

# A list of agencies for anyone seeking support and resources for individuals with disabilities



ALL DISABILITIES / GENERAL RESOURCES

<p><b>Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition</b> 303.839.1775 (Voice) <a href="http://ccdonline.org/">ccdonline.org/</a> Advocates for social justice for people with all types of disabilities.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education</b> 303.866.6600 <b>Disability Categories</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-main">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-main</a> <b>Special Education Director, District/BOCES</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/spe-d-dir">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/spe-d-dir</a></p>	<p><b>Easterseals Colorado</b> <a href="http://easterseals.com/co">easterseals.com/co</a> Serves families and people with all disabilities throughout their lifespan.</p>	<p><b>Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/pep">www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/pep</a> Provides free informational conferences for parents to promote partnerships essential in supporting and including children with disabilities and their families in schools and the community.</p>	<p><b>Parent to Parent of Colorado (P2P)</b> 303.691.9339 Ext. 1124 or 877.472.7201 <a href="http://abilityconnectioncolorado.org/p2p-co/">abilityconnectioncolorado.org/p2p-co/</a> Offers encouragement to parents by providing emotional and informational support.</p>	<p><b>PEAK Parent Center</b> 800.284.0251 or 719.531.9400 <a href="http://peakparent.org">peakparent.org</a> Advocates and ensures that all people with disabilities are fully included in their neighborhood schools, communities, employment, and all walks of life.</p>
<b>BEHAVIORAL &amp; MENTAL HEALTH</b>					
<p><b>THRIVE Center</b> 303.632.6840 <a href="http://thrivectr.org">thrivectr.org</a> Informs and empowers all families, particularly low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse families, as advocates for their children with disabilities.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU)</b> 303.866.6600 <b>Behavioral Tools</b> <a href="http://cdebehavioraltools.pbworks.com/w/page/93498758/FrontPage">cdebehavioraltools.pbworks.com/w/page/93498758/FrontPage</a> A resource for behavior planning teams.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Mental Health</b> 303.866.6600 <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/mentalhealth">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/mentalhealth</a> Provides guidance on positive promotion of students' overall school success and promotes the ability to cope with challenges in life.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health</b> 303.866.7524 <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/mental-health-0">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/mental-health-0</a> Provides information on mental health and substance use services for children and youth, as well as programs and services for adults.</p>	<p><b>Empower Colorado</b> 866.213.4631 <a href="http://abilityconnectioncolorado.org/empowercolorado/">abilityconnectioncolorado.org/empowercolorado/</a> Provides support, resources, education, and advocacy for families of children who have social/emotional mental or behavioral challenges.</p>	<p><b>Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health</b> <a href="http://disabilitylawco.org/resource/federation-families-childrens-mental-health">disabilitylawco.org/resource/federation-families-childrens-mental-health</a> A child- and family-focus program that serves children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances (SED).</p>
<b>BRAIN INJURY</b>					
<p><b>NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)</b> Main: 704.524.7600 Help Line: 800.950.6264 <a href="http://nami.org/">nami.org/</a> Dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.</p>	<p><b>Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado</b> 303.355.9969 or 800.955.2443 <a href="http://biacolorado.org/">biacolorado.org/</a> A resource for help and services for survivors of an injury to the brain, their families and providers.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Kids Brain Injury Resource Network</b> 303.355.9969 <a href="http://cokidswithbraininjury.com/">cokidswithbraininjury.com/</a> For families of youth (0-21) who have sustained a brain injury.</p>	<p><b>Mindsource Brain Injury Network – Colorado Department of Human Services</b> <a href="http://tbicolorado.org/">tbicolorado.org/</a> Helps people with brain injury and their loved ones by assisting with accessing needed supports for recovery. Formerly the Colorado Brain Injury Program through CDHS.</p>	<p><b>Traumatic Brain Injury Website</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-tbi">www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-tbi</a> BrainSTEPS consulting teams support school teams in the development and implementation of educational plans following acquired brain injury.</p>	<p><b>Cerebral Palsy Association of Colorado Springs</b> 719.638.0808 <a href="http://cpappr.org">cpappr.org</a> Financial, emotional and community support to individuals with Cerebral Palsy.</p>
<b>DEAF / BLIND</b>					
<p><b>Colorado AG Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b> <a href="http://coloradoagbell.org">coloradoagbell.org</a> Listening and spoken language support and resources for children and adults with hearing loss.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Hands &amp; Voices</b> 303.492.6283 <a href="http://cohandsandvoices.org/newsite">cohandsandvoices.org/newsite</a> <b>Información en Español</b> <a href="http://cohandsandvoices.org/newsite/informacion-en-espanol/">cohandsandvoices.org/newsite/informacion-en-espanol/</a> Supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Talking Book Library</b> 303.727.9277 <a href="http://myctbl.cde.state.co.us/">myctbl.cde.state.co.us/</a> For people who can't read standard print, CTBL provides audio, Braille and large print books keeping you connected to reading, stories and adventure.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Services for Children and Youth with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss Project</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-db.asp">www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-db.asp</a> Services for children with concomitant hearing and visual impairments that cannot be accommodated in programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.</p>	<p><b>Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB)</b> 719-578-2100 <a href="http://csdb.org">csdb.org</a> Provides comprehensive educational services for children, birth to age 21, who are blind/visually impaired and/or deaf/hard of hearing.</p>	<p><b>Hearing Loss Association of America, Colorado Chapters</b> <a href="http://hearinglosscolorado.org">hearinglosscolorado.org</a> Serves to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.</p>
<b>DEVELOPMENTAL / INTELLECTUAL / LEARNING</b>					
<p><b>National Federation of the Blind of Colorado</b> 303.778.1130 <a href="http://nfbco.org">nfbco.org</a> Promotes full participation and integration of blind people in all areas of life; advocates for change when equal access and treatment of the blind is denied.</p>	<p><b>(The) Arc</b> 303.864.9334 <a href="http://thearcofco.org">thearcofco.org</a> Serves and believes that all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have inherent value and must be treated with dignity and respect.</p>	<p><b>Autism Society of Colorado</b> 720.214.0794 <a href="http://autism-society.org/">autism-society.org/</a> Serves individuals with autism, families, providers, and educators.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Council for Learning Disabilities (CCLD)</b> <a href="http://cocld.org">cocld.org</a> Believes all students can engage in higher-level learning through the implementation of evidenced-based instructional practices. Affiliated with The Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD).</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Preschool Special Education and Child Find</b> 303.866.6600 <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/preschool_sped">www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/preschool_sped</a> Determines whether a child has a need for early intervention or special education services.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council</b> 720.941.0176 <a href="http://coddc.org/">coddc.org/</a> Advocates in collaboration with and on behalf of people with developmental disabilities for the establishment and implementation of public policy, which will further their independence, productivity, and integration.</p>

DEVELOPMENTAL / INTELLECTUAL / LEARNING (CONT.)	DOWN SYNDROME	DYSLEXIA	HEALTH CARE		
<p><b>Early Intervention Colorado</b> 888.777.4041 <a href="http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/eicolorado?lang=en">coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/eicolorado?lang=en</a> Provides supports and services to children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families from birth until the child's third birthday.</p>	<p><b>Learning Disabilities Association of America, Colorado Chapter</b> 412.341.1515 <a href="http://ldaamerica.org/lda-chapters/colorado">ldaamerica.org/lda-chapters/colorado</a> Provides support to people with learning disabilities, their parents, teachers and other professionals.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Springs Down Syndrome Association</b> 719.633.1133 <a href="http://csdsa.org/">csdsa.org/</a> Provides support and encouragement to families of children with Down Syndrome.</p>	<p><b>Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association</b> 303.797.1699 <a href="http://rmdsa.org/">rmdsa.org/</a> Assure inclusion and enhance independence of people with Down Syndrome.</p>	<p><b>Rocky Mountain Branch of the International Dyslexia Association</b> 303.721.9425 or 855.5.IDA.RMB <a href="http://idarmb.org/">http://idarmb.org/</a> Supports those living with dyslexia, language and literacy challenges by providing research-based education and resources to individuals, families and educators. We serve communities in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Health Care Policy &amp; Financing</b> <a href="http://colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/community-centered-boards">colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/community-centered-boards</a> Community centered boards and case management services that assist in accessing necessary services and supports.</p>
INDEPENDENT LIVING		LEGAL			
<p><b>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Handicapped Children's Program (HCP)</b> 303.692.2370 or 800.886.7689, Ext. 2370 <a href="http://colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/hcp">colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/hcp</a> Programs located within local public health agencies for children and youth with special health care needs.</p>	<p><b>Family Voices of Colorado</b> 303.733.3000 or 800.881.8272 <a href="http://familyvoicesco.org">familyvoicesco.org</a> For children and youth with special health care needs.</p>	<p><b>Colorado SILC (State Independent Living Centers)</b> <a href="http://coloradosilc.org/">coloradosilc.org/</a> Serves to pave pathways to full participation in communities for people with disabilities and supports Colorado's Centers for Independent Living. Formerly the Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU)</b> 303.866.6600 <b>IEP Facilitation</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/spedlaw/fiep">www.cde.state.co.us/spedlaw/fiep</a> An IEP team meeting that includes an impartial facilitator who promotes effective communication and assists an IEP team in developing an IEP based on the student's needs.</p>	<p><b>Disability Law Colorado</b> 800.288.1376 or 303.722.0300 <a href="http://disabilitylawco.org">disabilitylawco.org</a> Provides direct legal representation, advocacy, education and legislative analysis that protects and promotes the rights of people with disabilities and older people.</p>	<p><b>Guardianship Alliance of Colorado</b> 303.691.9339 <a href="http://abilityconnectioncolorado.org/guardianshipallianceofcolorado">abilityconnectioncolorado.org/guardianshipallianceofcolorado</a> Provides information and training related to the guardianship process and protecting the rights and dignity of vulnerable adults.</p>
PREVENTION		RESPITE			
<p><b>Rocky Mountain ADA Center</b> 800.949.4232 <a href="http://rockymountainada.org">rockymountainada.org</a> Provides information on the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) to individuals and organizations throughout Colorado, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota.</p>	<p><b>Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center</b> 303.692.1165 <a href="http://childlawcenter.org/">childlawcenter.org/</a> Serves to transform the lives of abused, neglected and at-risk children through compassionate legal advocacy, clinical services, education and public policy reform.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Education, Dropout Prevention and Student Re-Engagement</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention">http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention</a> Builds on the state's commitment to ensure graduation and school success for all students and re-engaging out of school youth.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Local Public Health &amp; Environment Resources Prevention Services Division</b> 303.692.2370 or 800.886.7689, Ext. 2370 <a href="http://colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe-lpha/prevention-services-division-contacts-0">colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe-lpha/prevention-services-division-contacts-0</a></p>	<p><b>Colorado Respite Coalition (CRC)</b> 303.233.1666 <a href="http://coloradospitecoalition.org">coloradospitecoalition.org</a> Supports current respite care options and facilitates the development of new, safe, affordable, interactive and stimulating respite care choices for families.</p>	<p><b>Spina Bifida Organization of Colorado</b> 303.797.7880 <a href="http://spinabifidaco.org/">http://spinabifidaco.org/</a> To promote the prevention of Spina Bifida and enhance the lives of all affected.</p>
TOURETTE SYNDROME	TRANSITION SERVICES / ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY / VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION		TRANSLATION SERVICES		
<p><b>Tourette Association of America Rocky Mountain Region Chapter</b> <a href="http://tsarmr.mpgprojects.com/">http://tsarmr.mpgprojects.com/</a> Supports individuals and families living with Tourette Syndrome through educational programs and public awareness.</p>	<p><b>Assistive Technology Partners</b> 303.315.1280 <a href="http://ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/Engineering/research/AssistiveTechnologyPartners/Pages/Home.aspx">ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/Engineering/research/AssistiveTechnologyPartners/Pages/Home.aspx</a> Empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve their highest potential through the use of assistive technology.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Secondary Transition Resources</b> 303.866.6600 <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/transition_resources">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/transition_resources</a> Prepares students with disabilities for adult life after they leave high school and provides opportunities to experience positive post-school outcomes, such as higher education or training, employment, independent living and community participation.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation</b> <a href="http://colorado.gov/pacific/dvr/">colorado.gov/pacific/dvr/</a> Helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain, advance in, and maintain employment by providing a range of services based on an individual's employment needs and goals.</p>	<p><b>Colorado Crisis Services</b> 844.495.8255 <a href="http://coloradocrisiservices.org">coloradocrisiservices.org</a> Translation services for non-English speakers; immediate problem solving; follow-up calls and continued care.</p>	<p><b>El Grupo VIDA</b> 303.335.9875 <a href="http://elgrupovida.org">elgrupovida.org</a> Un grupo de padres Hispanos/Latinos formado para dar apoyo mutuo a las personas con discapacidades o necesidades especiales y sus padres, familias, y tutelas. – A group of Hispanic/Latino parents formed to give mutual support to persons with disabilities or special needs, their parents, families and legal guardians.</p>

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