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Central Directory of Early Intervention Resources

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Dear Resident,

Children are our most valuable resource. The investment we make in them today will benefit all of tomorrow. Early Intervention Services can make a world of difference in the lives of infants and toddlers who are at risk of, or diagnosed with, developmental delays or disabilities and their families. The DC Early Intervention Program, (DC EIP) serves as the 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 and monitored, 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 early enough to make a difference. These services must be flexible, culturally responsive, and most importantly, meet the needs of the child and family.

The DC EIP Central Directory provides information about:

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

Sincerely,

Kerri Briggs, Ph.D.
State Superintendent

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INTRODUCTION

In the District of Columbia, the early intervention system is known as the Part C program or the DC Early Intervention Program (DC EIP). The DC Early Intervention Program (DC EIP) serves as the single point of entry for infants and toddlers whose families have concerns about their development. The DC EIP 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, DC EIP is responsible for services to young children, birth through age two (2) years. 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.

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
- cognitive therapy
- speech and language services
- vision services

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months of age may be eligible for early intervention services if, through documented evaluation and assessment, they meet one of the criteria below:

1. 50% developmental delay in either cognitive, communication, social and/or emotional, adaptive, or physical and motor development including vision and hearing; or
2. Established risk conditions with a high probability of resulting in delayed development; or
3. Diagnosed condition known to result in developmental delay.

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?

DC EIP operates with an annual budget of about \$2.2 million in federal funding. 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. DC EIP uses a sliding fee scale to determine a family's ability to pay when financial assistance is requested.

EVALUATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

Children under the age of three are eligible for DC EIP 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. DC EIP 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 DC EIP 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 DC EIP?

DC EIP 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. DC EIP 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?

DC EIP will screen or evaluate a child, with the parent or guardian's permission, to determine how he/she is growing and if a delay is present. DC EIP 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 DC Early Intervention Program Child Find Phone Line at (202) 727-3665. The DC EIP Referral form can also be downloaded online and faxed to DC EIP at (202) 724-7230. In addition, a screening tool, the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is also available online and can be administered by anyone familiar with the child.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESOURCES

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.

Community Health Administration
DC Department of Health
825 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 442-5955
Fax: (202) 442-4947
www.doh.dc.gov

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.

Women, Infants and Children Program
Community Health Administration
DC Department of Health
825 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 442-9397
Fax: (202) 442-4947
www.doh.dc.gov

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.

Assessment and Referral Center
Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA)
70 N Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 727-8473
Fax: (202) 535-2318
www.doh.dc.gov

Department of Disability Services

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 of Columbia.

Department of Disability Services
1125 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 730-1700
Toll Free: (866) 923-5644
www.dds.dc.gov

Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)

The Rehabilitation Services Administration 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
810 First Street, NE, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 442-8500
Tel: (202) 442-8613/8563 (TTY/TTD)
Tel: (202) 442-8561 (Spanish)
www.dds.dc.gov

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

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. This disability originates before the age of 18. To be eligible for services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration, a person must have an intellectual disability. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, autism and other impairments of the brain that occur during childhood.

Developmental Disabilities Administration
1125 15th Street NW, 8th 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
64 New York Avenue, NE, Suite 3000
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 724-7000
Fax: (202) 673-6993
TDD/TYY: (202) 673-6994
www.does.dc.gov

Department of Human Services

211 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. In addition to dialing 311, the 211 Answers, Please! Online website also provides DC residents with a fast and easy way to search for local and national social service programs. The website features user-friendly searches by the name, location, address, operating hours,

telephone numbers, and/or eligibility criteria.

211 Answers Please!

Department of Human Services
64 New York Avenue, NE, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 671-4200
www.answersplease.dc.gov

Child Care Services 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
Department of Human Services
4001 South Capitol Street, SW
Washington, DC 20032
Tel: (202) 727-0284
Fax: (202) 727-9707
www.dhs.dc.gov

Income Maintenance Administration (IMA)

The mission of the Department of Human Services Income Maintenance Administration (IMA) is to determine the eligibility of applicants and to recertify the eligibility of recipients for federal and District-funded assistance programs, and to help heads of households receiving TANF benefits to become employed and move toward financial independence.

Service Centers

Anacostia
2100 Martin Luther King, Jr Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020

Tel: (202) 645-4614
Fax: (202) 727-3527

Congress Heights

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

Fort Davis

3851 Alabama Avenue, 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
www.dhs.dc.gov

Child and Family Services Administration

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
400 6th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024
Tel: (202) 442-6000

www.cfsa.dc.gov

Department of Mental Health

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) provides comprehensive mental health services to adults, children, youths, and their families. They also operate a school-based program that offers prevention, early intervention and clinical services to a number of schools.

64 New York Avenue, NE, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Tel: (202) 673-7440

Fax: (202) 673-3433

24-Hour Access Helpline: (888) 793-4357

TDD Access Helpline: (202) 673-7500

www.dmh.dc.gov

Homeless Services

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) provides services to homeless individuals 18 and older with mental health disorders. Homeless Outreach Teams provide crisis assessment and interventions to homeless persons who may be experiencing a mental health crisis whether on the streets or in homeless shelters.

Homeless Services

Department of Mental Health

64 New York Ave NE, 4th Floor,

Washington, DC 20003

Tel: (202) 671-0388 Phone

Fax: (202) 442-4792 Fax

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.

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

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

www.dmh.dc.gov

Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is a high-performing, transparent agency that sets proactive policies, exercises vigilant oversight, and directs resources that guarantee residents educated in the District of Columbia are among the highest performers in the nation; fully prepared for successful postsecondary learning and employment in the creative economy.

Office of the State Superintendent of Education

810 First Street, NE, 9th Floor

Washington, DC 20002

Tel: (202) 727-6436

Fax: (202) 727-2019

www.osse.dc.gov

Early Care and Education Administration (ECEA)

Early Care Education administration 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.

Early Care and Education Administration
Office of the State Superintendent of
Education

717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Tel: (202) 727-1839

Fax: (202) 724-7229

www.osse.dc.gov

DC Early Intervention Program (DCEIP)

The DC Early Intervention Program serves as the single point of entry for the District's IDEA Part C infants and toddler early intervention program.

The mission is to identify and serve infants and toddlers, birth through two, with developmental delays and disabilities and their families.

Early Intervention Program
Office of the State Superintendent of
Education

810 First Street, NE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Tel: (202) 727-3665

Child Find Phone Line

Fax: (202) 724-7230

www.osse.dc.gov

Metropolitan Police Department

Youth & Preventive Services Division

Youth & Preventive Services is a specialized unit of the Metropolitan Police Department that is dedicated to providing services to protect the youth of the District of Columbia. The services are primarily twofold: law enforcement and preventive development for youth working with the DC Public Schools. This unit's primary focus is

to reduce all crime involving youth as victims by fully investigating abuse, neglect or missing persons and insuring all juvenile perpetrators are processed in accordance with current juvenile laws and regulations. All criminal cases investigated by this unit are worked in conjunction with governmental agencies, including the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Youth & Preventive Services Division
Metropolitan Police Department
1700 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20018

Tel: (202) 576-6768

Fax: (202) 576-6561

www.mpd.dc.gov

Office of the Attorney General

Child Support Services Division (CSSD)

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.

Child Support Services Division
One Judiciary Square
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 550 North
Washington, DC 20001

Tel: (202) 442-9900

www.cssd.dc.gov

DC Housing Authority (DCHA)

The District of Columbia Housing Authority is an award-winning, independent public agency that provides affordable housing for low-income families, seniors and people living with disabilities in the nation's capital, one of the most expensive real estate markets in the country.

DC Housing Authority
1133 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 535-1500
Fax: (202) 535-1433
(Subsidized and Section 8)
www.dchousing.org

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
Walker Jones Education Campus
1125 New Jersey Avenue, NW, 4th Fl
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) provide quality urban recreation and leisure services for residents and visitors to the District of Columbia. 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 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
Tel: (202) 673-7647
Fax: (202) 673-2087
www.dpr.dc.gov

THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Align Staffing (a.k.a. Connections Therapy)

Align Staffing provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and social work evaluation and treatment services to infants, toddlers, and their families.

Align Staffing
7474 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 620
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Tel: (301) 220-0580
Fax: (301) 220-0585
www.alignstaffing.com

Amedisys Tender Loving Care

Amedisys Tender Loving Care provides hospice care, family counseling, home visits, nursing services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work services, and speech and language therapy in a home-based setting.

Amedisys Tender Loving Care
1212 New York Ave., NW Suite 310
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 682-2200
Fax: (301) 682-0822
www.amedisys.com

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 is also available.

Children's National Medical Center
Child Development Clinic
Developmental Pediatrics Program
111 Michigan Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20010
Tel: (202) 476-6047
Fax: (202) 476-4043
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

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 thru 3.

The Low Vision Clinic optometrist performs functional low vision evaluations and prescribes devices as needed.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
1825 K. Street N.W., Suite 1103
Washington, DC 20006
Tel: (202) 454-6400
Fax: (202) 454-6401
www.clb.org

The HSC Pediatric Center

(formerly The Hospital for Sick Children)

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: (800) 226-4444 (Toll Free)

www.hscpediatriccenter.org

Kid's Communication Center

The Kid's Communication Center is a local organization that provides speech and language therapy services to children.

Kid's Communication Center
4904 Wisconsin Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20016
Tel: (202) 237-7079

Little Feet and Hands, Inc.

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

Little Feet and Hands, Inc.
3321 12th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017
Tel: (202) 832-3590
Fax: (202) 832-8494

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
6529 3rd Street, NW

Washington, DC 20012
Tel: (202) 723-6627
Fax: (301) 881-4474

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

Out Came the Sun

Out Came the Sun, Inc., provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, special instruction, and service coordination services.

Out Came the Sun, Inc.
P.O. Box 1687
Rockville, MD 20899-1687
Tel: (301) 649-7170
Fax: (301) 260-8487

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
Fax: (202) 546-9642

Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders

The Scottish Rite Center is a program designed to help children with speech and language disorders, offering diagnostic evaluations and treatment of speech and language disorders.

Scottish Rite Center
1630 Columbia Road, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 939-4703
Fax: (202) 939-4717
www.scottishrite.org

Washington Hearing and Speech Society Sibley Memorial Hospital

The Washington Hearing and Speech Society provide speech language evaluations and therapy, audiological evaluations, and hearing aid dispensing.

Washington Hearing and Speech Society
Sibley Memorial Hospital
5255 Loughboro Road, NW
Washington, DC 20016
Tel: (202) 537-4010
Fax: (202) 243-5255
www.sibley.org

Wendt Center for Loss and Healing

The Wendt Center is a resource for addressing grief in adults and children, providing mental health services, training, and education to ease the impact of illness, loss, and bereavement.

www.wendtcenter.org

Locations

Wendt Center Main Office

4201 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20008
Tel: (202) 624-0010
Fax: (202) 624-0062

Wendt Center SouthEast

Anacostia Professional Building (Big Chair)

2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE,
Suite 239
Washington, DC 20020
Tel: (202) 610-0066
Fax: (202) 610-6697

Wendt Center NorthEast

Lighthouse: Center for Healing

5321 First Place, NE
Washington, DC 20011
Tel: (202) 742-1720
Fax: (202) 742-1726

University of the District of Columbia

Speech and Hearing Clinic

The UDC Speech and Hearing Clinic provide 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. were 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
2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE,
Suite 400
Washington, DC 20020
Tel: (202) 678-8060
Fax: (202) 678-8062
4201 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011
Tel: (202) 265-9102
Fax: (202) 291-2225
www.aje-dc.org

The Children's Law Center

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 St., N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20001
Tel: (202) 467-4900
Fax: (202) 467-4949
www.childrenslawcenter.org

Family Voices of the District of Columbia

Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through their national network, families are provided tools to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, and build partnerships with professionals.

Family Voices of the District of Columbia
1258 Pleasant Street SE
Washington, DC 20020
Tel: (202) 373-5564
Fax: (202) 373-0063
www.familyvoices.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
3400 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20032
Tel: (202) 561-1991
Fax: (202) 561-1995
www.dcqualitytrust.org

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

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES RESOURCES

Autism Society of America

The Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

Autism Society of America
4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
Tel: (800) 328-8476
www.autism-society.org

National Down Syndrome Society

Goodwin Family Information and Referral Center

The mission of the National Down Syndrome Society is to be the national advocate for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome. The National Down Syndrome Society envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations, and become valued members of welcoming communities.

National Down Syndrome Society
Goodwin Family Information and Referral Center
666 Broadway, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10012
Tel: (800) 221-4602
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: (800) 772-1213
TTY: (800) 325-0778
www.socialsecurity.gov

The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

NICHCY is the center that provides information to the nation on: 1) disabilities in children and youth; 2) programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; 3) IDEA, the nation's special education law; 4) No Child Left Behind, the nation's general education law; and 5) research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities.

NICHCY
1825 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20013
Tel: (202) 884-8200 (Voice/TTY)
Fax: (202) 884-8441
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
451 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410
Tel: (202) 275-9200 (Information)
Tel: (800) 225-5342 (Resource Line)
Tel: (202) 708-1455 (Locator Services)
www.fha.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. Organize monthly training sessions and 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. Website provides a wide array of child development resources, including parenting topics and information about growth and development. Website also offers a bookstore and access to the Zero to Three journal.

Zero to Three
National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families
2000 M Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 638-1144
Fax: (202) 638-0851
www.zerotothree.org

RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Georgetown University Center For Child & Human Development

The GUCCHD's mission is to improve the quality of life for all children and youth, children with special needs, adults with developmental and other disabilities, and their families. A division of Georgetown University's Department of Pediatrics, the Center is founded on an interdisciplinary approach to service, training, research, community outreach, technical assistance, and public policy.

Georgetown University Center For Child & Human Development
3300 Whitehaven Street, N.W., Suite 3300
Washington, DC 20007-3935
Tel: (202) 687-8635
Fax: (202) 687-8899
www.gucchd.georgetown.edu

Healthy Babies Project

Healthy Babies Project aims to reduce the dangerously high rates of infant deaths, illnesses, low birth weight, and repeat pregnancies as well as improve the health, education, and parenting outcomes for at-risk mothers, fathers and infants, by reaching out to high-risk, low-income, pregnant and parenting women, men, and their families.

Healthy Babies Project
801 17th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Tel: (202) 396-2809
Fax: (202) 396-8926
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.

DC Chartered Health

1025 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 408-4720
Fax: (202) 408-4730
www.chartered-health.com

Health Right

1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 218-0380
Fax: (202) 218-0379
www.healthright-dc.com

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

1101 Vermont Avenue, NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 466-8483
Fax: (202) 466-8514
www.hscsn-net.org

Unison Health Plan

1225 I Street, N.W., Suite 510
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (800) 620-7802
www.unisonhealthplan.com

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
Fax: (202) 772-4408
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org

DC Coalition for the Homeless

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

DC Coalition for the Homeless
1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 347-8870
Fax: (202) 347-7279
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 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 289-1510
Fax: (202) 518-8929
www.familymattersdc.org

Family Place

The Family Place is a community drop-in center that provides hospitality, resources, and support services to expectant parents and families with young children. The Family Place focuses on expectant parents and families with children through age five because of the critical importance of the early years in every child's life.

Family Place
3309 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
Tel: (202) 265-0149
Fax: (202) 483-0650
www.thefamilyplacedc.org

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care

Mary's Center mission is to build better futures through the delivery of health care, education and social services. We embrace culturally diverse communities to provide them with the highest quality of care, regardless of their ability to pay.

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care
2333 Ontario Road, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 483-8196
Fax: (202) 797-2628
www.maryscenter.org

My Sister's Place

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
Tel: (202) 529-5261 (24 Hour Crisis Hotline)
Fax: (202) 529-5991
www.mysistersplace.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
Fax: (301) 853-6985
Fax: (301) 559-4862
www.stanns.org

St. John's Community Services

St. John's Community Services' role as a nonprofit, human service agency has been to develop creative ways to support people with disabilities as well as the communities in which they live.

St. John's Community Services
2201 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 120
Washington, DC 20016
Tel: (202) 274-3459
Fax: (202) 337-5459
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 Ave., NW
Wash., DC 20001-1826
Tel: (202) 399-7093
www.upo.org/uposhelter

Washington Child Development Council (WCDC)

Resource and Referral Line

WCDC is a resource and referral service for childcare. The service provides computerized data on all licensed child care facilities in the District, free of charge to any person seeking placement of their child or children in child care centers, infant care centers, and family child care homes or before and after care programs. WCDC also provides families with information about services for children with special needs.

Washington Child Development Council
Resource and Referral Line
1400 16th Street, NW, Suite 715
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 387-0002
Fax: (202) 387-0411
www.wcdonline.org

CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS

Bright Beginnings, Inc. (BBI)

Head Start

Bright Beginnings is a child and family development center that offers a bright start for homeless infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and their families. BBI provides children with a safe, nurturing educational environment, prepare children to enter kindergarten ready to learn, and support homeless parents to stabilize their home lives and become self-sufficient.

Bright Beginnings, Inc.
128 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
Tel: (202) 842-9090
Fax: (202) 842-9095
www.brightbeginningsinc.org

Chesapeake Center, Inc.

The Chesapeake Center, Inc. is a healthcare provider that offers early intervention and therapy services for infants, toddlers, preschool and school aged children through community based programs, school based programs and clinic visits.

Chesapeake Center, Inc.
6506 Loisdale Road
Springfield, VA 22150
Tel: (703) 924-4100
Fax: (703) 922-5048
www.chesapeakectr.com

Easter Seals of Greater Washington

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

Easter Seals Child Development Center of
Greater Washington
2800 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 387-4434
Fax: (202) 462-7379
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.

Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center
1719 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: (202) 462-3375
Fax: (202) 939-8696
www.ecmpcc.org

National Children's Center (NCC)

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 Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20032
Tel: (202) 279-4900
Fax: (202) 279-4961
www.nccinc.org

Rosemount Center

Rosemount Center provides center-based child care and home-based services for children birth-5 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 Centers (TLC)

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
TTY: (301) 424-5203

2301 Research Blvd, Suite 110 & 220
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)

Early Head Start Programs & Head Start

United Planning Organization accepts referrals from early intervention programs during transition. In the UPO's 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 Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20001
Tel: (202) 238-4600
Fax: (202) 588-7179
www.upo.org

EDUCATION RESOURCES

Gallaudet University

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School (KDES)

The Kendall Demonstration Elementary School provides speech and language, 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) 651-5397
Fax: (202) 651-5362
www.clerccenter.gallaudet.edu

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute Preschool

Kennedy Institute provides individualized academic, therapeutic, and vocational services in a non-public school for children with disabilities ages. The Preschool provides a comprehensive center-based program for infants and children with and without special needs.

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute
801 Buchanan Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017
Tel: (202) 529-7600
Fax: (202) 529-2028
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org

The River School

The River School provides educational experiences for children and their families by uniting the best practices of 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 Association of the Deaf-Blind
<http://www.aadb.org/>

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

Autism Speaks
<http://www.autismspeaks.org/>

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
www.bazelon.org

Brain Injury Association of America
www.biausa.org

Council for Exceptional Children
www.cec.sped.org

DC Action for Children
www.dckids.org

District of Columbia Public Schools
www.dcps.dc.gov

National Center for Hearing Assessment and
Management
<http://www.infanthearing.org/>

National Council on Independent Living
www.ncil.org

National Foundation of Dentistry for the
Handicapped
www.nfdh.org

National Disability Rights Network
www.protectionandadvocacy.com

Parent Smart
www.parentsmart.com

Publication/Video/CD-Rom
www.disabilitiesbooks.com

WVSA Arts Connection
www.wvsarts.org