Resources for Special Needs Families

Make-A-Wish Foundation www.wish.org, info@makewish.org.
- 235 Pine St, 6th Floor
  San Francisco 94104
  415-982-9474, 800-464-9474

California Children’s Services (CCS) - www.dhs.ca.gov/ccs/Pages/default.aspx. Health care for children with disabilities.

www.travisspecialneeds.com – support group on base for families and children with disabilities.

www.childrensnurturingproject.org/childrens-services-and-programs.html – special needs socialization and playgroup. Contact Jessica Knutson at 707-422-0464 or email jknutson@cnpkids.org for more information.

Children’s Nurturing Project (CNP) – www.childrensnurturingproject.org, email: info@cnpkids.org, 707-422-0464. Helps promote healthy parent-child relationships through support services and education. Children will develop socially, physically and emotionally through nurturing and personal growth. Play and socialization group for special needs infants, children and their parents. Programs include:
- Child Care Inclusion Project – provides consultation and technical assistance to child care providers, preschools and families for inclusion of a child with special needs (medical, developmental delays or other disabilities) into their program. Call Solano Family and Children’s Services (SFCS) 863-3950 ext 126 to initiate a referral or for more information.
- Early Childhood Mental Health Services – early mental health and behavioral assessment and intervention for infants and very young children. Home based therapeutic intervention with the goal of strengthening the parent-child bond and facilitating the healthy social and emotional development of the young child.
- Infant Development Services – provides one on one (home based) and group (center based) infant development intervention for children birth through 36 months. Contract provider for children referred to us by North Bay Regional Center (Solano and Napa Counties) and Alta California Regional Center (Yolo County).

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly - information on development and disabilities.

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd - click on developmental disabilities under child development and parenting.

www.militaryonesource.com – click on find information to career and education to special needs in education to information and resources to Exceptional parent Magazine Resource Guide. Look under Find Information to Health and Relationships to Special Needs.

Respite Care Program through the Air Force Aid Society. Contact AFRC 424-2486 for more information.

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) – www.stompproject.org, 1-800-5-PARENT. For military families with special needs family members. Has an email discussion group that exists to enable military families worldwide to stay informed, connect and learn from each other, providing them
with the necessary knowledge, skills and resources to access services and feel confident in their role as their child’s best advocate. To subscribe to the list send an email to STOMP-subscribe@topica.com.


Offers comprehensive early intervention services for infants and toddler.

- Parent-run parent training and information center, family empowerment center, family resource center serving families of children with special needs from birth through age 26 in Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties.
- Helps families and professionals work together to improve the lives of children with special needs or disabilities.
- Information and resource center where parents gain life-long skills and knowledge to help their children live, learn and participate fully in their communities.
- A place for families to find emotional support from other families who have “been there.”
- No cost services.
- Information, education and emotional support so parents may better assist and advocate for their child.

Services include:
- Help line 1-800-578-2592, Mon through Thurs 0900-1500
- Newsletter and information
- Workshops and events
- Parent-to-parent support groups
- On-on-one consultation
- Comprehensive library and a list of online resources

Matrix Support Groups:
- Support groups are wonderful opportunities to share experiences and network around common needs. If you are interested in joining any of the support groups or need more information please contact Matrix at 415-884-3535, 1-800-578-2592.

Matrix Parent’s Yahoo Group – online opportunity for parents to support each other and discuss relevant issues in their lives and the lives of their children. Go to www.matrixparents.org/services/sg_matrix.htm for more information.
- If you are a parent of a child from birth through age 26 who has special needs, Matrix sponsors a Yahoo! Group for parent-to-parent support and information sharing. This online group is for parents only, to provide a safe space to support and encourage each other. Appropriate topics for this discussion list include issues related to disabilities in children from birth to 26 years of age. Families are welcome to recommend or comment on service providers and their services that they have personal experience with. The group is moderated by a Matrix Parent Advisor.

www.copefamilycenter.org/programs.html - parent education and family support in Napa County, 707-252-1123. Family resource center, parent education with classes and workshops (kids birth to 18), family economics, home visitation, supervised visits (court ordered for families dealing with divorce and separation, emergency aid.
Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCS): Early Start Program, 1-800-515-BABY. www.dds.ca.gov/earlystart, email: earlystart@dds.ca.gov. State of California Dept of Developmental Services early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families are provided in a coordinated family-centered network (good resources for healthcare providers also). Supports families of children with disabilities, special healthcare needs and those at risk by ensuring the continuance, expansion, promotion and quality of family-centered, parent directed, family resource centers. Staffed by families of children with special needs, family resource centers offer parent-to-parent support and help parents, families and children locate and use needed services. They offer support services and resources in many languages, which may include newsletters, resource libraries, websites, parent-to-parent groups, sibling support groups, information and referral for parents and professionals. Helps families locate services for their children 0-3 (NorthBay Regional Center) who were born with medical factors which might affect development or who may be showing developmental delays, resources and information.

- Early Start Warm Line 1-800-6-INFANT or 1-800-646-3268. NorthBay Regional Center (NRBC) – Early Start Warmline for children birth to 36 months 1-800-646-3268, Napa/Solano County Office 707-256-1100
- www.warmlinefrc.org/links.html - online resources with information on agencies and groups helpful for parents with special needs children.

Fighting Back Partnership – www.childnet.org/ourprograms/frcs/index.htm, 707-421-7229. Free information and referral center that assist families with children from birth to 18 years old. The special expertise is with families with special needs, including health and mental health concerns, homeless families, other, single parents. Emergency assistance with basic needs, home visiting, information and referral, parent engagement in policy and advocacy, parent education, support for families with special needs and transportation.

California Department of Developmental Services - www.dds.ca.gov - Regional Centers offer services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

- NorthBay Regional Center www nbrc.net. Call 707-256-1100 for information on eligibility, program availability and recreational activities.

Child Haven Inc., www.child-haven.org - 707-425-5744. Work with children suffering from trauma of child abuse and/or neglect as well as children experiencing developmental disorders and delays. Intensive parenting and family support, early intervention, education and professional services to help children and families thrive. Services available by referral from our partner agencies or through private pay arrangements.

Independent Living Resources (ILR) 707-435-8174, 1545 Webster St #C, Fairfield – Housing and benefit assistance for disabled youth.

First 5 Solano – “Reasons for Concern” brochures, developed by the Dept of Developmental Services addresses developmental information for infants, toddlers and preschoolers from birth to five years of age. The purpose of the brochure is:

- Facilitate finding and identifying young children who may benefit from early intervention or specialized education services and to encourage appropriate referrals regarding these children to Early Start and Special Education preschool services.

Download from www.dds.ca.gov/earlystart or www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/fp/concerns.asp
www.p2pusa.org – parent to parent programs provide emotional and informational support to families of children who have special needs.

www.solano.edu/counseling/dsp/dsp_local.html - Solano Community College Disabilities Services Program with local resources.

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu - Information and resources for families with children with disabilities.


www.ldonline.org – online information, resources and links on learning disabilities and special education.


  - T.C. McDaniel Early Learning Center and Me Too Program - 707-422-3418, for children birth to age 3.
  - Irene Larsen Education Center, Me Too Programs and Preschool Programs 707-448-1615, for children from birth to age 5.

Travis Unified School District www.travisusd.k12.ca.us


Cornerstone Equestrian Center www.cornerstoneequestrian.org providing riding lessons to persons with disabilities for more than twenty years.

www.horseplayriding.org – therapeutic horse riding program in Dixon.

Special Olympics of California Northern
www.sonc.org  925-944-8801  Year around sports training and athletic competition.

Autism Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics – www.aap.org

Children’s Hospital Oakland – www.childrenshospitaloakland.org

Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford – www.lpch.org

UC Davis M.I.N.D. (Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders) Institute – Autism Phenome Project, www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mindinstitute/resources

UC San Francisco Children’s Hospital – Autism and Neurodevelopmental Center, www.ucsfchildrenshospital.org/clinics/autism_and_neurodevelopment_center/index.html

National Autism Association – www.nationalautismassociation.org

Families for Early Autism Treatment-FEAT www.solanofeat.org 707-410-6004 created for families of children with Autism to provide support.

STOMP’s (Specialized Training of Military Parents) TRICARE Funding Autism Treatment list (TRI-FAT LIST SERV) exists to enable families attempting to obtain funding through TRICARE for a variety of autism treatments, to connect with each other, sharing information and support. To join send a blank email to TRI-FAT-subscribe@topica.com or contact STOMP at 1-800-5-PARENT, www.stompproject.org

  • Comprehensive autism services
  • Child development services
  • Lily learning center
  • Special Education related services
  • Training and education

APTITUDE Habilitation Services, Inc.  This benefit is available through TRICARE. The Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration Project for beneficiaries who qualify. The program is to improve access to special education services for eligible children. For more information – 1-8000-991-6070 ext 1, email: info@aptitudeservices.com, www.aptitudeservices.com  Services provided include:
  • Respite care
  • In-home behavioral services
  • Occupational therapy
- Behavioral services
- Parental service training
- Speech and language pathology
- Family support and counseling
- Mental and behavioral health wrap services

Toys for Special Needs Children:

www.ableplay.org – Lekotek the leading authority on toys and play for children with disabilities. Have lending library and help parents and providers adapt toys to meet needs of children with disabilities. Features toys rated for their accessibility regarding physical, sensory, communication and cognitive disabilities. Creative ideas for play.

www.FatBrainToys.com – resources and click on toys for special needs.

www.sensoryuniversity.com

www.enablingdevices.com/catalog/toys_for_disabled_children

www.disabilityresources.org/TOYS.html

www.amazon.com/toys -search special needs toys

www.nanogames.com – accessible computer games