**NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**Autism Society of America**  
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The Autism Society of America works to provide information and resources to families, individuals on the Autism spectrum, advocates, and professionals. The website provides information about Autism including: causes; symptoms; diagnosis; treatments; Asperger’s syndrome; and facts and statistics. They also feature a helpful link to the interpretation of recent research on Autism. They strive to help all individuals affected by Autism by increasing public awareness, advocating for appropriate services, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

**Autistic Self Advocacy Network**  
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This non-profit organization is operated by people with Autism for people with Autism. Their goal within the community is to reduce stigma surrounding the disability through education as well as to provide support and services to those on the Autism spectrum. Autistic Self Advocacy Network is a place where the voices of people with Autism can be heard and recognized. ASAN provides the opportunity for both Autistic as well as community members to become involved in matters which affect them. In addition, the website offers recent information on Autism in the news, as well as access to blog posts. The local Virginia chapter is situated at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville. Some states have chapters in addition to the online support and membership.
The Association for Science in Autism Treatment is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing scientifically-based resources to parents and professionals dealing with Autism. ASAT was established in 1998 by both parents and professionals, who were concerned with the treatment of children with Autism. Free resources accessible through their website include topical articles, book reviews, research synopses, a clinical corner, interviews and a forum which showcases essays written by parents involved with ASAT. They also provide access to a free quarterly newsletter.

National Autism Resources was founded by a parent, Bonnie Arnwine, whose child had Autism. Arnwine has a goal of sharing useful information with other caregivers and professionals. The website provides easy-to-understand information, helpful links, and affordable books, games, toys and therapy products for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Their newsletter is also available through the website.
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TEACCH, Treatment and Education of Autism and Related Communication Handicapped Children is based at the University of North Carolina. The organization develops community-based services and training programs, and sponsors research to enhance the quality of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum disorder. The core values of this organization include teaching and sharing their knowledge; expanding their own knowledge; appreciating the unique strengths of those with ASD and their families; collaborating and cooperating; and taking a holistic approach. TEACCH provides clinical services in addition to national and international training. They provide consultation for teachers, residential care providers, and other professionals.

Center for Autism and Related Disorders
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The Center for Autism and Related Disorders works through programs they have developed using Applied Behavior Analysis in the treatment of Autism, Asperger's syndrome, PDD-NOS, and other related disorders. These programs are designed to reduce problem behaviors and teach necessary skills. The CARD I and II programs are shaped to meet the unique goals of participating individuals. The Center for Autism and Related Disorders is based in California and has twenty three locations offering services nationwide.
The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders

http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/

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Email at this Website: http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/contact

Operating as part of the FPG Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the M.I.N.D. Institute at the University of California at Davis Medical School, and the Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders promotes the use of evidence-based practice for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders. The Center selects three states each year, through a competitive application process and works in coordination with each state’s Department of Education, Part C agency, and University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities to provide professional development to teachers and practitioners who serve individuals from birth through twenty-two years with autism spectrum disorders. Their website also offers links to many other helpful resources.

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The mission of the Council for Exceptional Children is to improve the education and quality of life for children and youth with exceptionalities and to enhance the engagement of their families through excellence and advocacy. The core values of CEC include: dignity and worth of all individuals; diversity and inclusiveness; advocacy and social justice; professional excellence, integrity, and accountability; full participation in society; effective individualized education; family engagement; collaboration and community; and responsibility to members. Their resources on the website offer aids to assist educators in providing the best of special education services. Becoming a member of CEC also provides many opportunities to work with the organization to better the education of students with exceptionalities.
Disability.gov

https://www.disability.gov/

Disability.gov is a website with the goal of connecting the disability community with useful information. This website has information on: benefits; civil rights; community life; education; emergency preparedness; health; housing; technology; and employment. Links to each of these topics make the site easy to navigate. Information is available from federal, state, and local government agencies, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

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The ARCH National Respite Network works to assist and promote the development of quality respite and crisis care programs; to help families locate respite and crisis care services in their community; and to serve as a strong voice for respite in all forums. They also provide a National Respite Locator. Also included are the National Respite Coalition and the Lifespan Respite Technical Assistance Center. Their website offers webinars and other training resources for those dealing with disabilities.
The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities provides a plethora of information for families, educators, administrators, journalists, and students about disabilities in children and youth including: programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; IDEA, the nation’s special education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities. Their website offers links to typical developmental milestones in babies and toddlers and how to obtain the early intervention services. A portion of their website provides information regarding the education process for children ages 3-22.

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TASH works for the inclusion of those most at risk for being excluded from their communities due to significant disabilities. The organization works to promote the full inclusion and participation of children and adults with significant disabilities in every aspect of their community, and to eliminate the social injustices that diminish human rights. This goal is accomplished through the following: advocacy for equity, opportunities, social justice and human rights; education of the public, government officials, community leaders and service providers; research that translates excellence to practice; individualized, quality supports in place of congregate and segregated settings and services; and legislation, litigation and public policy consistent with the mission and vision of TASH. Their website offers resources and information regarding inclusive education; community living; employment; diversity and cultural competency; human rights; and seclusion and restraint.
Special Education Resources on the Internet
9770 Gayton Rd.
Richmond, VA 23238

http://www.iser.com/

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SERI is a collection of online resources all gathered on one central space for the use of those involved in fields of Special Education. The website includes informative links on the following topics: general disabilities information; university-based information; disability products and commercial sites; associations & national organizations; legal & law resources; parents & educator's resources; special education discussion groups; medicine and health; mental retardation; hearing impairment; physical and health disorders; behavior disorders; learning disabilities; vision impairment; attention deficit disorder; Autism Speech Impairment; gifted and talented; special needs and technology; psychology; inclusion resources; and transition resources.

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disorders
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The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disorders is an organization of professionals working to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goals of AAIDD include enhancing the capacity of professionals who work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; participating in the development of a society that fully includes individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and building an effective, responsive, well managed, responsibly-governed, and sustainable organization.
The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and the Client Assistance Programs (CAP) for individuals with disabilities. This organization values equal opportunity and the right for all people to fully participate by exercising choice and self-determination. This organization works to advocate for those with disabilities. Their website contains information on advocacy as well as information on many current issues facing the disability community.

The Pacer Center is dedicated to helping families make educational decisions and decisions about other services and resources available to youth with disabilities. They offer individual assistance, workshops, publications, and other resources. Pacer also has provided a National Bullying Prevention Center with additional resources particularly pertaining to bullying in the school with the mainstream population as well as for children with disabilities. They encourage the active involvement of the students, educators, parents, and the community in the prevention of bullying. The website provides useful resources for kid and teens, as well as parents. There is also a Bullying Prevention newsletter available on their website.
The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development strives to support the
development of healthy minds throughout the entire lifespan, with a focus on individuals with
intellectual and developmental disabilities. NICHD now offers online access to several Autism fact sheets
describing the latest research findings on Autism including: Autism facts; Autism questions and answers
for health care professionals; Autism and genes; Autism and the MMR vaccine; Rett Syndrome; and the
NICHD/NIDCD Network on the Neurobiology and genetics of Autism: the Collaborative Programs of
Excellence in Autism.

The Epilepsy Foundation website provides information regarding what epilepsy is, what causes it, and
treatment options. They also offer links concerning how to live with epilepsy for different populations
including youth, elderly, and African Americans as well as resources for parents. A few of their many
resources include financial planning, training, and webinars. The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation is to
stop seizures and SUDEP, to find a cure and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy through
efforts including education, advocacy and research to accelerate ideas into therapies.
The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) is a cooperative agreement between the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The goal of the organization is to provide all children and youth with special needs a medical home where health care services are accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally competent. The NCMHI provides medical home resources and advocacy materials, technical assistance, and tools to physicians, families, and other caregivers of children. The website offers access to training opportunities as well as a special ‘For Families’ tab with many useful resources.

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Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates is a national, independent, nonprofit organization working to ensure that children with disabilities attain the education assured to them in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The COPAA website has links to lead parents to attorneys and advocates in a specific area who can offer guidance. COPAA is concerned with the safety and maltreatment of children with disabilities and has produced a document titled “The Right to Be Safe in School.” This document is available in the COPAA online store for the general public.