



Minnesota's Part C Central Directory

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A Directory of Services Available to Children with Disabilities in Minnesota

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Minnesota Part C Participating Agencies are the three state agencies that are responsible for maintaining and implementing a comprehensive, coordinated, interagency system of early intervention services throughout Minnesota according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C. The three participating state agencies are:

1. Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)
Office of Early Learning
Early Learning Services Division
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113-4266
Phone: 651-582-8200
www.education.state.mn.us

To support children's development and assist in preparation for kindergarten entry, early childhood education programs and services are offered throughout Minnesota school districts and Head Start locations for children birth to five years and their families. These programs are administered by MDE and include Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Early Childhood Screening, Early Head Start and Head Start, Infant and Toddler Intervention/Preschool Special Education and the School Readiness program. MDE serves as the lead agency for Part C Infant and Toddler Intervention Services.

The special education division provides leadership to ensure a high-quality education for Minnesota's children and youth with disabilities. Specialists help students, parents, educators and administrators through guidance, training and sharing best practices in areas including educational programs in care and treatment facilities, secondary transition and statewide assessment for students in special education.

2. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
Community and Family Health (CFH) Division
85 East 7th Place
P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882
Phone: 651-201-5000/651-201-5797 TTY
Toll-free number: 1-888-345-0823
www.health.state.mn.us

The CFH Division provides collaborative public health leadership that supports and strengthens systems to ensure healthy families and communities. Sections within this division include:

- Children and Youth with Special Health Needs
- Health Care Homes
- Maternal and Child Health Section
- Minnesota Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Each section within MDH offers a number of programs, each with a specific focus. More information about each of these programs is available on the [MDH website](#).

3. Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)
 444 Lafayette Road
 St. Paul, MN 55155
 Phone: 651-431-2000/1-800-627-3529 (TTY/TDD)
www.dhs.state.mn.us

DHS, in cooperation with its county partners, helps people meet their basic needs so they can live in dignity and achieve their highest potential.

Consumers include:

- Adults
- Children and families
- People with disabilities
- Seniors

DHS programs include, but are not limited to:

- Adolescent Services
- Adoption
- Adult Protection
- Child Care
- Child Care Assistance
- Child Protection
- Child Support
- Child Welfare Services
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Food and Nutrition Assistance
- Foster Care
- HIV/AIDS
- Home and Community-based Services
- Housing
- Indian Child Welfare
- Medical assistance (MA)
- Mental Health
- MinnesotaCare
- Minnesota Family Investment Program
- Nursing Facilities
- Ombudsman Services

- Refugee Assistance
- Substance Abuse

Information and Assistance

Community Resources Telephone Help Line

First Call Minnesota™ and Greater Twin Cities United Way First Call For Help®, now Minnesota 2-1-1, is a centralized resource list available by telephone to individuals, families and agencies at no charge. For assistance locating resources call 2-1-1 or visit the [First Call Minnesota website](https://www.211unitedway.org/). (<https://www.211unitedway.org/>)

MinnesotaHelp

MinnesotaHelp.info is a centralized internet entry point that has information about services provided by both public health and private entities throughout the state. The [MinnesotaHelp.info website](http://www.minnesotahelp.info) contains information links for all ages (www.minnesotahelp.info).

Multilingual Human Services Referral Phone Line

People with limited English proficiency can now use DHS' multilingual telephone service numbers to access early childhood programs and services.

[DHS' multilingual telephone referral lines](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us) (www.dhs.state.mn.us) operate in 10 languages -- Arabic, Hmong, Khmer (Cambodian), Lao, Oromo, Russian, Serbo-Croatian (Bosnian), Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese -- and are owned by DHS and operated by contracted vendors. People who speak little or no English can reach someone who speaks their language (live or voice mail) and be referred to the appropriate state or county human services provider. There is no cost to use these lines.

DHS Multilingual Referral Lines

Arabic: 1-800-358-0377
 Hmong: 1-888-486-8377
 Khmer (Cambodian): 1-888-468-3787
 Lao: 1-888-487-8251
 Oromo: 1-888-234-3798
 Russian: 1-888-562-5877
 Serbo-Croatian (Bosnian): 1-888-234-3785
 Somali: 1-888-547-8829
 Spanish: 1-888-428-3438
 Vietnamese: 1-888-554-8759

Resources

The following is a broad list of resources divided into categories (early learning, family support, financial resources and web resources). In most instances the listings provide a general description of a service or resource or there will be a contact number and address under the resource name.

Early Learning

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

ECFE is a Minnesota public school program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance. ECFE is based on the idea that the family provides a child's first and most significant learning environment and parents are a child's first and most important teachers. ECFE's goal is to enhance the ability of all parents to provide the best possible environment for their child's learning and growth. Local ECFE programs can be located through the [Minnesota Department of Education website](http://w20.education.state.mn.us/ELSSearch/search.do). (<http://w20.education.state.mn.us/ELSSearch/search.do>)

Early Childhood Screening

Early childhood screening or evidence of a comparable screening by a non-school provider (e.g., Head Start, Child and Teen Checkups/Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) or health care provider) is required for entrance into Minnesota's public schools or must be completed within 30 days of enrollment into kindergarten. Early childhood screening is offered throughout the year by local districts and is provided at no cost to families. Screening in early childhood supports a child's readiness for kindergarten and promotes positive child health and developmental outcomes. To locate the nearest early childhood screening program call 651-582-8412.

Infant and Toddler Intervention and Preschool Special Education

Infant and toddler intervention is a system of special services and supports for eligible children birth through age two and their families. Eligible children are those with developmental delays or with certain diagnosed physical or mental conditions or disorders that may result in a delay. Minnesota's infant and toddler intervention system is operated by MDE and services are provided by the local school districts; the system of child find and public awareness is referred to as Help Me Grow.

Preschool special education is for children from age three until kindergarten entrance with developmental delays or other disabilities experiencing challenges in their learning and development.

Eligible children can receive services in their home, child care setting or school. These services are free to eligible families, regardless of income or immigrant status and are provided through Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) programs in Minnesota's school districts.

For information on these two programs, go to the [Help Me Grow website](http://www.helpmegrowmn.org) (www.helpmegrowmn.org) or call 1-866-693-4769 (GROW).

Head Start/Early Head Start

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.

Head Start serves preschool-age children and their families. Many Head Start programs also provide Early Head Start, which serves infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families who have incomes below the federal poverty level.

Head Start programs provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social, and other services determined to be necessary based in the results of a family needs assessment. Education and cognitive development services are also included within Head Start programs. Head Start services are designed to be responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage.

Local Head Start programs can be located through the [Minnesota Department of Education website](http://w20.education.state.mn.us/ELSSearch/search.do) (http://w20.education.state.mn.us/ELSSearch/search.do) or by calling 651-582-8402.

School Readiness

School Readiness is a public school program available to Minnesota children, age three years to kindergarten entrance who meet certain eligibility requirements. Any of the following factors influence eligibility: age, family income, being an English language learner or having an Individualized Education Program. Children may also be identified to participate in the program through the early childhood screening program. School districts offer this and other early childhood education programs and services unique to the needs of children and the resources in their communities.

The goal of School Readiness is to help preschoolers enter school with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful in future learning. It is a priority of School Readiness to involve parents in their child's learning and education. Local School Readiness programs can be located through the [Minnesota Department of Education website](http://w20.education.state.mn.us/ELSSearch/search.do) (http://w20.education.state.mn.us/ELSSearch/search.do).

Family Support Resources

ARC Minnesota

The Arc Minnesota is a private, non-profit, statewide voluntary organization. The mission of The Arc Minnesota is to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. The Arc Minnesota and local chapters of The Arc provide crucial information for people with developmental disabilities and their families, connect them with resources, and support them when they need an advocate.

You can find your local ARC chapter on the [ARC Minnesota website](http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/) (http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/).

Bright Futures (American Academy of Pediatrics)

Bright Futures is a national health promotion and disease prevention initiative that addresses children's health needs in the context of family and community. [Bright Futures](#) offers many different resources for use in improving and maintaining the health of all children and adolescents.

Bright Futures
c/o American Academy of Pediatrics
141 Northwest Point Boulevard
Elk Grove, IL 60007

<http://brightfutures.aap.org>

The Center for Inclusive Childcare (CICC)

The mission of the CICC is to be a centralized, comprehensive resource network supporting inclusive care for children in community settings. CICC provides leadership, technical assistance, training, and consultation to early care and education providers, school age care provider, parents and other professionals in the field.

The [CICC website](http://www.inclusivechildcare.org/) (<http://www.inclusivechildcare.org/>) offers resources, technical assistance, professional development opportunities, online training, live consultation and access to a wealth of other resources.

Center for Inclusive Child Care
Concordia University, College of Education
1282 Concordia Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: 651-603-6265

Center for Parent Information and Resources

The Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR) serves as a central resource of information and products to the community of Parent Training Information (PTI) Centers and the Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs), so that they can focus their efforts on serving families of children with disabilities. Visit the [CPIR website](http://www.parentcenterhub.org/) for more information (<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/>).

Child Care Aware of Minnesota

[Child Care Aware of Minnesota](http://www.childcareawaremn.org/) grows communities by fostering the healthy growth of children and the professional growth of child care providers. They provide statewide leadership in shaping collaborations that build a diverse, high-quality child care system accessible to all Minnesota families through local resource and referral services.

Child Care Aware of Minnesota helps parents identify and select quality childcare. They provide child care referrals to families; are a resource to businesses; and, offer training opportunities for child care providers.

Child Care Aware of Minnesota
380 Lafayette Road, Suite 103
Saint Paul, MN 55107
Phone: 651-290-9704
Toll-free number: 888-291-9811
<http://www.childcareawaremn.org/>

Family Voices

Family Voices is a national, grassroots clearinghouse for information and education concerning health care of children with special health needs. Visit the [Family Voices website](#) for more information.

Family Voices of Minnesota
P.O. Box 2234, Stillwater, MN 55082
Toll free: 866-334-8444
email: P2P@familyvoicesmn.org
<http://www.familyvoicesofminnesota.org/>

Follow Along Program

The Follow Along Program helps parents and other primary caregivers know if their child is playing, talking, growing, moving, and acting like other children the same age. Babies and young children grow and learn at their own rate. Some children, though, need special help to grow up healthy and learn skills such as sitting, walking, or talking. The Follow Along Program can help primary caregivers know if this is true for their child.

A professional, most often a nurse, may visit with the family to tell them more about the program and find out more about the specific child. Families will be asked to sign a permission form. There is no cost to participate in this program.

To refer a child, contact your local public health agency. For information on the Follow Along Program contact the Follow Along Program Coordinator at 651-201-3641 or visit the [MDH website](#) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/program/cyshn/follow.cfm>).

March of Dimes

The mission of the March of Dimes is to help mothers have full-term pregnancies and research the problems that threaten the health of babies. Professional education and medical resources on topics like premature birth and birth defects are helping health care providers better support their patients. Visit the [March of Dimes website](#) (<http://www.marchofdimes.org/>) for more information.

Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC)

As a part of the statewide project of the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, MDLC addresses the unique legal needs of people with disabilities. MDLC provides free civil legal assistance to individuals with disabilities statewide on legal issues related to their disabilities.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
430 1st Avenue N, Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780
Phone: 612-332-1441/612-332-4668 (TDD)

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)

The mission of GCDD is to provide information, education, and training to build knowledge, develop skills, and change attitudes that will lead to increased independence, productivity, self-

determination, integration and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Visit the [GCDD website](http://mn.gov/mnddc/index.html) (<http://mn.gov/mnddc/index.html>) for more information.

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
370 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
Phone: 651-296-4018
Toll-free number: 877-348-0505
MN Relay Service: 800-627-3529 or 711

Minnesota Help Me Grow

This website operated by MDE provides trusted parenting information, resources and activities to help children grow, develop and learn from birth through age five. Visit the [Help Me Grow website](http://www.helpmegrowmn.org) (www.helpmegrowmn.org).

Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS)

MOFAS is a nonprofit whose mission is to eliminate disability caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy and to improve the quality of life for those living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) throughout Minnesota. MOFAS provides free peer support for parents and caregivers of children with a known or suspected FASD; offers social activities for youth, young adults, and families impacted by FASD to connect with each other; provides an online resource directory; and much more. Visit the [MOFAS website](https://www.mofas.org/) (<https://www.mofas.org/>).

Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
2233 University Avenue West
Suite 395
St. Paul, MN 55114
Toll-Free: 1-866-90-MOFAS (66327)
Phone: 651-917-2370
Fax: 651-917-2405

The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD)

MSCOD advises the governor, state legislature, state agencies and local units of government on issues affecting Minnesotans with disabilities. This Council analyzes legislative initiatives and works with policy makers to ensure they understand the impacts of decisions on Minnesotans with disabilities. They bring citizens and policy makers together so that people with disabilities have an opportunity to interact with the elected officials. MSCOD provides training to state of Minnesota employees and managers, business leaders and the general public on a variety of subjects. More information can be found on the [MSCOD website](#).

Minnesota State Council on Disability
121 E. 7th Place, Suite 107
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-361-7800 (Voice/TTY)
Toll-free number: 800-945-8913 (Voice/TTY)
<http://www.disability.state.mn.us/>

Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities –

An ombudsman is an official who is designated to assist people to overcome the delay, injustice or impersonal delivery of services. The [Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities](#) assists with the following:

- concerns or complaints about services,
- questions about rights,
- grievances,
- access to appropriate services,
- ideas for making services better; and
- general questions or the need for information concerning services for persons with mental disabilities.

Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

121 7th Place E. Suite 420, St. Paul, MN 55101-2117

Phone: 651-757-1800 or

Toll-free number: 1-800-657-3506

TTY/voice - Minnesota Relay Service: 711

www.ombudmhdd.state.mn.us

Parents' Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights (PACER) Center, Inc.

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. PACER is staffed primarily by parents of children with disabilities and works in coalition with 18 disability organizations.

With assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free and appropriate public education for all children, PACER's work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation. Please visit the [PACER website](http://www.pacer.org) (www.pacer.org) for more information and resources.

PACER Center, Inc.

8161 Normandale Boulevard

Bloomington, MN 55437

Phone: 952-838-9000/952-838-0190 (TTY)

Toll-free number: 1-800-537-2237

Public Health

Public health nurses can be valuable resources in the care of a child with special needs. They may provide information and referral to resources, health services, health and developmental screening, home health services, personal care assistance services, Child and Teen Check-ups, and WIC and in general, address a wide range of health and medical needs of the community. To find your local public health office, visit the [MDH website](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/gov/find/) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/gov/find/>) or contact your county.

Respite Care

Parenting any child can be a tiring and stressful job at times. For parents of a child who has special needs, the job can be more difficult and the chances to relax are much fewer. Having someone step in and care for your child can stop the strain from getting the best of you. If your child has special medical needs, home nursing care may be needed. Private or public insurance may cover home care services including respite. Medical Assistance (MA), home and community based programs through county social service agencies or other disability service programs may also cover some of these services. One source to locate respite care providers in your community is through [MinnesotaHelp.info](https://www.mnhelp.info/) (<https://www.mnhelp.info/>).

Support Groups

Support groups are meetings for people who share the same concerns. In the case of parents who have children with special needs, the concern might focus on the child's specific disability or the needs of the child. Groups vary not only in concern but also in how many times they meet. Because of the number of support groups and for the fact that they come and go, specific support groups are not included in this directory. Generally, a website search specific to the topic of concern or calling local disability groups yields a variety of resources.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

The WIC program is a supplemental food and nutrition program for low-income, pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and infants and young children who are at nutritional risk. The purpose of the WIC Program is to prevent health problems and to improve the health of program participants during critical times of growth and development. Visit the [MDH website](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/wic/) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/wic/>) to find the nearest WIC clinic.

Financial Resources

Bridge to Benefits

Bridge to Benefits is a multi-state project by Children's Defense Fund Minnesota to improve the well-being of low-income families and individuals by linking them to public work support programs and tax credits. A core component of the project is an online screening tool designed to help families and individuals understand if they are eligible for eight public work support programs and two income tax credits. [Visit the Bridge to Benefits website](http://mn.bridgetobenefits.org/VisittheBridgeToBenefitswebsite) (<http://mn.bridgetobenefits.org/VisittheBridgeToBenefitswebsite>) for more information and to [access the screening tool](http://mn.bridgetobenefits.org/start_screening.html) (http://mn.bridgetobenefits.org/start_screening.html).

Home and Community-Based Waiver Programs

- Brain Injury Waiver (BI)
- Community Alternative Care Waiver (CAC)
- Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI)
- Developmental Disability Waiver (DD)

Medicaid home and community-based service (HCBS) waivers afford states the flexibility to develop and implement creative alternatives to placing Medicaid-eligible persons in hospitals, nursing facilities or Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICFs/DD). HCBS waivers allow states to put together various service options that are not available under regular Medicaid. These service options are available to persons in addition to

services covered by Medicaid. Generally, these services are targeted to people with specific needs or diagnosis.

There are some differences in the services available in each waiver and the amount of money that a person can use to purchase supports. Eligibility for all waiver programs is determined through a screening process. Contact your [local county social services agency](#) to learn more about or to apply for a specific waiver (www.dhs.state.mn.us).

HousingLink

The mission of [HousingLink](http://www.housinglink.org/) (<http://www.housinglink.org/>) is to improve people's lives through information expanding their rental choices. HousingLink manages an online service where anyone can search for affordable rental housing vacancies and waiting list openings throughout Minnesota. They also publish the status of subsidized housing waiting lists in the Twin Cities through the Housing Authority Waiting List.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota/Minnesota Food Helpline

A comprehensive hunger relief organization that takes action to assure food security for all Minnesotans by supporting agencies that provide food to those in need, advancing sound public policy and guiding grassroots advocacy.

[The Minnesota Food Helpline](http://www.hungersolutions.org/minnesota-food-helpline/) (<http://www.hungersolutions.org/minnesota-food-helpline/>) helps callers find solutions to their family's food needs.

Medicaid/Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare

For people who qualify, programs such as MA or MinnesotaCare may pay or help pay the cost of doctor, clinic, hospital and other related medical expenses to help with medical care for a child with special needs.

MA pays for current and future medical bills. MA may also pay for medical bills going back three months from the date of application.

MinnesotaCare is available for people who do not have health insurance or access to insurance through an employer. Some children may get MinnesotaCare even if they have insurance or access to insurance through an employer.

Medical Assistance – Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act (MA-TEFRA)

Medical Assistance -TEFRA (MA-TEFRA) is for children with disabilities whose parents have too much income to qualify for other Minnesota Health Care Programs or who qualify but the cost would be too high. Parents will have to pay a parental fee based on the parents' income.

To qualify for MA-TEFRA, a child must meet ALL of the following:

- Live with at least one parent.
- Be under age 19.
- Have a disability determination from the State Medical Review Team.
- Need a certain level of care to stay at home which compares to the level of care provided in a hospital, nursing home or intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities.

- Home care costs are less than the cost for care in a medical facility.

For more information on MA, MA-TEFRA and MinnesotaCare or to get an application:

- Contact your county human or social services office.
- Call MinnesotaCare at 651-297-3862 or 1-800-657-3672.
- Call DHS at 651-431-2670 or 800-657-3739.
- Go to the [Department of Human Services website](http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/) (<http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/>) or [apply online](https://applymn.dhs.mn.gov/) (<https://applymn.dhs.mn.gov/>).

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI is an income-based program administered by the Social Security Administration for people with disabilities or special health needs. SSI provides a monthly payment to use in meeting that person's needs. The person must qualify medically and financially. SSI requires the family to have a low income and few assets. To apply for SSI, go to your local Social Security office or contact the main Social Security office. Recorded information and services are available 24 hours a day and on weekends. Spanish speaking employees are available to talk with callers who prefer to do business with the [Social Security Administration](#) in Spanish.

Social Security Administration
1811 Chicago Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Toll-free number: 1-800-772-1213/1-800-325-0778 (TTY)
<http://www.ssa.gov>

Minnesota STAR Program

The STAR Program's mission is to help all Minnesotans with disabilities gain access to and acquire the assistive technology needed to live, learn, work and play. The STAR Program has a [directory or funding resources for assistive technology](#) in Minnesota as well as other resources available on the [Minnesota STAR Program website](http://mn.gov/admin/star/) (<http://mn.gov/admin/star/>).

Web Resources

This is only a partial listing of the growing number of early intervention and disability-related websites. The sites listed here may interest health professionals, parents of children with special needs, and families looking for reliable information for themselves or others. Every effort has been made to keep this information accurate. However, web pages and requirements can change quickly, so users are advised to verify the information with the appropriate agency.

Minnesota-Specific Disability-Related Resources

[CAREERwise Education](https://www.careerwise.mnscu.edu/) – <https://www.careerwise.mnscu.edu/>

CAREERwise is Minnesota's career, education and job resource. Their website includes a listing of Minnesota organizations that have programs, products and services for people with disabilities.

Disability Minnesota –

http://www.mndisability.gov/public/content.do?letter=&action=terms&term_id=174

[Disability Minnesota](#) is intended for people with disabilities, their families, employers, veterans, workforce professionals, and the general public. The website provides quick and easy access to disability-related information and programs available across Minnesota state government on numerous subjects, including accessibility, benefits, community life, education, employment, housing, health, rights, technology and transportation.

Life Pages – <http://www.lifepages.org/>

[Life Pages](#) was developed to help parents, consumers and professionals find information about recreation and leisure activities, services, advocacy, and other useful things about life in Minnesota. Life Pages offers information for Minnesotans of all ages and abilities who want to enrich their leisure lifestyle as well as their connections to the greater community.

Minnesota Adoption Resource Network (special needs resources) –

<http://www.mnadopt.org/specialneeds.html>

[MN Adopt](#) is a program contracted by DHS through the Minnesota Adoption Resource Network. MN Adopt is dedicated to supporting and sustaining families who adopt Minnesota waiting children by providing online resources and referrals to therapeutic and crisis services, support groups, adoption information and comprehensive training opportunities.

Minnesota Yellow Pages for Kids – <http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/mn.htm>

[Visit Minnesota Yellow Pages for Kids](#) to find educational consultants, psychologists, educational diagnosticians, health care providers, academic therapists, tutors, speech language therapists, occupational therapists, coaches, advocates and attorneys for children with disabilities.

PACER Center’s Resource List of Disability Organizations –

<http://www.pacer.org/parent/php/PHP-c36.pdf>

[PACER Center](#) provides a Minnesota-specific resource list of organizations that offer services to individuals with disabilities.

Minnesota Government

[Minnesota.gov Portal](#) – <http://mn.gov/portal/>

[Ombudsman’s Office for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities](#) –

<http://www.ombudmhdd.state.mn.us/>

[Partners in Policymaking](#) – <http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/>

[Minnesota Web Directory](#) – <http://www.directoryminnesota.com/>

[Minnesota State Interagency Committee \(MnSIC\)](#) –

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/about/adv/active/SIC/>

[Minnesota State Council on Disability Resources](http://www.disability.state.mn.us/resources/disability-resources/alphabetical/) –
<http://www.disability.state.mn.us/resources/disability-resources/alphabetical/>

[Minnesota Legislative Reference Library](http://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/links/links.aspx?links=disabled) –
<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/links/links.aspx?links=disabled>

Minnesota Organizations

[Access Press](http://www.accesspress.org/) – <http://www.accesspress.org/>

[Advocating Change Together](http://www.selfadvocacy.com/) – <http://www.selfadvocacy.com/>

[The Arc of Minnesota](http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/) – <http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/>

[Connect WC Specific Advocacy Organizations and Resources](http://www.connectwc.org/specific-disability-organizations.html) –
<http://www.connectwc.org/specific-disability-organizations.html>

[Cornucopia of Disability Information \(CODI\)](http://codi.tamucc.edu/) – <http://codi.tamucc.edu/>

[Greater Twin Cities United Way](http://www.unitedwaytwincities.org) – www.unitedwaytwincities.org

[Institute on Community Integration](http://ici.umn.edu/default.html) – <http://ici.umn.edu/default.html>

[LawHelp.org](http://www.lawhelpmn.org) – www.lawhelpmn.org

[Metro Mobility/Metropolitan Council](http://metro council.org/Transportation/Services/Metro-Mobility.aspx) – <http://metro council.org/Transportation/Services/Metro-Mobility.aspx>

[Metropolitan Center for Independent Living](http://www.mcil-mn.org/) – <http://www.mcil-mn.org/>

[Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities](http://mnccd.org/) – <http://mnccd.org/>

[Minnesota DeafBlind Project](http://www.dbproject.mn.org) – www.dbproject.mn.org

[Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Provider Directory](http://mhcpproviderdirectory.dhs.state.mn.us/) –
<http://mhcpproviderdirectory.dhs.state.mn.us/>

[Minnesota Initiative Foundations](http://www.greaterminnesota.net) – www.greaterminnesota.net

[Minnesota Legal Services Coalition](http://www.mnlegalservices.org) – www.mnlegalservices.org

[Minnesota Occupational Therapy Association, Public Directory](http://www.motafunctionfirst.org/search/custom.asp?id=1778) –
<http://www.motafunctionfirst.org/search/custom.asp?id=1778>

[Minnesota Physical Therapy Association](http://www.apta.org/apta/findapt/index.aspx?navID=10737422525) –
<http://www.apta.org/apta/findapt/index.aspx?navID=10737422525>

National Organizations

[American Music Therapy Association](http://www.musictherapy.org/) – <http://www.musictherapy.org/>

[American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Find a Professional](http://www.asha.org/proserv/) –
<http://www.asha.org/proserv/>

[American Association for People with Disabilities](http://www.aapd.com) – www.aapd.com

[Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law](http://www.bazelon.org) – www.bazelon.org

[Beach Center on Families and Disability](http://www.beachcenter.org), University of Kansas – www.beachcenter.org

[Better Hearing Institute](http://www.betterhearing.org) – www.betterhearing.org

[Building and Access Design Guide](http://www.access-board.gov) – www.access-board.gov

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Specific Conditions](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/conditions.html) –
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/conditions.html

[Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder](http://www.chadd.org) – www.chadd.org

[Developmental Disabilities Resource Center](http://www.ddrcco.com) – www.ddrcco.com

[Disability Rights, Education and Defense Fund, Inc. \(DREDF\)](http://www.dredf.org) – www.dredf.org

[Families and Advocates Partner for Education \(FAPE\)](http://www.fape.org) – www.fape.org

[Family Resource Center on Disabilities \(FRCD\)](http://www.frcd.org) – www.frcd.org

[Healthfinder](http://www.healthfinder.gov)® – www.healthfinder.gov

[HealthyChildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org) (American Academy of Pediatrics) – www.healthychildren.org

[KidsHealth](http://kidshealth.org) – http://kidshealth.org

[The Maternal and Child Health Library](http://www.ncemch.org) at Georgetown University – http://www.ncemch.org/

[National Council on Disability](http://www.ncd.gov) – www.ncd.gov

[National Organization on Disability](http://www.nod.org) – www.nod.org

[Parenting Counts](http://www.parentingcounts.org) – www.parentingcounts.org

Condition Specific Organizations and Resources

[American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](http://www.aamr.org) – www.aamr.org

[American Cancer Society](http://www.cancer.org) – www.cancer.org

[American Council of the Blind](http://www.acb.org) – www.acb.org

[American Diabetes Association](http://www.diabetes.org) – www.diabetes.org

[American Kidney Fund](http://www.kidneyfund.org) – www.kidneyfund.org

[American Lung Association of Minnesota](http://www.alamn.org) – www.alamn.org

[American Speech-Language-Hearing Association](http://www.asha.org) – www.asha.org

[Arthritis Foundation](http://www.arthritis.org) – www.arthritis.org

[Autism Society](http://www.autism-society.org) – www.autism-society.org

[Autism Society of Minnesota](http://www.ausm.org) – www.ausm.org

[Brain Injury Alliance, Minnesota](http://www.braininjurymn.org) – www.braininjurymn.org

[Brain Injury Association of America](http://www.biausa.org) – www.biausa.org

[Children, Youth and Family Consortium Center for Children's Mental Health \(University of Minnesota\)](http://www.cyfc.umn.edu) – www.cyfc.umn.edu

[Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](http://www.cff.org) – www.cff.org

[Deaf Blind Services Minnesota Inc.](http://www.deafblindinfo.org) – www.deafblindinfo.org

[Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota](http://www.dsamn.org) – www.dsamn.org

[Early Hearing Detection and Intervention](http://improveehdi.org/mn/) - http://improveehdi.org/mn/

[Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota](http://www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org) – www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org

[First Signs](http://www.firstsigns.org) (Autism Spectrum Disorders) – www.firstsigns.org

[Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas](http://www.hfmd.org) – www.hfmd.org

[LD Online](http://www.ldonline.org) (Learning Disabilities and ADHD) – www.ldonline.org

[Minnesota AIDS Project](http://www.mnaidsproject.org) – www.mnaidsproject.org

[Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health/Minnesota Association of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health](http://www.macmh.org) – www.macmh.org

[Minnesota Division for Early Childhood \(MN DEC\)](http://www.mndec.org) – www.mndec.org

[Minnesota Speech Language Hearing Association](http://www.msha.net) – www.msha.net

[Minnesota State Academy for the Blind](http://www.msab.state.mn.us) – www.msab.state.mn.us

[Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf](http://www.msad.state.mn.us) – www.msad.state.mn.us

[Minnesota State Services for the Blind](http://www.mnssb.org) – www.mnssb.org

[National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](http://www.namihelps.org) – http://www.namihelps.org/

[National Association of the Deaf](http://www.nad.org) – www.nad.org

[National Federation of the Blind](http://www.nfb.org) – www.nfb.org

[National Kidney Foundation](http://www.kidney.org) – www.kidney.org

[National Reye's Syndrome Foundation](http://www.reyessyndrome.org) – www.reyessyndrome.org

[Neurofibromatosis Network](http://www.nfnetwork.org) – www.nfnetwork.org

[Spina Bifida Association](http://spinabifidaassociation.org/) – spinabifidaassociation.org/

[United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota](http://www.ucp.org) – www.ucp.org

Early Intervention Research Projects

This section includes agencies or resources that conduct or can help locate research, clinical trials, and demonstration projects nationally and in Minnesota ranging from infant mental health, growth and development and infants and children with disabilities or special needs.

Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW)

[CASCW](#) brings the University of Minnesota together with county, tribal, state and community social services in a partnership dedicated to improving the lives of children and families involved with public child welfare.

CASCW, University of Minnesota
205 Peters Hall
1404 Gortner Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108
Phone: 612-624-4231
Toll-free number: 800-779-8636
www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw

Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI)

[CAREI](#) facilitates the connections between organizations and groups serving the needs of children and families; schools, community agencies and groups, state and federal agencies and the College of Education and Human Development

CAREI, University of Minnesota
1954 Buford Avenue, Suite 425
St. Paul, MN 55108
Phone: 612-624-0300
<http://www.cehd.umn.edu/carei/>

Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CCSHCN)

[CCSHCN](#) prepares pediatric nurse leaders by supporting doctor of nursing practice and Ph.D. students. CCSHCN offers educational programs, continuing education, and online resources for maternal and child health professionals who focus on children with special health care needs. Research and scholarship focuses on preventing and managing childhood chronic conditions and improving systems of care for children and their families.

CCSHCN, U of MN
308 Harvard Street SE, 5-140 WDH 1331
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0342
Phone: 612-626-7085
www.nursing.umn.edu/CCSHCN/

Center for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood (CRTIEC)

The mission of [CRTIEC](http://www.crtiec.dept.ku.edu/) is to conduct research and provide resources that support application of Response to Intervention (RTI) in Early Childhood Education. They provide information related to evidence-based interventions and practices and RTI, and develop and validate interventions in language and early literacy. They are a national leader on RTI. All of their findings are disseminated to practitioners, policy makers and researchers.

<http://www.crtiec.dept.ku.edu/>

Center on Early Education and Development (CEED)

[CEED](http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ceed/) has multiple research projects ranging from infant mental health to addressing challenging behavior, measuring growth and development and violence prevention.

CEED, University of Minnesota
1954 Buford Avenue, Suite 425
St. Paul, MN 55108
Phone: 612-625-3058
www.cehd.umn.edu/ceed/

Child Trends

[Child Trends](http://www.childtrends.org) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that studies children at all stages of development.

www.childtrends.org

Children, Youth and Families Consortium (CYFC)

[CYFC](http://www.cyfc.umn.edu) works to improve the lives of children, youth and families by supporting and creating new knowledge and encouraging the use of evidence-based knowledge in practice and in public and private policy development related to children, youth and family issues.

CYFC, U of MN
475 Coffey Hall
1420 Eckles Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108-1030
Phone: 612-625-7849
www.cyfc.umn.edu

The College of Education and Human Development (CEHD)

The [CEHD](http://www.cehd.umn.edu) at the University of Minnesota provides a listing of several projects, degree programs, continuing education and other research studies focused on education, including special education.

The College of Education and Human Development
104 Burton Hall
178 Pillsbury Drive SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Phone: 612-626-9252
www.education.umn.edu

Council of Exceptional Children

[The Council for Exceptional Children](#) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

www.cec.sped.org

The Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Center

[ECTA](#) is a federally funded technical assistance center focused on improving service systems and assisting states to scale up and sustain effective services and research-based interventions for infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities and their families.

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
CB 8040
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8040
Phone: 919-962-2001
<http://ectacenter.org>

Institute on Community Integration (ICI)

Through collaborative research, training, and information sharing, the [ICI](#) improves policies and practices to ensure that all children, youth, and adults with disabilities are valued by, and contribute to, their communities of choice.

Institute on Community Integration
University of Minnesota
150 Pillsbury Dr. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Phone: 612-624-6300
www.ici.umn.edu

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health (NCEMCH)

[NCEMCH](#) provides national leadership to the maternal and child health community in program development, education, and state of the art knowledge to improve the health and well-being of the nation's children and families.

www.ncemch.org

National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)

[NIEER](#) conducts and communicates research to support high quality, effective, early childhood education for all young children.

<http://nieer.org>

Wilder Research

Wilder Research gathers and interprets facts and trends in order to help families and communities thrive, get at the core of community concerns, and uncover issues that are overlooked or poorly understood. [Wilder](#) helps organizations at all levels, to bring about needed change, increase their effectiveness, and demonstrate the value of what they do. Studies include the current state of children's health and well-being, child care use, and evaluations of the effectiveness of Minnesota's early childhood system.

Wilder Foundation
451 Lexington Parkway North
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: 651-280-2700
www.wilder.org

Zero to Three

[Zero to Three](#) is a national non-profit organization that provides information and trains and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

<http://www.zerotothree.org/>