

RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

This list of resources is designed to streamline your search and help you get to the information you need. We will be adding to the list periodically so check back for new information. We will also be highlighting new information on our “quick links” section on the web.

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1. A Parents Guide to Special Education:

This website is very comprehensive and basically provides all the initial information you would need to know about Special Education. It is also available in Spanish (at the top left hand corner you can check to have the information presented in Spanish).

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm>

2. Learning Disabilities and ADHD:

This is the world's leading website on Learning Disabilities and ADHD- students who have the cognitive ability to succeed but for some reason do not. The website is very user friendly, contains great information, and provides great direction, resources and materials.

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

3. Parents Helping Parents:

This website provides an avenue for parents to help and interact with each other. There are a lot of helpful information and event postings.

<http://php.com/>

4. Parent Pals:

This is a website with special education information posted by parents and professionals. It provides simple descriptions of various disorders. It is a good resource for parents to assist them in understanding what their child may be presenting with.

<http://parentpals.com/gossamer/pages/>

5. Great Schools:

This is a great website for parents who may feel isolated, have no one to share information with, or are in need of conversation with other parents having the same experiences.

<http://www.greatschools.org/special-education.topic?content=1541>

6. The IEP CHECKLISTs app:

This app is a tool for parents and teachers to assist them in developing an IEP.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/iep-checklist/id348702423?mt=8>

The YouTube video below will demonstrate this app for you.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtBA0F7tWSo>

7. Manual IEP Checklists:

Each of the checklists below basically has the same information but are presented in different ways. Different individuals may be more comfortable in using one checklist over another.

<http://www.nfb.org/images/nfb/Publications/fr/fr04/Issue1/f040105.html>

<http://www.brightfutures.org/mentalhealth/pdf/families/mc/iep.pdf>

<http://agbell.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=612>

8. Emotions to Advocacy:

This is a website with helpful, detailed information in a very simple format. It helps structure a path to finding what exactly are your child needs. It also provides lots of information for additional reading materials and resources.

<http://www.fetaweb.com/03/iep.chklist.plop.htm>

9. AAC / Communication Resources:

PRC now sells their Powerpoint books containing target core vocabulary via Amazon's KINDLE and Barnes and Noble's NOOK. They are good resource for families. Each book is \$0.99:

<http://www.amazon.com/s/?url=search-alias%3Ddigital-text&field-keywords=Prentke+Romich>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/s/Prentke-Romich>

The Kindle and Nook eBook apps can ALSO run in the iPods or iPads by downloading the free Kindle app and Nook app readers from the Apple AppStore. One will then need to purchase the PRC eBooks through an Amazon or a Barnes and Noble account. These accounts will automatically send any purchased eBook to the iPod or iPad.

10. Resource Chart:

Some helpful information from Georgia Department of Education:

http://www.gadoe.org/DMGetDocument.aspx/Free_AAC_Resources.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F6EBD34CBF5EE435270639104C333511846575CD5AFF503AC7&Type=D

11. VIMEO - Video Resource:

District 75 (NYC's Special Education District) posts video's on Vimeo.com on a variety of topics related to special education. The videos are listed individually but also divided into albums by category to make the search easier. We feel that seeing information in action is easier than reading about it. In particular, parents may want to view the "Parents as Partners" video at this site.

www.vimeo.com/D75

12. Giving Greetings:

This website has several things to offer parents. There are a lot of materials ready to print and ideas for using them in the home. It lists support groups, communication blogs, and information about summer camps. It is chock full of resources, and the opening page has lots of activities for making holiday cards using picture symbols.

<http://www.givinggreetings.com/learn.html>

13. What is AUGEMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION?

If your child cannot speak with words, they will be using an alternative method to speak. This website is a comprehensive overview of augmentative communication and alternative language. This information is available in several languages (see left side of initial page to change the language this information is presented in).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augmentative_and_alternative_communication