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## Resources for Families - Maryland

### **Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health**

10632 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 119  
Columbia, MD 21044  
410.730.8267  
800.607.3637  
[www.mdcoalition.org](http://www.mdcoalition.org)

### **Black Mental Health Alliance For Education and Consultation, Inc. (BMHA)**

2901 Druid Park Dr., Suite A110  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
410.338.2642

### **Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder**

CHADD Local Chapters:

Montgomery County Chadd, Damascus	301.869.3628
Greater Baltimore Chapter Of Chadd, Baltimore	410.377.0249
Maryland Mid.Shore Chadd, Easton	410.479.2556
Harford County Chadd, Bel Air	410.569.3532
Eastern Shore Chadd, Berlin	410.641.7672
Anne Arundel County Chadd, Crofton	410.721.2468
Westminster/Owings Mills Chadd, Westminster	410.751.3820
Essex Satellite Of Chadd, Baltimore	410.780.4674

### - Depression and Related Affective Disorders Association (DRADA)

Meyer 3-181  
600 North Wolfe Street  
Baltimore, MD 21287-7381  
410.955.4647 - Baltimore, MD  
202.955.5800 - Washington, D.  
C.  
[www.med.jhu.edu/drada/](http://www.med.jhu.edu/drada/)

**Resources:** The symptoms of depression and bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness) in young people can differ from adults. Symptoms can be missed if you don't know what to look for. Persistent unhappiness or moodiness is not normal for anyone. One way to overcome this problem is to educate teenagers themselves. This is why DRADA created the pamphlet: *I wish I was never born. I really hate myself*

**Activities:** DRADA has a list of over 60 DRADA support groups in the Baltimore-Washington area whose leaders have taken the DRADA leadership-training course. Some of these are for persons with the illness and some are for family members.

### Families Involved Together

2219 Maryland Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
410.235.5222

A network of parents whose children have emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders.

### Learning Disabilities Association of Maryland, Inc. (LDA.MD)

P.O. Box 526  
Bowie, MD 20718.0526  
800.673.6777

### Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County

P.O. Box 623;  
Rockville, MD 20848-0623  
301-933-1076  
[www.ldamc.org](http://www.ldamc.org)

**Resources:** An extensive calendar of events, list of talks and lectures.

### Maryland Disability Law Center

1800 N. Charles Street, Suite 204  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410.727.6352  
800.233.7201  
410.727.6387 (TDD)

The MDLC is a public interest law firm that advocates for children and adults with disabilities. The mission of the MDLC is to ensure that people with disabilities are afforded the full rights and entitlements accorded them by state and federal law.

**Resources:** MDLC has published a handbook that more fully describes the rights of children in special education and what can be done if those rights are violated. DLC is committed to ensuring that the assistive technology needs of children are met.

### Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

300 West Lexington St.  
Box 10  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410.333.3688  
800.305.6441 (within MD)  
[www.md-council.org/](http://www.md-council.org/)

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council advocates for public policy and supportive practices and opportunities that promote the full inclusion of all people with developmental disabilities in community life.

**Resources:** A comprehensive education program in family support services, Family NET Works seeks to make family support services available to unserved families, provide training in best practices, and raise awareness of family support services. Family support services assist families caring for children with developmental disabilities with a range of items and services from respite care to wheelchair ramps.

### **Maryland Mental Health Online**

[www.hometown.aol.com/  
behavioralscicon/md.html](http://www.hometown.aol.com/behavioralscicon/md.html)

Maryland Mental Health Online, the internet mental health resource for Marylanders. This site was created in response to the need for Marylanders to have up-to-date information on mental health issues, emotional disorders, addictions, and treatment and referral information.

### **Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services**

200 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410.767.0238  
[www.msde.state.md.us/SpecialEducation/default.htm](http://www.msde.state.md.us/SpecialEducation/default.htm)

### **Mental Health Association of Maryland**

711 W. 40th Street, Suite 460  
Baltimore, MD 21211  
410.235.1178  
800.572.6426  
Maryland Youth Crisis hotline,  
800.422.0009  
[www.mhamd.org](http://www.mhamd.org)

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[yourchildsmentalhealth.org](http://yourchildsmentalhealth.org)  
MHAMD's public education campaign site to encourage parents to seek treatment for their children

**Resources:** The Kids on the Block is a puppet troupe which offers free performances across Maryland that explain to elementary school-aged children how to utilize problem solving skills, why good mental health is important, and how to identify symptoms of mental health problems. MHAM's Government Affairs Network consists of mental health consumers, family members, providers and concerned citizens who address statewide public policy issues. The Network advocates on behalf of individuals with mental illnesses to ensure that humane, effective and affordable services are available and accessible to those who need them.

### **Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health** (Contact Maryland Coalition of Families - 301.681.8929 or 888.607.3637)

### **NAMI Maryland – National Alliance on Mental Illness of Maryland**

804 Landmark Dr . Suite 122  
Glen Burnie , MD 21061  
(410)863-0470 (410)863-0474  
(fax) [lalbizo@nami.org](mailto:lalbizo@nami.org)  
[md.nami.org](http://md.nami.org)

**Resources:** Includes a list at [www.apollonian.com/  
namilocals/statelistall.asp?ST=MD](http://www.apollonian.com/namilocals/statelistall.asp?ST=MD) of all county NAMI offices.

### **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Montgomery County**

10730 Connecticut Avenue, 1st  
Floor  
Kensington, MD 20895  
301.949.5852  
[http://bb.nami.org/cgi-bin/b.pl?  
reg=Montgomery&ST=md&fn=read](http://bb.nami.org/cgi-bin/b.pl?reg=Montgomery&ST=md&fn=read)

### **Parents' Place of Maryland**

7478 Candlewood Road  
Suite S  
Hanover, MD 21076  
410.859.5300  
[www.ppmmd.org/](http://www.ppmmd.org/)

**Resources:** a calendar of workshops. Downloadable resources on special education, and information of the *Maryland Family Voices* - a statewide grassroots network of families of children with special health care needs and disabilities that will work in partnership with Children's Medical Services to improve health care systems for children with disabilities and chronic illnesses in Maryland.

### **Children's Mental Health - Disorders**

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### **American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**

3615 Wisconsin Avenue N.W.  
Washington DC 20016  
202.966.7300  
[www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)

**Resources:** Includes Facts for Families, available in English or Spanish, which is a brief introduction to many issues that might confront children or teenagers -having difficulty coping, feeling sad, inability to sleep or get along with family or friends, or getting involved with drugs. A Common Sense 10 Point Plan to Address the Problem of School Violence is also produced by AACAP.

### **Center for Mental Health Services - Child, Adolescent and Family Branch**

Substance Abuse and Mental  
Health Services Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857  
301.443.0001  
[http://www.mentalhealth.org/  
cmhs/index.htm](http://www.mentalhealth.org/cmhs/index.htm)

The Children's Mental Health Education Campaign is a national public education campaign to increase awareness about the emotional problems of America's children and adolescents and gain support for needed services.

**Resources:** found under National Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN). See below.

### **Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health**

1101 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2971  
703.684.7710  
[www.ffcmh.org](http://www.ffcmh.org)

FFCMH is a national parent-run organization focused on the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families. The Federation's mission is to: provide leadership in the field of children's mental health; address the unique needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders from birth through transition to adulthood; ensure the rights to full citizenship, support and access to community-based services for children with mental health needs and their families; and provide information and engage in advocacy regarding research, prevention, family support, education, transition services and other supports needed by children and their families.

### **The International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet (ICDRI)**

1534 Plaza Lane, #129  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
[www.icdri.org/index.html](http://www.icdri.org/index.html)

**Resources:** links to sites on the Internet that deal with disabilities.

### **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill**

Colonial Place Three  
2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201-3042  
703.524.7600  
[www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

**Resources:** Includes a section for today's family with children and adolescents with brain disorders, that includes youth news, brochures and fact sheets, a reading list, research, depression awareness, local contacts, and a section on family education and support as well as custody issues. Also *Families on the Brink: The Impact of Ignoring Children with Serious Mental Illness* and *Results of a National Survey of Parents and Other Caregivers*  
Local chapters (see under Maryland resources)

### **National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)**

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)  
Office of Communications  
6001 Executive Boulevard,  
Room 8184, MSC 9663  
Bethesda, MD  
301-443-4513  
[nimhinfo@nih.gov](mailto:nimhinfo@nih.gov)  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

**Resources:** The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The NIMH mission is to reduce the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior.

### **National Mental Health Association (NMHA)**

1021 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2971  
800.969.NMHA  
800.228.1114 Free brochures  
<http://www.nmha.org>

**Resources:** Includes information on children with emotional disorders, children in the Juvenile Justice System, youth depression, children and families, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program

### **National Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN)**

P.O. Box 42490  
Washington, D.C. 20015  
800.789.2647  
<http://www.mentalhealth.org/cmhs/childrenscampaign>

Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) was developed for users of mental health services and their families, the general public, policy makers, providers, and the media. KEN is a national, one-stop source of information and resources on prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for mental illness.

**Resources:** Information about mental health by phone, electronic bulletin and publications. Includes the *Surgeon General's Report on Child Mental Health*

### **Parents Helping Parents**

3041 Olcott Street  
Santa Clara, CA 95054  
408.727.5775  
408.727-0182 (fax)  
[www.php.com](http://www.php.com)

The Family Resource Center- meeting children's special needs through parents helping parents.

**Resources:** A resource listing that allows selection by geographic area, condition, service and language, an extensive list of links to other sites, disability fact sheets, an adapted equipment rent/buy list and a library for special needs materials.

### **Specific Disorders - National Organizations**

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### **Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA)**

11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 100  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301.231.9350  
[www.adaa.org](http://www.adaa.org)

**Resources:** Examples - *Anxiety Disorders in Children: A Test For Parents*, including questions to help parents know whether they need further help with their child, as family members often can play an active role in anxiety disorder treatment.

Also includes fact sheets on Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD), Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Separation Anxiety Disorder, Social Phobia and Specific Phobia.

### **Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation**

[www.bpkids.org](http://www.bpkids.org)

**Resources:** Annotated list of books.

**Activities:** The Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation (CABF) on-line support groups are open to adult members of CABF who are raising a child or adolescent diagnosed with, or at risk for, bipolar disorder. These groups offer the opportunity to give and receive support on-line.

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



8181 Professional Place  
Suite 201  
Landover, MD 20785  
800.233.4050  
301.306.7070  
<http://www.chadd.org>

**Resources: National Resource Center on ADHD - the first and only online library dedicated to research and science-based resources and materials on AD/HD.**

The online library includes books for parents and teachers, resources for adults with AD/HD, and reference books and scientific articles for health and education professionals and researchers. Summaries of all resources are provided, and full text articles are available on the most relevant topics in the diagnosis of AD/HD, treatment options, school challenges and guidelines, and parenting tips.

Click here for online library: [www.help4adhd.org/library.cfm](http://www.help4adhd.org/library.cfm)

Print materials from CHADD include: *Attention Deficit Disorder: What Parents Should Know*, *Attention Deficit Disorder: What Teachers Should Know*, *Attention Deficit Disorder: Beyond The Myths*, *What is meant by "Learning Disabilities"?* Also fact sheets and a position paper on school discipline and AD/HD and the Juvenile Justice System.

**Advocacy:** Continues to work to have AD/HD fully recognized as a disorder under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

**FRAXA Research Foundation**

45 Pleasant St.  
Newburyport, MA 01950  
978-462-1866  
978-463-9985 (fax)  
info@fraxa.org  
<http://www.fraxa.org>

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Their mission is to support research aimed at treatment for Fragile X syndrome, a genetic disorder with symptoms including mental impairment, attention deficit, hyperactivity, anxiety, unstable mood, and autistic-like behaviors.

**Resources:** Information about Fragile X, research news and grants, events, advocacy, publications and products, sites and contacts, and a Listserv.

**LD OnLine**

The Learning Project, WETA  
2775 South Quincy Street  
Arlington, VA 22206  
703.998.2600  
[www.ldonline.org](http://www.ldonline.org)

**Resources:** The interactive guide to learning disabilities for parents, teachers and children. Resource list includes a number of list servers.

**Activities:** Kids Zone has games to learn from and a place where they are able to speak up for themselves - communicate their needs to teachers, family members, and friends.

**National Attention Deficit Disorder Association**

1788 Second Street, Suite 200  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
847.432.ADDA  
<http://www.add.org>

The National Attention Deficit Disorder Association is an organization focused on the needs of adults and young adults with ADD/ADHD, and their children and families, seeking to serve individuals with ADD, as well as those who love, live with, teach, counsel, and treat them.

**Resources:** Research, resources, information on treatment. Info on ADD coaching, a supportive, practical, concrete process in which you and the coach work together to identify and pursue your goals. The primary purpose of coaching is to help the individual with ADD develop the structures necessary to function effectively and to teach practical approaches to the challenges of daily life. Also includes two sections that are written specifically for and about kids with ADD and teens with ADD including *A Teenager's Guide to ADHD*.

### **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)**

730 N. Franklin Street, Suite  
501  
Chicago, IL 60610-3526  
(800) 826.3632  
[www.dbsalliance.org](http://www.dbsalliance.org)

**Resources:** Includes a brochure for teens about depressive illnesses, *Just a Mood . . . or Something Else?* which includes a check list. There is a similar packet for parents and information on the toll free Information Line. DRADA is listed in the Maryland resources, and has support groups.

### **Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation**

337 Notch Hill Road  
North Branford, CT 06471  
203.315.2190  
[www.ocfoundation.org](http://www.ocfoundation.org)

**Resources:** Info on OCD in children & related disorders, treatment components, and a video on *How to Recognize and Respond to Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in School Age Children*. Also includes resources on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), OCD & Multi-Cultural Issues, Children with Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Self-injury in Adolescents and how to advocate for your child.

### **Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA)**

5700 Midnight Pass Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34242  
800-926-4797  
941-312-0142 (fax)  
pwsausa@aol.com  
<http://www.pwsausa.org>

PWSA(USA) is a national membership association dedicated to Prader-Willi syndrome, a genetically based developmental disability. Characteristic behavior problems of the syndrome include temper tantrums, violent outbursts, obsessive/compulsive behavior, etc. The organization provides a national and international network of information, support services, and research endeavors to meet the needs of affected children and adults and their families.

**Resources:** PWSA and its chapters, PWSA policy and position statements, info on Prader-Willi syndrome, publications and products, research, personal stories, family support, and conferences.

### **The Selective Mutism Foundation, Inc.**



PO Box 450632  
Sunrise, FL 33345-0632

PO Box 13133  
Sissonville, WV 25360-0133

selectivemutism1@aol.com  
[www.orgsites.com/fl/  
selectivemutismfoundation](http://www.orgsites.com/fl/selectivemutismfoundation)

A non-profit, public service organization dedicated to Selective Mutism (SM) which is a childhood anxiety disorder with a persistent failure to speak in select social settings. **Resources:** About SM, activities, consultation on special education issues, sensitivity training, healthcare providers, research, and related links.

## **Serving Children with Mental Health Needs**

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### **Center For Effective Collaboration, American Institutes for Research**

1000 Thomas Jefferson  
Street, N.W. Suite 400  
Washington D.C. 20007  
202.955.5400; 888.457.1551  
[www.air.org/cecp](http://www.air.org/cecp)

Improving Services to Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders

Resources: Articles on Behavioral Assessment And Behavior Intervention Plans, Conducting a Functional Behavioral Assessment and Creating Positive Behavioral Intervention Plans and Supports. Videos available also on Functional Assessment.

Activities: Discussion groups. List servers including one for Families With Children with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders.

### **Council for Children for Behavior Disorders**

University of Wisconsin -  
Whitewater  
800 West Main Street, WH  
3050  
Whitewater, WI 53190  
262.472-5378  
[www.ccbd.net/index.cfm](http://www.ccbd.net/index.cfm)

CCBD is an international professional organization committed to promoting and facilitating the education and general welfare of children and youth with behavioral and emotional disorders.

**Resources:** position papers, white papers

### **Georgetown University Child Development Center**

National Technical Assistance  
Center for Children's Mental  
Health  
Georgetown University  
Medical Center  
3307 M Street, N.W. Suite 401  
Washington. D.C. 2007  
202.687.5000  
[www.dml.georgetown.edu  
/gucdc](http://www.dml.georgetown.edu/gucdc)

The GUCDC was established to improve the quality of life for children with special needs and their families. A division of the Department of Pediatrics, Georgetown University Medical Center, GUCDC is founded on an interdisciplinary approach to Service, Training, Research, Community Outreach, Public Policy, Mediation and Conflict Management.

**Resources:** *Communities Can!*, research that allows members of a community to offer assistance and ask for help. Also includes *Advocating For Ourselves* (available also in Spanish), a program that supports families and individuals to new levels of advocacy.

### **Portland State University**

### **Research & Training Center on Family Support & Children's Mental Health**

P.O. Box 751  
Portland, OR 97207  
503.725.4175  
[www.rtc.pdx.edu](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu)

The Center's activities focus on improving services to families whose children have mental, emotional or behavioral disorders through a set of related research and training programs.

**Resources:** Extensive reading list on children's mental health issues. Includes a downloadable report on *Early Identification Strategies and Interventions in Children's Mental Health*. With University of South Florida produce *Data Trends*, a series of one-page briefs addressing current themes, summarizing recent articles, or presenting new developments in the field of children's mental health.

### University of South Florida Research & Training Center for Children's Mental Health

Louis de la Parte Florida  
Mental Health Institute  
13301 Bruce B Downs Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612  
813.974.6257  
[http://www.htrtckids.fmhi.  
usf.edu](http://www.htrtckids.fmhi.usf.edu)

The Research and Training Center focuses on the development and implementation of public policy in Children's Mental Health, by providing a framework for understanding the features of policy and its implementation that affect the likelihood of it successfully achieving its purposes.

**Resources:** A Conceptual Framework for Developing and Implementing Effective Policy in Children's Mental Health by Robert Friedman, which presents a conceptual framework, based on the best available research, to guide thinking about the relationship between policy development, policy implementation, systems of care, and outcomes in children's mental health.

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### U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS)

**Resources:** A Guide to the Individualized Education Program, designed to assist educators, parents, and State and local educational agencies in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regarding Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for children with disabilities, including preschool-aged children. Also available is Safeguarding Our Children: An Action Guide, jointly developed by the Departments of Education and Justice, to help schools and communities prevent school violence. It emphasizes early intervention and prevention, and the importance of teamwork among educators, mental health professionals, parents, and students. Downloadable. It follows up on the 1998 Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide To Safe Schools, which offered guidelines for school safety.

### Office of Special Education Programs

[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/index.html)

This office, under the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, has primary responsibility for administering programs and projects relating to the free appropriate public education of all children, youth and adults with disabilities, from birth through age 21. The bulk of special education funds is administered by OSEP's Monitoring and State Improvement Programs division, which provides grants to states to assist them in providing a free, appropriate public education to all children with disabilities. The early intervention and preschool grant programs provide grants to each state for children with disabilities, ages birth through five.

### **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research**

400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-2572  
202.205.8134  
TTY: 202.205.9433  
<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/NIDRR>

NIDRR conducts comprehensive and coordinated programs of research and related activities to maximize the full inclusion, social integration, employment, and independent living of disabled individuals of all ages.

**Resources:** Lists of funded projects, calendar and research results.

### **Family & Advocates Partnership for Education**

952-838-9000  
952-838-0199 (fax)  
TTY: 952-838-0190  
[www.fape.org](http://www.fape.org)

The Partnership is a project, connected to the PACER center, which aims to inform and educate families and advocates about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 and promising practices.

**Resources:** A thorough resources section on topics related to the education of children with mental health problems, list of resource persons with knowledge of IDEA, Spanish and Vietnamese.

### **National Mental Health & Education Center**

National Association of  
School Psychologists  
4340 East West Highway  
Suite 402  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814  
301.657.0270  
<http://www.naspsweb.org/center>

The National Mental Health and Education Center works to provide support for children and families and improve the professional training and practices of school psychologists and pupil service providers. It is dedicated to ensuring children receive the optimum services in their schools and communities psychologists. Provides a nationally recognized certification system, promotes children's rights, produces videos, and sponsors conferences.

**Resources:** Safe schools, crisis prevention, violence prevention resources. *Model School-Based Mental Health Programs That Make A Difference*

**Advocacy:** Steps on advocacy for children, legislative updates etc.

### **National Center for Learning Disabilities**

381 Park Ave. South, Suite  
1401  
New York, NY 10016  
212.545.7510  
888.575.7373  
<http://www.ncld.org>

The National Center for Learning Disabilities provides national leadership in support of children with learning disabilities by providing information, resources, and referral services; developing and supporting innovative educational programs, seminars, and workshops; conducting a public awareness campaign; and advocating for more effective policies and legislation to help individuals with learning disabilities.

**Resources:** Tips for parents of LD children, for example *Turning Homework Problems Into Opportunities* and *Ways To Help Your Child Become A Better Reader*. Resources too for teachers like *A Checklist for the Classroom Teacher* and *Ongoing Professional Development for Teachers*

### **Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights Pacer Center**

8161 Normandale Boulevard  
Bloomington, MN 55437-1044  
952-838-9000  
952-838-0199 (fax)  
TTY: 952-838-0190  
[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)

PACER is a nonprofit organization that helps parents and families of children with disabilities.

**Resources:** A wide variety of resources including *Employment strategies for youth with disabilities*. *Does My Child Have an Emotional or Behavioral Disorder? What is a Functional Assessment?* Links to the Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers, funded by Department of Education.

### ***Disabilities - National***

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### **National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities**

P.O. Box 1492  
Washington D.C. 20013  
800.695.0285  
[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

**Resources:** Lists of publications, disability fact sheets, and a news Digest series which takes an in-depth look at current disability issues such as parent concerns, education, legal issues (including IDEA), assessment, and inclusion. This series offers answers to questions and concerns that parents and people who work with parents or children with disabilities typically have. Student Guides and Technical Assistance Guides (Spanish too).

Also includes *Maryland State Resources*, including State Agencies/Organizations, Protection and Advocacy, Disability-specific Organizations, Technology-Related Assistance, Parent Organizations and Other Disability Organizations

### **National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning**

66 Canal Center Plaza, Suite  
302  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.739.333  
703.548.9517 (fax)  
[www.nasmhpd.org/ntac](http://www.nasmhpd.org/ntac)

**Resources:** News and information about its technical assistance and training activities, posts information about its meeting materials, research and publications, and offers key players in the mental health community the opportunity to share ideas and experiences around state mental health planning.

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#### **Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse**

P.O. Box 6000  
Rockville, MD 20849-6000  
800.638.8736  
301.519.5212 (fax)  
[askncjrs@ncjrs.org](mailto:askncjrs@ncjrs.org)

#### **National Center on Education, Disability and Juvenile Justice**

University of Maryland  
Department of Education  
1308 Benjamin Building  
College Park, MD 20742  
[www.edjj.org](http://www.edjj.org)

#### **Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention**

810 Seventh Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20531  
202.307.5911  
202.307.2093 (fax)  
[askjj@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:askjj@ojp.usdoj.gov)

### ***Substance Abuse - National***

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#### **Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)**

5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall  
IL, 6th Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20857  
301.443.5052  
800.662.HELP (4357) CSAT's  
National Helpline *for*  
*confidential information on*  
*substance abuse treatment*  
*and referral*  
[www.samhsa.gov/csat/csat.](http://www.samhsa.gov/csat/csat.htm)  
[htm](#)

#### **National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)**

*for information and materials*  
*on substance abuse*  
P.O. Box 2345  
Rockville, Maryland 20847-  
2345  
800.729.6686  
301.468.6433 (fax)  
[www.health.org](http://www.health.org)

### ***Legal - National***

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#### **Bazon Center for Mental Health Law Center**

1101 Fifteenth Street NW,  
Suite 1212  
Washington D.C. 20005-5002  
202.467.5730  
[www.bazelon.org](http://www.bazelon.org)

The Bazelon Center is a partnership of lawyers, policy advocates, mental health experts, and mental health consumers. Bazelon Center attorneys provide legal advocacy for the civil rights and human dignity of people with mental disabilities. The Bazelon Center is not able to handle individual requests for information or assistance.

**Resources:** Advocacy Resources on Children with Disabilities, dealing with custody issues and Medicaid for children with mental health needs. The site offers an on-line bookstore, updates, alerts and advocacy resources, and links to other advocacy resources that can offer assistance to persons with mental or developmental disabilities.

### ***Transition - National***

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### **Transition to Independence Process (TIP)**

System Development &  
Evaluation  
Department of Child & Family  
Studies  
Louis de la Parte Florida  
Mental Health Institute  
University of South Florida  
13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.,  
MHC 2332  
Tampa, Florida 33612-3899  
Phone: (813) 974-6409  
Fax: 813-974-6257  
[msarkis@fmhi.usf.edu](mailto:msarkis@fmhi.usf.edu)  
[tip.fmhi.usf.edu](http://tip.fmhi.usf.edu)

The mission of the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) system is to assist young people with emotional and/or behavioral difficulties (EBD) in making a successful transition to adulthood with all young persons achieving, within their potential, their goals in the transition domains of education, employment, living situation, and community life.

### ***Other***

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### **U.S. Pharmacopeia**

12601 Twinbrook Parkway  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone: 800-822-8772  
Phone: 1-301-881-0666 (Int'l)  
[www.usp.org](http://www.usp.org)

USP (U.S. Pharmacopeia) has created a unique knowledge base on medicines and other health care technologies. This knowledge base will contain state-of-the-art standards to assure the quality of these technologies and authoritative information to promote their appropriate use. This knowledge base is accessible through their website: [www.usp.org](http://www.usp.org).

### **Special Needs Libraries**

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### **Montgomery County Public Library Special Needs Library**



16400 Democracy Blvd.  
Bethesda MD 20817  
Voice: 240.777.0960  
TTY: 301.897.2217  
[montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/sn.asp](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/sn.asp)

### **National Library of Medicine - National Institutes of Health**

### **The Parent's Journal Library**

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