

Support and Resources

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



All Disabilities/ General Resources

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition

Advocates for social justice for people with all types of disabilities

Phone: 303.839.1775 (Voice)

Website: [Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition - Website](#)

Office of Special Education

Website: Disability Categories: [Colorado Department of Education Webpage](#)

Website: Special Education Director, District/BOCES: [Colorado Department of Special Education Directors Webpage](#)

Easterseals Colorado

Serves families and people with all disabilities throughout their lifespan.

Phone: 303.233.1666

Website: [Easterseals Website](#)

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)

Provides free informational conferences for parents to promote partnership-essential in supporting and including children with disabilities and their families in schools and the community.

Website: [Colorado Department of Education - Parents Website](#)

Parent to Parent of Colorado (P2P)

Offers encouragement to parents by providing emotional and informational support.

Phone: 303.691.9339 ext. 1124 or 877.472.7201

Website: [Ability Connection Colorado - Parent to Parent Website](#)

PEAK Parent Center

Advocates and ensures that all people with disabilities are fully included in their neighborhood schools, communities, employment, and all walks of life.

Phone: 800.284.0251 or 719.531.9400

Website: [Peak Parent Website](#)

"THRIVE": Show & Tell Center

Informs and empowers all families, particularly low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse families, as advocates for their children with disabilities.

Phone: 202.900.2902

Website: [Thrive Center Website](#)

Behavioral & Mental Health

Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Mental Health

Provides guidance on positive promotion of students' overall school success and promotes the ability to cope with challenges in life.

Phone: 720.284.2524

Website: [Colorado Department of Education - Mental Health Website](#)

Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health

Provides information on mental health and substance use services for children and youth, as well as programs and services for adults.

Phone: 303.866.5700

Website: [Colorado Department of Human Services](#)

Empower Colorado

Provides support, resources, education, and advocacy for families of children who have social/emotional mental or behavioral challenges.

Phone: 866.213.4631

Website: [Ability Connection Colorado – Empower Website](#)



Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health

A child- and family-focus program that serves children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances (SED).

Website: [Disability Law Colorado – Federation of Families for Children Mental Health](#)

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by Mental Illness.

Phone:

Main: 703.524.7600

Help Line: 800.950.6264

Website: [National Alliance of Mental Illness Website](#)

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado

A resource for help and services for survivors of an injury to the brain, their families and providers.

Phone: 303.355.9969 or 800.955.2443

Website: [Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado Website](#)

Colorado Kids Brain Injury Resource Network

For families of youth (0-21) who have sustained brain injury.

Phone: 720.795.2273

Website: [Colorado Kids Brain Injury Resource Network Website](#)

Mindsource Brain Injury Network – Colorado Department of Human Services

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.

Website: [MINDSOURCE Brain Injury Network | Colorado Department of Human Services](#)



Traumatic Brain Injury Website

BrainSTEPS consulting teams support school teams in the development and implementation of educational plans following acquired brain injury.

Phone: 720.795.2273

Website: [Colorado Department of Education – Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\) Website](#)

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy Association of Colorado Springs

Financial, emotional and community support to individuals with Cerebral Palsy.

Phone: 719.638.0808

Website: [Cerebral Palsy Association of Colorado Springs Website](#)

Deaf/Blind

Colorado AG Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Listening and spoken language support and resources for children and adults with hearing loss.

Website: [Colorado AG Bell Association Website](#)

Colorado Hands & Voices

Supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology.

Phone: 720.598.2648

Website: [Colorado Hands & Voices Website](#)

Información en Español: [Colorado Hands & Voices Información en Espanol Website](#)

Colorado Talking Book Library

For people who can't read standard print, CTBL provides audio, Braille and large print books keeping you connected to reading, stories and adventure.

Phone: 303.727.9277 or 800.685.2136

Website: [Colorado Talking Book Library](#)



Colorado Services for Children and Youth with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss Project

Services for children with concomitant hearing and visual impairments that cannot be accommodated in programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.

Website: [Colorado Department of Education – Deaf-Blindness/Deaf-Blind Website](#)

Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB)

Provides comprehensive educational services for children, birth to age 21, who are blind/visually impaired and/or deaf/hard of hearing.

Phone: 719-578-2100

Website: [Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind Website](#)

Hearing Loss Association of America, Colorado Chapters

Serves to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.

Website: [HLAA in Colorado - Website](#)

National Federation of the Blind of Colorado

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.

Phone: 303.778.1130

Website: [National Federation of the Blind of Colorado Website](#)

Developmental/ Intellectual/ Learning

(The) Arc

Serves and believes that all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have inherent value and must be treated with dignity and respect

Phone: 303.864.9334

Website: [The Arc of Colorado Website](#)

Autism Society of Colorado

Serves individuals with autism, families, providers, and educators

Phone: 720.214.0794

Website: [Autism Society Creating Connections for the Autism Community Website](#)



Colorado Council for Learning Disabilities (CCLD)

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).

Website: [Colorado Council for Learning Disabilities Website](#)

Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Preschool Special Education and Child Find

Determines whether a child has a need for early intervention or special education services.

Website: [Colorado Department of Education - Preschool Special Education and Child Find](#)

Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council

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.

Phone: 720.772.9396

Website: [Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council Website](#)

Early Intervention Colorado

Provides support and services to children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families from birth until the child's third birthday.

Phone: 888.777.4041

Website: [Early Intervention Colorado Website](#)

Down Syndrome

Colorado Springs Down Syndrome Association

Provides support and encouragement to families of children with Down Syndrome.

Phone: 719.633.1133

Website: [CSDSA - Webpage](#)

Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association

Assure inclusion and enhance independence of people with Down Syndrome.

Phone: 303.797.1699

Website: [Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association Website](#)



Dyslexia

Rocky Mountain Branch of the International Dyslexia Association

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.

Phone: 303.721.9425 or 855.5.IDA.RMB

Website: [Rocky Mountain Branch of the International Dyslexia Association – Website](#)

Health Care

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Community centered boards and case management services that assist in accessing necessary services and support.

Website: [HCPF | Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Website](#)

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Handicapped Children’s Program (HCP)

Programs located within local public health agencies for children and youth with special health care needs.

Phone: 303.692.2370 or 800.886.7689, Ext. 2370

Website: [HCP, a care coordination program for children and youth with special health care needs | Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Website](#)

Family Voices of Colorado

For children and youth with special health care needs

Phone: 303.877.1747 or 855.877.1747

Website: [Family Voices CO - Website](#)

Independent Living

Colorado SILC (State Independent Living Centers)

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.

Website: [Colorado SILC – ColoradoSilc Website](#)



Legal

Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU) IEP Facilitation

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.

Phone: 720.990.1464

Website: [Special Education Facilitation Information & Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) | Website](#)

Disability Law Colorado

Provides direct legal representation, advocacy, education and legislative analysis that protects and promotes the rights of people with disabilities and older people.

Phone: 800.531.2105 or 303.722.0300

Website: [Disability Law Colorado | Website](#)

Guardianship Alliance of Colorado

Provides information and training related to the guardianship process and protecting the rights and dignity of vulnerable adults.

Phone: 303.691.9339

Website: [Guardianship Alliance of Colorado | Ability Connection Colorado Website](#)

Rocky Mountain ADA Center

Provides information on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to individuals and organizations throughout Colorado, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Phone: 800.949.4232

Website: [Rocky Mountain ADA Website](#)

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

Serves to transform the lives of abused, neglected and at-risk children through compassionate legal advocacy, clinical services, education and public policy reform.

Phone: 303.692.1165

Website: [Rocky Mountain ADA Center](#)



Prevention

Colorado Department of Education, Dropout Prevention and Student Re-Engagement

Builds on the state's commitment to ensure graduation and school success for all students and re-engaging out of school youth.

Website: [Dropout Prevention and Student Re-Engagement | Website](#)

Colorado Local Public Health & Environment Resources Prevention Services Division

Phone: 303.692.2370 or 800.886.7689, Ext. 2370

Website: [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment - Prevention and wellness Website](#)

Respite

Colorado Respite Coalition (CRC)

Supports current respite care options and facilitates the development of new, safe, affordable, interactive and stimulating respite care choices for families.

Phone: 303.233.1666

Website: [Colorado Respite Coalition Website](#)

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Organization of Colorado

To promote the prevention of Spina Bifida and enhance the lives of all affected.

Phone: 866.543.6837

Website: [The Spina Bifida Association of Colorado Website](#)

Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Association of America Rocky Mountain Region Chapter

Supports individuals and families living with Tourette Syndrome through educational programs and public awareness.

Website: [Colorado Tourette Syndrome Website](#)



Transition Services/ Vocational Assistive Technology/ Rehabilitation

Assistive Technology Partners

Empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve their highest potential using assistive technology.

Phone: 303.315.1280

Website: [Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering Website](#)

Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Secondary Transition Resources

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.

Phone: 720.827.8283

Website: [Colorado Department of Education - Secondary Transition - Website](#)

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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.

Website: [Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - Colorado DVR - Website](#)

Translation Services

Colorado Crisis Services

Translation services for non-English speakers; immediate problem solving; follow-up calls and continued care.

Phone: 844.493.8255

Website: [Colorado Crisis Services - Website](#)

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

This is not a complete list. Please do an online search for your child's specific disability. The contents of this handout were funded in part by a grant from the Department of Education. However, those contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.