

# **RESOURCE LIST: BUILDING PROGRAM CAPACITY TO SERVE YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES**

## **Disability Awareness Resources**

iCan! on-line, is an on-line community and one-stop resource featuring information, guidance, conversation and companionship for people with disabilities.

<http://www.ican.com/channels/news/index.cfm>

Disability Etiquette, from the National Workforce Center on Disability/Adults

[http://www.onestops.info/article.php?article\\_id=106](http://www.onestops.info/article.php?article_id=106)

Disability is Natural, information on this Web site provides an alternative way to view and interact with people with disabilities. <http://www.disabilityisnatural.com>

Half the Planet, is an online source of reliable tools for independent living for the disability community and others. <http://www.halftheplanet.com/index.html>

*Knowledge, Skills and Abilities of Youth Service Practitioners: The Centerpiece of a Successful Workforce Development System*, from The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability / Youth. <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/background/ksa.pdf>

The Invisible Disabilities Advocate, an on-line resource that seeks to help people understand chronic illness and pain. <http://www.invisibledisabilities.com/index.html>

Quality Mall, is an on-line resource offering information about person-centered supports for people with developmental disabilities. <http://www.qualitymall.org/main/>

Straight Talk About Disability from the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, <http://www.rehabchicago.org/community/disabilities.php>

*Disability Awareness Manual*, for teachers and parents, available through the PACER Center. Website: <http://www.pacer.org>

## **Disability Legislation Resources**

U.S. Department of Justice's ADA Home Page

Web site <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.html>

800/514-0301 (v); 800/514-0383 (tty)

ADA and IT Technical Assistance Centers, U.S. Department of Education- NIDRR  
Web site: <http://www.adaportal.org>

Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACS)  
Web site: <http://www.ada.gov.dbtac.html>  
800/949-4232 (v/tty)

Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE)  
Web site: <http://www.fape.org>

IDEA  
National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHY)  
Web site: <http://www.nichcy.org>  
800/695-0285 (v/tty)

Olmstead Decision  
Web site: <http://www.ilru.org/olmstead/olmstead/olmstead.htm>

National Center on Independent Living  
Web site: <http://www.ncil.org> for a statewide listing of CILs <http://www.virtualcil.net/cils/>  
703/525-3406 (v); 703/525-4153 (tty)

New Freedom Initiative  
Web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/newfreedom/>

No Child Left Behind  
Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml>

The Rehabilitation Act  
Web site: <http://www.disabilityresources.org/REHAB-ACT.html#WORKFORCE>

The Workforce Investment Act  
Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/>

### **Reasonable Accommodation Resources**

Cornell University – Access for All  
Cornell has developed a web-based resource for employers and human resource professionals to provide on-line information on accommodations for persons with visual and hearing impairments.  
Web site: <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/ped/accessforall/>  
607/255-7727 (v); 607/255-2891 (tty)

#### Institute for Community Inclusion

ICI supports the rights of children and adults with disabilities to participate in all aspects of the community. The web site includes publications on inclusion of people with disabilities in One-Stop employment programs.

Web site: <http://www.communityinclusion.org>

617/287-4300 (v); 617/287-4350 (tty)

#### Job Accommodation Network

JAN is a free consulting service that provides information about job accommodations, the ADA, and the employability of people with disabilities. JAN is operated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy.

Web site: <http://www.jan.wvu.edu>

800/526-7234 (v/tty)

#### Reasonable Accommodations for People with Psychiatric Disabilities

This Boston University organization gives practical information to employers and educators about reasonable accommodations for people who have psychiatric disabilities.

Web site: <http://www.bu.edu/cpr/reasaccom/>

617/353-3549 (v)

#### Searchable Online Accommodation Resource

SOAR is part of JAN's website that takes users through a five-step process that identifies the impairment, functional limitation, the affected job function, potential solutions, and contact information for vendors who can assist the user.

Web site: <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/soar>

800/526-7234 (v/tty)

#### Technical Assistance on Transition and the Rehabilitation Act (TATRA)

Web site: <http://www.pacer.org/tatra>

#### The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

The EEOC interprets employment discrimination laws, monitors the federal sector employment discrimination program, provides funding and support to state and local Fair Employment Practices Agencies (FEPA's), and sponsors outreach and technical assistance programs.

Web site: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

(202) 663-4900 (v); (202) 663-4494 (tty)

### **Resources on Assistive Technology**

#### Abledata

This comprehensive database contains information on over 30,000 assistive technology products.

Web site [www.abledata.com](http://www.abledata.com)

800/227-0216 (v); 301/608-8912 (tty)

### Simon Technology Center (STC) -PACER Center

Dedicated to making assistive technology available to children and adults with disabilities.

Web site: [www.pacer.org/stc](http://www.pacer.org/stc)

952/838-9000 (v); 952/838-0190 (tty)

### Alliance for Technology Access

The ATA is a network of community-based resource centers, developers, vendors and associates dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities, and increasing their use of standard, assistive, and information technologies.

Web site: <http://www.ataccess.org>

415/455-4575 (v); 415/455-0491 (tty)

### Assistivetech.net

This site provides up-to-date information on assistive technology, adaptive environments and community resources for people with disabilities. The site contains four tools to search for assistive technology, information links about disability-related topics, discussion groups and more.

Web site: <http://www.assistivetech.net>

800-726-9119 (toll-free v/tty)

### Center for Applied Special Technology

A not-for-profit organization whose mission is to expand educational opportunities for individuals with disabilities through the development and innovative uses of technology.

Web site: [www.cast.org](http://www.cast.org)

781/245-2212 (v); 781/245-9320 (tty)

### Tech Connections

This web-based organization provides a wealth of resources and information on assistive technology designed to accommodate people with disabilities in the workplace and in everyday life activities. Tech Connection offers training, technical assistance, discussion boards, information on legislation and policy, a listing of AT vendors and more.

Web site: <http://www.techconnections.org>

877/835-7335 (v/tty)

### University of Washington Do-It Program

The Do-It program provides information and resources on how technology can help persons with disabilities successfully pursue college and careers.

Web site: [www.washington.edu/doiit](http://www.washington.edu/doiit)

206/685-3648 (v/tty)

## Resources on Disability & Families

### Beach Center on Disability

Web site: <http://www.beachcenter.org>

785/864-7600 (v); 785/864-3434 (tty)

### Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

U.S. Department of Labor Employment Standards Administration

Web site: <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/fmla/>

1-866-4-USWAGE (v); 1-877-889-5627 (tty)

### Family Village

A global community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities.

Web site: <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu>

E-mail: [familyvillage@waisman.wisc.edu](mailto:familyvillage@waisman.wisc.edu)

### Family Voices

A national organization of families and friends speaking on behalf of children with special health care needs.

Web site: <http://www.familyvoices.org>

888/835-5669 (v)

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

National parent-run organization focused on the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families.

Web site: <http://www.fcmh.org>

703/684-7710 (v)

### Institute for Community Inclusion

Web site features many useful publications including *Access for All: A Resource Manual for Meeting the Needs of One-Stop Customers with Disabilities*.

Web site: <http://www.communityinclusion.org>

617/287-4300 (v); 617/287-4350 (tty)

### National Center for Family Support

Web site: <http://www.familysupport-hsri.org>

503/885-1436 (v)

### National Center on Secondary Education and Transition

Web site: <http://www.ncset.org>

612/624-2097 (v)

National Guardianship Association  
Web site: <http://www.guardianship.org>  
520/881-6561 (v)

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities  
Web site: <http://www.nichcy.org>  
800/695-0285 (v/tty)

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights  
Web site: <http://www.pacer.org>  
800/537-2237 (v) 952/838-0190 (tty)

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights (PACER Center)  
The mission of PACER Center is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families based on the concept of parents helping parents. Use the website to find your local Parent Center.  
Web site: <http://www.pacer.org>  
E-mail: [pacer@pacer.org](mailto:pacer@pacer.org)  
800/5372237 (v);952/838-0190 (tty)

Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers–PACER Center  
Web site: <http://www.taalliance.org>  
952/838-9000 (v); 952/838-0190 (tty)

### **Resources on Juvenile Justice**

American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law  
Web site: <http://www.abanet.org/child>  
202/662-1720 (v)

Bureau of Justice Clearinghouse  
Web site: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja>  
800-688-4252 (v)

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence  
Web site: <http://www.colorado.edu/cspv>  
303/492-8465 (v)

Coalition for Juvenile Justice  
Web site: <http://www.juvjustice.org>  
202/467-0864 (v)

Family Violence Prevention Fund  
Web site: <http://www.fvpf.org>  
415/252-8900 (v); 800/595-4889 (tty)

Juvenile Justice Program–PACER Center

Website: <http://www.pacer.org/jj>

952/838-9000 (v); 952/838-0190 (tty)

Juvenile Law Center

Web site: <http://www.jlc.org>

215/625-0551 (v)

National Center on Education, Disability and Juvenile Justice (EDJJ)

Web site: <http://www.edjj.org>

301/405-6462 (v)

National Center for Youth Law

Web site: <http://www.youthlaw.org>

510/835-8098 (v)

National Child Welfare Services Resource Center on Legal and Court Issues

Web site: <http://www.abanet.org/child/>

202/662-1720 (v)

National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth

Web site: <http://www.ncfy.com>

301/608-8098 (v)

National Crime Prevention Council

Web site: <http://www.ncpc.org>

202/466-6272 (v)

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

Web site: <http://www.ncjrs.org>

301/519-5500 (v)

National Juvenile Detention Association

Web site: <http://www.njda.com>

859/622-6259 (v)

National School Safety Center

Web site: <http://www.nssc1.org>

805/373-9977 (v)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Web site: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org>

202/307-5911 (v)

Prevent Child Abuse America  
Web site: <http://www.preventchildabuse.org>  
312/663-3520 (v)

### **Youth Mental Health Organizations**

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
Web site: <http://www.aacap.org>  
202/966-7300

American Anorexia and Bulimia Association  
Web site: <http://www.aabainc.org>  
212/575-6200

Anxiety Disorders Association of America  
Web site: <http://www.adaa.org>  
301/231-9350

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Web siteP: <http://www.bazelon.org>  
202/467-5730

Children's Defense Fund  
Web site: <http://www.childrensdefense.org>  
202/628-8787

Children with Attention Deficit Disorder  
Web site: <http://www.chadd.org>  
800/233-4050

Council for Exceptional Children  
Web site: <http://www.cec.sped.org>  
703/620-3660 (v)  
866/915-5000 (tty-text only)

Learning Disabilities Association  
Web site: <http://www.lidaamerica.org>  
412/341-1515

The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
Web site: <http://ffcmh.org>  
703/684-7710 (v)

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill  
Web site: <http://www.nami.org>  
703/524-7600 (v); 703/ 516-7227 (tdd)

National Institute of Mental Health Center  
Web site: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov>  
301/443-4513; 301/443-8431 (tty)

National Mental Health Association  
Web site: <http://www.nmha.org>  
202/783-0125 (v); 800/433-5959 (tty)

Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation  
Web site: <http://www.ocfoundation.org>  
203/315-2190

Parent Partnership Project for Children's Mental Health–PACER Center  
Web site: <http://www.pacer.org>  
952/838-9000 (v); 952/838-0190 (tty)

The Project for Children with Emotional or Behavioral Disorders (EBD) –PACER Center  
Web site: <http://www.pacer.org>  
952/838-9000 (v); 952/838-0190 (tty)

R & T Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health  
Web site: <http://www rtc.pdx.edu>  
503/725-4040

### **Other Youth-Serving Organizations and Resources**

4-H is the youth education branch of the Cooperative Extension Service, a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Each state and county has access to a County Extension office for both youth and adult programs.

Web site: <http://www.4-h.org/info/>

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that engage Americans in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

Web site: <http://www.americorps.org/>

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America  
Web site: <http://www.bbbsa.org/>

Boy Scouts of America

Web site: <http://www.scouting.org/>

*Career Planning Begins with Assessment: A Guide for Professionals Serving Youth with Educational and Career Development Challenges*, from The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability/ Youth.

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/guides/assessment/AssessGuideComplete/pdf>

Girl Scouts of the USA

Web site: <http://www.girlscouts.org/>

Job Corps is the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential, education and job training program for at-risk youth, ages 16 through 24.

Web site: <http://jobcorps.doleta.gov/>

National Collaborative for Workforce and Disability for Youth

Making the connection between youth with disabilities and employment.

Web site: <http://www.ncwd-youth.info>

1-877-871-0744 (v); 1-877-871-0665 (tty)

United Way of America

Web site: <http://national.unitedway.org/>

YMCA

Web site: <http://www.ymca.com/index.jsp>

YWCA of the U.S.A.

Web site: <http://www.ywca.org/>