036

Tel: (202) 467-2737 Fax: (202) 721-7193

Trusted Health Plan

1100 New Jersey Ave SE Ste 840

Washington DC 20003 Tel: (202) 821-1100 Fax: (202) 821-1099







#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

#### ✓ Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is the area's leading provider of comprehensive human care services.

Catholic Charities 924 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 Tel: (202) 772-4300

Email: <u>Communications@CatholicCharitiesDC.org</u>

www.catholiccharitiesdc.org

#### ✓ DC Coalition for the Homeless

Services include transitional housing, support services, and emergency shelters for homeless men, women, children and families.

DC Coalition for the Homeless 1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20005 Tel: (202) 347-8870

Fax: (202) 347-7279 Email: info@dccfh.org

www.dccfh.org

#### √ Family Matters of Greater Washington

Family Matters of Greater Washington services include adoption services, foster care, parent education, mental health counseling and services to seniors. Family Matters also offers childcare services with sliding-scale fees that help low-to-moderate income families to find stability and independence.

Family Matters of Greater Washington 1509 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

Tel: (202) 289-1510 Fax: (202) 518-8929

Email: info@familymattersdc.org

www.familymattersdc.org







#### √ Family Place

Family Place provides prenatal education, counseling, parent education, resources and support services to expectant parents and families with children ages birth to 5 years.

Family Place 3309 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20010 Tel: (202) 265-0149

Fax: (202) 483-0650

Emily: info@thefamilyplace.org www.thefamilyplacedc.org

# ✓ Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care bilingual services includes: 24-hour telephone access to medical providers; Home visits; Postpartum care; Family planning/well-woman care; Primary pediatric care from birth through age 13; Preventive health and family life education; An adolescent program focused on pregnancy prevention, educational enrichment and teen parenting; assistance in applying for Medicaid; and intensive social services and case management of referrals.

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care 2333 Ontario Road, NW Washington, DC 20009 Service Coordination Offices 508 Kennedy Street, NW Washington, DC 20011

Tel: (202) 483-8196 www.maryscenter.org







#### ✓ My Sister's Place, Inc.

My Sister's Place is an interactive community committed to eradicating domestic violence. They provide safe, confidential shelter; programs, education and advocacy for battered women and their children. Our goal is to empower women to take control of their lives.

My Sister's Place, Inc. P.O. Box 29596 Washington, DC 20017 Tel: (202) 529-5261

Hotline: (202) 529-5991 (24 Hours)

www.mysistersplacedc.org

#### ✓ Parent to Parent of DC - Peer Support Program

Parent to Parent of DC Peer Support Program offers parents who are raising children with special health care needs and/or disabilities information about DC programs for children with special needs from birth to age 23. The Peer Support Program offers parents the opportunity to speak with another parent who knows about the services and support that are necessary to raise a child with special needs.

Parent to Parent of DC Peer Support Program 1258 Pleasant Street, SE Washington, DC 20020 Tel: (202) 373-5564

Fax: (202) 373-0063

www.parent2parenddc.org

#### ✓ St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home

St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home provides residential care for pregnant and parenting teens. St. Ann's also provides emergency placement and short-term residential care for infants and young children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned.

St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home 4901 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20782 Tel: (301) 559-5500

www.stanns.org







#### ✓ St. John's Community Services

St. John's Community Services provides therapy services/home visiting in an inclusive environment. Family support assessment provided.

St. John's Community Services-DC 2201 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite #120

Washington, DC 20007 Tel: (202) 237-3459

Toll Free: 1-800-869-3393

Fax: (202) 237-5459 Email: <u>info@sjcs.org</u>

www.sjcs.org

# ✓ Shelter HOTLINE Transport

The Shelter Hotline Transport provides homeless families with transportation to emergency shelters. Also provides comfort items (blankets) during winter months.

Shelter Hotline Transport 301 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001

Tel: (202) 238-4732

Toll Free: 1-800-535-7252 Fax: (202) 319-3242

www.upo.org

#### √ Washington Child Development Council - Resource and Referral Line

The Washington Child Development Council (WCDC) operates the District's Child Care Information, Resource and Referral Service; providing data on all licensed child care facilities located in DC, is provided free of charge to any person seeking placement of their child in child care centers, family child care homes, or before and after school programs. WCDC also has information on services for children with disabilities.

Washington Child Development Council Resource and Referral Line 1400 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite #715 Washington, DC 20036

Tel: (202) 387-0002 Fax: (202) 387-0411 www.daycareindc.org







#### **CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS**

#### ✓ Bright Beginnings, Inc.

Bright Beginnings, Inc. provides infant toddler day care and before and after school care for homeless or otherwise economically vulnerable families. Bright Beginnings accesses partners that provide on-site therapeutic services such as speech/language; motor and social skills evaluations; dental; vision and other services. The center's developmentally appropriate curriculum is designed to meet the four key dimensions of school readiness identified by the National Educational Goals Panel: physical well-being and motor development; social and emotional development; language usage; and the mastering of learning styles that allow children to approach new tasks and challenges effectively.

Bright Beginnings, Inc. 128 M Street, NW Suite #150 Washington, DC 20001 Tel: (202) 842-9090

www.brightbeginningsinc.org

#### ✓ Easter Seals of Greater Washington

The Children's Center provides early intervention, occupational, physical and speech therapy services.

Children and Adults, Inc.
Child Development Center
Easter Seals of Greater Washington
2800 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 287, 4424 out 102

Tel: (202) 387-4434 ext.103

Fax: (202) 462-7379

osse.dc.gov

www.gwbr.easterseals.com







#### ✓ Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center

The Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center provides center-based early childhood education and home-based programs for children; early intervention services; child care, medical, dental, vision, speech, and hearing screenings; nutrition programs that provide breakfast, lunch and snacks; social services, parent education, advocacy, and information and/or referral for ages birth to 5. Develop Individualized Family Service Plans and Individualized Education Programs for children with special needs. Parent support groups and parent trainings are also provided.

Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center 1719 13th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 Tel: (202) 462-3375

www.ecmpcc.org

#### √ National Children's Center

The National Children's Center Early Intervention Program provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers with special needs including physical therapy, speech/language therapy, and occupational therapy, and psychological therapy.

National Children's Center Early Intervention Program 3400 Martin Luther King Ave, SE Washington, DC 20032

Tel: (202) 561-7280 Fax: (202) 561-7284 www.nccinc.org

#### ✓ Rosemount Center

Rosemount Center provides center-based child care and home-based services for children from birth to five years of age and their families. Services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, parent training, and social services.

Rosemount Center 2000 Rosemont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20010 Tel: (202) 265-9885

Fax: (202) 265-2636

www.rosemountcenter.com







#### ✓ Treatment and Learning Center

The Treatment and Learning Center is a private, rehabilitation and educational facility that provides child care, diagnostic and treatment services in the following areas: speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, audiology, psychological and educational testing and academic tutoring.

www.ttlc.org

#### **Locations**

9975 Medical Center Drive Rockville, MD 20850 Tel: (301) 738-9691 Phone

TTY: (301) 424-5203

2092 Gaither Road, Suite #100

Rockville, MD 20850 Tel: (301) 424-5200 TTY: (301) 424-5203

14901 Dufief Mill Road N. Potomac, MD 20878 Tel: (301)738-6424

TTY: (301) 424-5203

#### ✓ United Planning Organization (UPO) - Head Start & Early Start Programs

United Planning Organization accepts referrals from early intervention programs during transition. In center-based programs, children with special needs are provided early intervention services; child care; medical, dental, vision, hearing and speech screening; a nutrition program that provides breakfast, lunch and snacks; parent education; social services, and advocacy.

United Planning Organization (UPO) Head Start & Early Start Programs 301 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001

Tel: (202) 238-4600 Fax: (202) 588-7179

www.upo.org







#### **EDUCATION RESOURCES**

#### ✓ Gallaudet University - Kendall Demonstration Elementary School

The Kendall Demonstration Elementary School provides speech and language, and developmental and audiological evaluations. Early intervention services are provided as needed. Early childhood education at KDES is comprised of the following programs:

- Parent-Infant Program (birth to 2 years old). A two-year program that meets two
  days a week for half a day each and offers parent support and parent meetings on
  site.
- Preschool Program (2-4 year olds). A two year long program where the students have the same teachers for both years. Students attend four days a week for a full day.
- Pre-Kindergarten, (4-5 years old). Students attend five full days a week.
- Kindergarten (5-6 years old). Students attend five full days a week.

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School Gallaudet University 800 Florida Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20002

Tel: (202) 651-5855

http://www.gallaudet.edu/kdes.html

#### ✓ Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute Preschool

The Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute Preschool provides a comprehensive, center-based program for infants and children with and without special needs, early childhood education, and early intervention services; nursing, nutritive, physical therapy; speech/language, audiology and occupational therapy; advocacy, information and/or referral.

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute 801 Buchanan Street, NE Washington, DC 20017

Tel: (202) 529-7600 Fax: (202) 529-2028

www.kennedycatholiccharities.dc.org







#### ✓ The River School

The River School provides educational experiences for children and families by uniting the best practices in early childhood education and oral deaf education; and to promote clinical research and training in child language and literacy. The River School serves as a model for the education of young deaf children in an inclusive environment.

The River School 4880 MacArthur Boulevard, NW Washington, DC 20007 Tel: (202) 337-3554

Fax: (202) 337-3534 www.riverschool.net





#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

American Diabetes Association

www.diabetes.org

American Foundation for the Blind

www.afb.org

Asian American LEAD

www.aalead.org

Association of University Centers On

Disabilities

www.aucd.org/directory/directory.cfm

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

www.bazelon.org

**Brain Injury Association** 

www.biausa.org

Council for Exceptional Children

www.cec.sped.org

DC Action for Children

http://www.dcactionforchildren.org/

District of Columbia Public Schools

www.dcps.dc.gov

National Council on Independent Living

www.ncil.org

**Dental Care** 

www.nfdh.org

National Disability Rights Network

www.protectionandadvocacy.com

Parent to Parent Organization

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/cof p2p.htm

Publication/Video/CD-Rom

www.disabilitiesbooks.com

Website Search Assistance

www.parentsmart.com

VSA The Capital Area Organization on Arts

and Disability

www.vsadc.org





