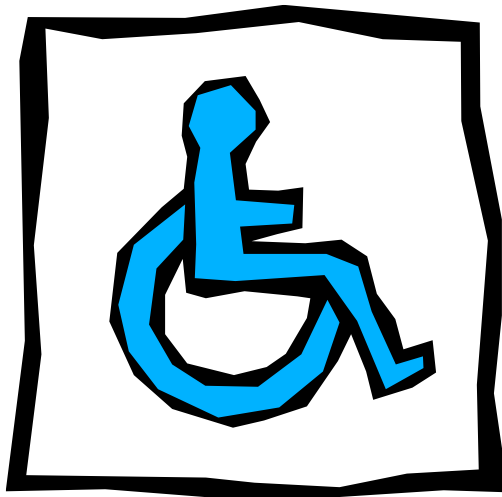


# **Disability Information and Resources for Parents and Caregivers**



**The information contained in this document is provided to parents and caregivers of children with disabilities by the school district to facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities. The school district does not guarantee that the information provided is current or an accurate description of the purpose, services, and eligibility. For the latest information please contact the agency or organization.**

## CHILDRENS SERVICES

**APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SERVICES (ATTC)** 2515 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229, Phone: (513) 861-0300 Intensive and comprehensive service to children on the Autism Spectrum and their families. **Services:** speech/language therapy, sensory integration, behavior modification, tutoring for children and adolescents, music therapy, cranio-sacral therapy, professional development training and workshops, behavior assessment and consultation for adolescents, verbal behavior/language and learning and parent training. **Eligibility:** Young children and adolescents with disabilities on the autism spectrum.

**CINCINNATI ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED** 2045 Gilbert Avenue; Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490; Phone: (513) 221-8558; Fax: (513) 221-2995 **Eligibility:** Families with a young child who is blind or visually impaired. **Services:** Individualized programs that integrate vision with other aspects of the child's development, Functional vision assessments, Instruction in the home to assist parents in enhancing their child's vision and total development, Advocacy and family support, Information and resources for children and families, Consultation and collaboration services.

**CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER** 3333 Burnet Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45229 Phone: (513) 636-4200 **Website:** [www.cincinnatichildrens.org](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org) Professional care and support for all children with developmental disabilities. Accessible, family-centered, comprehensive, coordinated, medical care for children with specialized health care needs. **Services include:** Center for Infants and Children with Special Needs, Cerebral Palsy Clinic, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Family Resource Center, Kelly O'Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, Tourettes Syndrome Clinic.

**COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS** 2014 Eastern Ave., Covington, KY 41014 Phone: (859) 815-1345, Toll free: (888) 542-4453 **Website:** <http://chfs.ky.gov/ccshcn/default.htm> The Commission provides treatment, including clinic visits, tests, medications, therapies, equipment, and more for children with certain medical disabilities from birth to age 21. **Services:** hearing (hearing aids and hearing aid services); orthopedic; scoliosis; cerebral palsy; cleft lip and palate (including dental and orthodontic services); heart conditions rheumatology (including arthritis disorders); neurology and neuro-surgery (such as seizures and specific brain disorders); cystic fibrosis; moderate to severe asthma; ophthalmology (limited to diseases or serious refractive errors.), spina bifida and craniofacial conditions as well as pediatric rehabilitation. Other conditions may also be given individual consideration.

**CONDUCTIVE LEARNING CENTER OF GREATER CINCINNATI** 325 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington KY 41014, Phone: (513) 259-8770 **Website:** [www.clcgc.org](http://www.clcgc.org) **Eligibility:** Children under age 6 with neurological-based motor impairments, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and other motor challenges. Conductive education is the integration of motor-skill development with cognitive and emotional-skill development, within a group setting. Conductive education helps these students build their cognitive skills and helps them learn to use alternate strategies to learn.

**DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI** 644 Linn Street, Suite 1128, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203 Phone: (513) 761-5400 **Website:** <http://www.dsagc.com/> **Services:** Early Matters Program - Support, social connections, information for families with children ages birth through age 5, School Age Matters Program - Social opportunities, education and advocacy for children ages 6 to 17 years of age, Adult Matters Program - Opportunities for sharing, socializing and learning experiences for adults ages 18 +, Outreach Program- Assist educators, healthcare professionals and others w/ and capabilities of people with Down syndrome.

**FIRST STEPS POINT OF ENTRY** (Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Program) 2014 Eastern Avenue; Covington, KY 41014; Phone: (859) 815-1095; Toll Free: 1-888-300-8866 or 1-800-442-0087; <http://chfs.kygov/dph/firststeps.htm> **Services:** Evaluation/assessment, service coordination, certain non-routine health services, assistive technology, nutrition services, physical and occupational therapy, speech/communication services, vision and hearing services, developmental intervention. **Eligibility:** Children, birth to age 3, with a developmental delay or a medical condition causing delays.

**IMPACT PLUS** NorthKey Community Care; 1201 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.; Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 Phone: (859) 781-5586 **Website:** <http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/Impact%20Plus.asp> A behavioral health program for Medicaid-eligible children who have complex behavioral healthcare needs. The goal of IMPACT Plus is for parents and caregivers to be able to understand both their child's needs and the systems involved, so that they will have the knowledge in the future to weave in and out of service systems as their child's needs indicate. **Eligibility:** A Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 who meets specific criteria including being at risk for institutionalization due to a behavior health disorder, other than mental retardation, dementia, or a personality disorder, listed in the DSM IV and the disorder that has persisted in the home, school, or community setting. **Services:**

- After-School or Summer Services
- Behavioral Health Evaluation
- Collateral Service
- Crisis Stabilization Service
- Day Treatment Service
- Group Therapy
- Individual Therapy
- Outpatient Behavioral Health Service
- Parent-to-Parent Service
- Partial Hospitalization Service
- Targeted Case Management
- Therapeutic Child Support Service
- Therapeutic Group Residential Service
- Treatment Foster Care Service

**KENTUCKY AUTISM TRAINING CENTER** 911 South Brook Street, Louisville KY 40203, Phone: (502) 852-4631, Fax: (502) 852-7148; **Website:** [www.KYAUTISM.com](http://www.KYAUTISM.com) Provides information and training on research-based intervention strategies for individuals on the autism spectrum. The Center does not provide direct clinical assessment or intervention services, all activities are designed to have a direct impact on the individual. KATC will work with other agencies to assist with assessments and direct intervention services to individuals.

**LIFEPOINT SOLUTIONS** (Formerly Family Service of Northern Kentucky) 513 Madison Avenue; Covington, KY 41011; Phone: (859) 291-1121 7413 U.S. 42; Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 828-9200 **Website:** <http://www.lifepointsolutions.org/> Comprehensive counseling agency with expertise in mental health diagnosis and treatment. **Services:**

- Individual and family counseling
- Case Management services
- Every Child Succeeds
- Families In Transition Workshops
- Advocacy and Self Advocacy Education
- Connecting clients to community resources/ referrals
- Daily living skills training and monitoring
- Financial Counseling and Payee Services
- Crisis supports
- Psychiatric evaluation and medication management
- IMPACT PLUS Targeted Case Management

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY IMPACT PROGRAM** NorthKey Community Care; 19 East Pike Street; Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 491-1361 Increase and improve available services, coordinate services across agencies, reduce psychiatric hospitalization, increase community-based services, improve child and family competence and provide timely and responsive support to families in the reduction of behavior problems. **Eligibility:** Child under age 18 with a diagnosis of a psychiatric disorder with severe limitations in at least two of the following areas: self-care, interpersonal relationships, family life, self-direction, and/or education. Must have been disabled for at least one year or judged by a qualified mental health professional to be at high risk to continue in the disability for one year or more without intervention. Must require service coordination and service planning from two or more agencies at the same time.

**NORTH KEY COMMUNITY CARE - MENTAL RETARDATION/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

1201 S. Ft. Thomas Ave. Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 ; Phone: (859) 781-5586 Website: <http://www.northkey.org/> Broad spectrum of services aimed to support individuals with mental retardation & developmental disabilities to remain in, and become a vital part of their communities. **Services:** individual and family outpatient therapy, early childhood mental health program, medication assessment, support coordination/case management, impact plus/children's dual diagnosis program.

**NEW PERCEPTIONS, INC.** 1 Sperti Drive; Edgewood, KY. 41017 ; Phone: (859) 344-9322; Website: [www.newperceptions.org](http://www.newperceptions.org) Services for children with developmental disabilities including education, growth and employment in a normalized setting, in order to facilitate each individual's achievement to their maximum potential. **Services:** Home-Based Early Intervention Program for children from birth to age three. Community Based Early Intervention Program for children age 2 to 3, Sensory Integration Program , Intensive arena evaluations offered in conjunction with Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Bridging the Gap Summer Program - basic preschool readiness.

**REDWOOD REHABILITATION CENTER - EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES** 71 Orphanage Road; Ft. Mitchell, Ky. 41017 Phone: (859)-331-0880 Website: [www.redwoodrehab.org](http://www.redwoodrehab.org) Center, home and community-based services promote early identification and intervention for infants and toddlers. Child and family focused services work to remediate existing developmental problems and/or prevent occurrence by helping children make substantial gains in all developmental areas, and prepare families to promote the development of their child with special needs. **Eligibility:** Children aged birth to 3-years who qualify for First Steps services. **Services:** Developmental Intervention for Young Children, Primary Service Coordination, Preschool Education and Therapeutic Childcare.

**THERAPEUTIC COLLABORATIVE** 519 Licking Pike, Wilder, KY 41071 Phone: (859) 572-0400 Website: <http://tcwilder.com/> Comprehensive psychiatric and clinical counseling practice which services children, teens and adults. **Services:** Parent Child Interactive Therapy, Substance Abuse Treatment, Behavioral treatment plans, Client advocacy; collaboration w/ agencies, providers, schools, etc..

### **KENTUCKY MEDICAID WAIVERS**

A **Medicaid Waiver** enables an individual with mental retardation, developmental disabilities, or significant health care needs to live at home. While some eligibility are "waived" for these programs, the individual must require a protective level of care related to daily living skills or skilled medical care. The financial criterion is based only on the income of the individual. Waiver programs pay for services for a limited number of people, openings can fill up quickly and there may be a waiting list. Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/mhmr.htm>

**Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)** Website: <http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/Brain%20Injury%20Services.asp> ABI is an injury to the brain that is not hereditary, congenital or degenerative. Acquired Brain Injury includes central nervous system injury from physical trauma, anoxia or hypoxic episodes and allergic conditions, toxic substances, and other acute medical/clinical incidents. Services and Supports for People with Brain Injuries which will enhance existing community supports, promote independence and personal productivity, are provided in the least restrictive environments, and are accessible, available, and effective.

**Consumer Directed Option Kentucky Independence Plus Program (CDO)** is for current Medicaid waiver members. CDO lets the Medicaid waiver member make choices on how some of the individual's non-medical Medicaid waiver services are provided. With CDO, you can recruit, hire and supervise your own workers to provide services approved in your plan of care. You can hire family members, friends, neighbors or others recruited by you, such as provider agencies. For more information, call (859) 283-1885

**Home and Community Based (HCB) Waiver Family Support, Watertower Square, 601 Washington Avenue, Newport, Kentucky 41071 Phone: (859) 292-6700** Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/hcb.htm> Provides Medicaid coverage to individuals who are aged, or disabled, and who may, without these services, be admitted to a nursing facility. **Services Available:** Assessment services, care planning and reassessments, Case management, Homemaker services, Personal care, Respite care, Minor home adaptations, Attendant care, Adult Day Health Care, . These services are of a medical nature and ensure optimal functioning of an HCB Waiver recipient.

**Model Waiver II** services are community based waiver **ventilator services**. services are provided to person who is dependent on a ventilator and would otherwise require a nursing facility level of care in a hospital based nursing facility. Skilled private duty nursing and respiratory therapy are covered services.. Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/mwii.htm>

**Michelle P. Waiver (MPW)** North Key Community Care; 1201 South Ft. Thomas Avenue; Ft. Thomas, KY 41075-2421 Phone: (859) 781-5586 Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/mpw.htm> A home and community-based waiver under the Kentucky Medicaid program developed as an alternative to institutional care for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. MPW allows individuals to remain in their homes with services and supports. Eligibility: Persons with a developmental or intellectual disability who require a protected environment while learning living skills, educational experiences, awareness of their environment and meet Medicaid financial eligibility. **Services** available include: Case Management , Adult Day Training, Supported Employment , Community Living Supports , Behavior Supports , Occupational Therapy , Physical Therapy , Speech Therapy , Respite care, Homemaker Service , Personal Care , Attendant Care , Environmental/Minor Home Adaptation , Adult Day Health Care.

**Supports for Community Living (SCL)** For information call (502) 564-7702 Website: <http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/mr/sclhmpg.asp?sub1>

SCL is a Home and Community-based Waiver under the Kentucky Medicaid program developed as an alternative to institutional care for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. SCL allows individuals to remain in or return to the community in the least restrictive setting. Individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities meeting requirements for residence in an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation (ICF/MR) & other Medicaid requirements are eligible for these services.

## SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

### COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 all institutions of higher learning are required to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Under section 504 a student has a disability if that individual has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, working, or learning. Also under section 504, institutions must make appropriate and reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities to ensure accessibility to academic and non-academic activities. Under ADA all academic institutions must comply with government policies, procedures, and employment practices that impact the treatment of students.

In order to be granted protection under section 504 and ADA the students with disabilities must make the disability known to an appropriate college official and provide current and comprehensive documentation concerning the nature and extent of the disability. Students with disabilities may make known of their disability and seek verification for it at any point in their academic career. Once the disability is verified, Student Support Services will work with instructors and the student to determine reasonable accommodations. Accommodations necessary for ensuring complete access and full participation in the education process do not require the instructor to adjust evaluations of academic performance nor absolve the student from personal responsibility for class attendance, assignments and all other course material. **The Office for Vocational Rehabilitation will assist persons with disabilities to access services at these institutions.**

**CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE** 3520 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223 Phone: (513) 569-1500 Website: <http://www.cincinnati-state.edu/>

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES** University Center 320; Highland Heights, KY 41099; Phone: (859) 572-6373 Website: [www.nku.edu/~disability](http://www.nku.edu/~disability)

**THOMAS MORE COLLEGE, OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES** Administration Building #3328; 333 Thomas More Parkway; Crestview Hills, KY Phone: 859.344.3521 Website: [www.thomasmore.edu](http://www.thomasmore.edu)

**GATEWAY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, DISABILITY SERVICES** Locations in: Covington, Edgewood, Highland Heights; Phone: (859) 442-4120 (voice), 442-4190 (TTY) Website: [www.gateway.kctcs.edu](http://www.gateway.kctcs.edu)

**GREAT OAKS CAREER CAMPUSES** 3254 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241, Phone: 513-771-8840 Website: <http://www.greatoaks.com/>

**UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES** 210 University Pavilion; Phone: (513) 556-6823 Website: [www.uc.edu/sas/disability/](http://www.uc.edu/sas/disability/)

### ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

**KENTUCKY ADULT EDUCATION (GED PROGRAMS)** Phone: (502)-573-5114 ; 1-800-928-7323 V/TTY Website: [www.kyvae.org/learner/gettingstarted/](http://www.kyvae.org/learner/gettingstarted/)  
The GED (General Education Development) credential for adults who are not high school graduates. **Eligibility:** The Commonwealth of Kentucky provides, upon request, reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. For voice to TDD, call 1-800-648-6057. For TDD to voice, call 1-800-648-6056. **Services:** Adult basic reading, GED and Test Preparation, Corrections Education, English as a Second language, Family Literacy, Kentucky Employability Certificate, Workplace Education/Assessment Service. All services are free. Call to locate a learning center in your county. BOONE COUNTY, Phone: (859)-282-4629, KENTON COUNTY, Phone: (859) 442-1611, CAMPBELL COUNTY, Phone: (859) 292-3056.

**LITERACY IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY (LINK)** Community Action Commission of No. Ky (CAC); 20 West Pike Street, Suite 200; Covington, Kentucky 41012 Phone: (859)-581-6607 Website: [http://www.nkcac.org/literacy\\_in\\_northern\\_kentucky.aspx](http://www.nkcac.org/literacy_in_northern_kentucky.aspx) Unique one-to-one tutoring program with research-based teaching methods to assist individuals with disabilities. Individual goal setting.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)** 8020 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 100; Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 371-9450 Website: [www.ovr.ky.gov](http://www.ovr.ky.gov) **Services:** Assistance to enter or return to employment. Students with disabilities who attend a public school in Northern Kentucky will provide parents and students with information about OVR prior to graduation. The District will also make the referral to OVR with your consent. A parent or disabled person over the age of 18 may make a referral to OVR at any time. **Eligibility:** Individual must have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment. **Services include:** Vocational Assessment, Counseling and Guidance, Vocational Training and Related Services, Rehabilitation Technology, Support Services, Job Development and Job Placement Follow-up.

**DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND** 8020 Ewing Drive; Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 371-3380 Website: <http://blind.ky.gov/> Assistance to persons who are blind or visually impaired and employers interested in hiring or accommodating workers who have a vision loss. **Eligibility:** Age sixteen and older, who want to work and have a visual disability that impedes their ability to get and keep a job. A doctor's statement is needed. **Services:** Medical Restoration, Post secondary services: training, tuition, tutors, note takers, etc. , Services needed outside class but related to the education process such as tuition, tutors, note takers, etc.; Assistive technology, large print reading material; Orientation and mobility, travel training, Bioptic driving , job placement, supported employment.

**CARDINAL HILL OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** 31 Spiral Drive; Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 525-1128, Website: [www.cardinalhill.org](http://www.cardinalhill.org) Program for medically based; a nurse is on site at all times. **Services:** rehabilitation, personal care, daily activities and respite care. **Eligibility:** Adults over the age of 18 with physical or cognitive disabilities are served in an adult day care setting.

**BAWAC COMMUNITY REHABILITATION CENTER** 7970 Kentucky Drive; Florence, KY. 41042 Phone: (859) 371-4410 Website: [www.bawac.org](http://www.bawac.org) Community-based rehabilitation center for adult persons with disabilities. **Eligibility:** Minimum age of 16 years old and experiencing significant barriers to employment. **Services:** Vocational Evaluation, Community Based Adjustment & Work Transition, Supported Employment/Employment Maintenance , Work Services, Community Support Services and School Transition Program.

**NORTH KEY-MENTAL RETARDATION/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND SUPPORTS** 1201 So. Ft. Thomas Ave.; Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 Phone: (859) 781-5586 Website: <http://www.northkey.org/northkey/live/index.asp?s=services&p=D> Services to support individuals with mental retardation & developmental disabilities to remain in their community. **Eligibility:** Supports are offered to individuals with Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability/ies who meet criteria (age of onset of disability is before age 22). A psychological may be required to verify disability. Counseling Point of contact: (859) 781-5586.

**NEW PERCEPTIONS, INC. (NPI)** 1 Sperti Drive Edgewood, KY. 41017 Phone: (859) 344-9322 Services for adults with developmental disabilities including education, growth and employment in a normalized setting, in order to facilitate each individual's achievement to their maximum potential. **Eligibility:** Individuals age 21 and older who are mentally retarded/developmentally disabled. No individual is denied service because of the degree or complexity of the disability. **Services include:** Community-Based Supported Employment Program, Life Skills Program, Adult Day Activity Center, Rising Star Studios – experiences with the arts for teens and adults with communication challenges, Project Employ - provides individuals with evaluation and training services and employment in a medical setting, Student Work Experience program

**THE POINT/ ARC OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY, INC.** 104 West Pike Street, Covington, KY. 41011 Phone: (859) 491-9195 Website: [www.thepointarc.org](http://www.thepointarc.org) Prepare individuals with disabilities for productive employment in community settings. Effective and realistic job training, to identify and develop diverse job opportunities and to provide ongoing support services to both clients and employees. **Eligibility:** High school students and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **Services:** advocacy, job training and supported employment. Also offers training to companies who would like to hire individuals with disabilities.

**REDWOOD REHABILITATION CENTER ADULT SERVICES** 71 Orphanage Road, Ft. Mitchell, Ky. 41017 Phone: (859)-331-0880 Website: [www.redwoodrehab.org](http://www.redwoodrehab.org) Uniquely designed programs to achieve productive life skills and independence for adults with severe and/or multiple disabilities. **Eligibility:** adult with a disability who may need nursing services, vocational, habilitation or day program services, therapy and assistive technology services. **Services:** Adult Life Skills, Work Life Skills/Work Activity Center, Enclave in Industry, Computer Life Skills, Community Experiences, Employment Services, After Work Program - 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., Dietary Services: Breakfast, lunch and snacks, Nursing Services.

### **LEGAL/ADVOCACY SERVICES**

**GUARDIANSHIP:** Information regarding how to go about securing guardianship of an individual age 18+ who has a disability and is unable to care for themselves or manage their finances. Parents concerned for the future of their adult child often establish savings accounts, trusts, and write wills to prepare for the future. However, eligibility for benefits such as SSI and Medicaid Cards are dependent on the adult's absence of income and assets. A booklet, Guardianship, A Guide for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, published by the Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, Department of Public Advocacy, is a helpful guide is available at no cost many of the agencies listed in this section. Contact any of the following agencies for assistance to obtain guardianship of person with disability.

**CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER** 104 East 7th Street, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 431-3313 Website: [www.childrenslawky.org](http://www.childrenslawky.org) The Children's Law Center represents young people in a variety of legal and administrative proceedings including child abuse and neglect matters, special education and other school issues, homelessness, juvenile justice issues, and "multi-system" cases. It also provides training and education to professionals, research and policy development, information and referral and special projects.

**DISABILITIES COALITION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** 1032 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 431-7668 Website: [www.dcnky.org](http://www.dcnky.org) Service: To empower people with disabilities through education, networking, advocacy and positive attitudes. **Services:** Information and referral to resources, services and service providers, Independent Living Skills activities, Advocacy, Peer Counseling.

**LEGAL AID OF THE BLUEGRASS** 302 Greenup St., Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 431-8200 Eligibility for Legal Aid services is based on financial need and type of case. If you have had difficulty in receiving disability benefits, they will provide assistance

**POINT ONE BY ONE (formerly Citizen Advocacy Program of No. Kentucky)** 104 West Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 491-9191 Website: [www.thepointarc.org](http://www.thepointarc.org) Assist children with disabilities to receive educational services needed by working with their care-givers, families and educators through mediation, negotiation. **Eligibility:** Services are provided to families and caregivers of children with developmental disabilities, ages 3 to 21, and living in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties. There is no fee for services. Umbrella organization is ARC OF KENTUCKY 833 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: Toll Free 1-800-281-1272, Website: [www.arcofky.org](http://www.arcofky.org)

**874K - THE UNITED COALITION** 120 Sears Avenue, Suite 212, Louisville, KY 40207 Phone: (502) 894-0222 Email: [advocacyaction@bellsouth.net](mailto:advocacyaction@bellsouth.net) Coalition of local and state organizations advocating for people with disabilities.

**KENTUCKY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL, DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES** 100 Fair Oaks Lane, 4EF, Frankfort, KY 40621-0001 Phone: Toll free 1-877-FOR-KDDC or (502) 564-7842 Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/kcdd/> Financial assistance for advocates (individuals with disabilities and or their families) in the developmental disabilities field to participate in conferences and short term educational programs. For assistance in developing a request or for further information, call (502) 564-7842 or toll free, 1-877-367-5332. **Eligibility:** Eligibility is open to individuals who have a disability, an immediate family or guardian of a person with a disability.

**KENTUCKY DISABILITIES COALITION (KDC)** P.O. Box 1589, Frankfort, KY 40602 Phone: Voice/TDD – (502) 875-1871 Toll Free: 1-800-977-7505 Website: [www.geocities.com/kydisabilitiescoalition](http://www.geocities.com/kydisabilitiescoalition) Alliance of consumers, family and professional groups dedicated to promote a better life for all Kentuckians with disabilities of all ages. Visit their Website for more information on their activities.

**PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY** 100 Fair Oaks Lane, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, Phone: Toll free 1-800-372-2988 or (502) 564-2967 E-mail: <http://www.kypa.net/contact/question.html> Website: [www.kypa.net](http://www.kypa.net) Services: Provides information, referral, and training on legal rights and disability related issues and advocacy to people with disabilities. **Eligibility:** Individual representation is provided to children and adults in Kentucky who have a disability and (because of limited resources) whose situation fits a current agency priority.

**KENTUCKY CONSUMER ADVOCATE NETWORK** 10510 LaGrange Road #103, Louisville KY 40223 Phone: (502) 245-5281 Website: [www.kycan.org](http://www.kycan.org) The mission of the Kentucky Consumer Advocate Network (KYCAN) is to empower mental health consumers to have hope, to take personal responsibility, advocate, educate, and to represent the consumer community before public and governmental bodies. If you would like for someone to come and present information about the Advance Directive, Voting, How to Advocate, or even teach a BRIDGES Course or WRAP class, contact the office at the toll-free number.

**STATE COORDINATOR FOR THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT** Kentucky ADA Coordinator, Education Cabinet, 500 Mero Street, Capital Plaza Tower, 2nd Floor Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: (502) 564-3850, ext. 219 Website: <http://ada.ky.gov> Questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)? Call or email.



## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

**CAMPBELL LODGE BOYS HOME** 5161 Skyline Dr., Cold Spring, KY 41076-2010 Phone: (859) 781-1214

Services: Therapeutic child support service - paraprofessional, therapeutic group residential

**CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KY** 200 Home Road, Covington, KY 41011-1942 Phone: (859) 261-8768

Services: Therapeutic group residential

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC HOME** PO Box 17007, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017-0007 Phone: (859) 261-8768

Services: Therapeutic child support service (tcs) - professional, therapeutic foster care, therapeutic group residential

**EDWARD J. CONNOR, PSYD & ASSOCIATES** 34 Erlanger Road, Erlanger, KY 41018-1728 Phone: (859) 341-5782

Services: Behavioral health evaluation, and individual services

**EVERGREEN COUNSELING, LLC** 303 West High Street PO Box 933, Warsaw, KY 41095-0933 Phone: (859) 567-5507 Services: Behavioral health evaluation, collateral services, group services, and individual services, targeted case management, therapeutic child support services

**LIFEPPOINT SOLUTIONS** 513 Madison Avenue; Covington, KY 41011; Phone: (859) 291-1121 7413 U.S. 42, Suite 4; Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 828-9200 Website: <http://www.lifepointsolutions.org/> Services: Collateral services, group & individual services, summer programs, targeted case management, therapeutic child support services

**GREGORY MEBS** 13 W. Southern Avenue Suite 106, Covington, KY 41015-1492 Phone: (859) 760-3025

Services: Collateral services, group services, and individual services

**HOLLY HILL CHILDREN'S HOME** 9599 Summer Hill Road, California, KY 41007-9055 Phone: (859) 635-0500 Services: Targeted case management, therapeutic child support services parent to parent & professional, therapeutic foster care, therapeutic group residential

**MENTAL HEALTH ASSN OF NO. KENTUCKY** 513 Madison Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 431-1077 Website: [www.mhanky.org](http://www.mhanky.org) Services: education and training on mental health/illness topics, screenings, advocacy and awareness and programs to provide support to individuals with mental illness and/or their families. Phone for printed copy of resource directory.

**NORTHKEY COMMUNITY CARE, INC.** Services: Therapeutic Child Support Services (TCS) - Paraprofessional, Parent to Parent, & Professional. Fees are based on family income and the number of dependents in the family. Fees are based on family income and the number of dependents in the family. Some health insurance policies will help pay the cost. **EMERGENCY CONTACTS:** Child/Adolescent Daily Treatment, Inpatient & Outpatient Services; Phone: (859) 578-3200 and Children's Crisis Stabilization (859) 331-3292

### **NORTHKEY CENTERS ARE LOCATED AT:**

**Boone County:** J. E. Willett Treatment Center, 7459 Burlington Pike, Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 282-1829

**Campbell County:** 1201 South Ft. Thomas Avenue, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 Phone: (859) 781-5595

**Carroll County:** 1714 Highland Avenue, Carrollton, KY 41008, Outpatient Services (502) 732-9331

**Gallatin County:** 203 West Main Street, Warsaw, KY 41095, Outpatient Services (859) 567-4430

**Grant County:** 308 Barnes Pike, Williamstown, KY 41097, Outpatient Services & Community Support Services (859) 824-4442

**Kenton County:** 722 Scott Blvd., Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 431-1888; 19 East Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011; (859) 491-1348

**Owen County:** 327 North Main Park Shopping Center, HWY 127, Owenton, KY 40359; Phone: (502) 484-3464

**Pendleton County:** 318-320 Montjoy Street, Falmouth, KY 41040; Phone: (859) 654-6988

## INDEPENDENT EVALUATORS

**Connor and Associates:** Phone: (859) 341-5782; 34 Erlanger Road, Erlanger, KY 41018 Phone: (859) 341-5782

**Counseling and Diagnostic Center:** Phone: (859) 282-0119; 7315 Dixie Highway; Florence, Kentucky 41042

**Steve Hoersting Psychological Services:** Phone (859) 282-0180; 71 Cavalier Blvd. Suite 317; Florence, Kentucky 41042

**Mark Toennis, Psy.D.:** Phone (859) 442-7700, locations in Newport, Southgate and Cold Spring, Kentucky

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Transportation to programs for adults with disabilities is not provided by any agency. The Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) has scheduled stops at BAWAC, Inc. in Florence, Redwood in Ft. Mitchell, and NPI Industries in Edgewood for program beginning and ending times. Often parents continue the responsibility for transportation and arrange car pools.

**RAMP & Day Tripper- TANK Special Services** 3375 Madison Pike, Ft. Wright, KY 41017 Phone: (859) 578-6949 RAMP Website: [www.tankbus.org](http://www.tankbus.org) RAMP – handicap provides transportation for individuals living in Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties who, because of their disability, cannot ride a regular route TANK bus. A physician is no longer required to fill out the application form, but a functional evaluation may be required and is provided by RAMP. There are no restrictions as to types or purposes of trips; use is limited only by capacity constraints. Trips must be requested in advance and can be reserved no more than 14 days prior to the date requested. There is a long waiting list especially for regular subscription trips, i.e., same round trip every day at same times for work or daily program attendance. Contact the Special Services Coordinator at (859) 578-6949. Other services include Bus training and DayTripper provides door-to-door shared ride transportation. To schedule a ride or find out more about DayTripper, call the Special Services Office at (859) 578-6949.

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTERS (ATRC)** Comprehensive range of assistive technology services ATRCs serve as a resource and training facility for area consumers, families and professionals. **Eligibility:** Children and adults with disabilities along with family members and professionals are eligible for the services on a fee-for-service basis. A number of funding sources are accepted dependent on the specific services needed. **Services include:** Assistive Technology Loan Library, Evaluation and Consultation, Rehab Engineering, Long Term Equipment Loan, Computer Learning Center.

**REDWOOD ATRC CENTER** 71 Orphanage Road, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 Phone: (859)-331-0880 Website: [www.redwoodrehab.org](http://www.redwoodrehab.org)

**KENTUCKY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (KATS)** Website: <http://www.katsnet.org/about.html>

**HEARING AIDS/CARDINAL HILL OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** 31 Spiral Drive, Florence KY 41042 Phone: (859) 525-1128 Website: [www.iglou.com/cardinalhill/northern](http://www.iglou.com/cardinalhill/northern) Cardinal Hill of Northern Kentucky has been providing Speech/Language and hearing services as well as Early Intervention and Adult Day Care services. To apply for a hearing aid, please contact Audiologist/SLP and Director of Clinical Services.

**KENTUCKY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN CORPORATION (KATLC)** KY Assistive Technology Loan Program, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: Toll free at 1-877-675-0195, Website: [www.katlc.ky.gov/index.htm](http://www.katlc.ky.gov/index.htm) **Eligibility:** Any individual who has been a resident of Kentucky for at least six consecutive months, and who either has a disability that permanently affects a major life activity, or is a parent, guardian or caretaker of an individual with a disability. The purpose of the loan must be to purchase assistive technology to be used by the individual with a disability.

**KENTUCKY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE (ATEX)** Contact the KATS Network at 1-800-327-5287 Website: [www.katsnet.org/atex.html](http://www.katsnet.org/atex.html) Used assisted technology, home modifications, specialized equipment and more are listed on this Website. Buy or sell on this site. If you would like to submit an item to be posted on the exchange list, please e-mail Network Coordinating Center at the address above.

**SORENSEN VRS** Check out the Website: <http://www.sorensonvrs.com/what/index.php> Sorenson Video Relay Service (VRS) is a free service for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community that enables anyone to conduct video relay calls with family, friends, or business associates through a certified ASL interpreter via a high-speed Internet connection and a video relay solution (or VRS call). There is no cost for any video relay calls completed through Sorenson VRS within the continental U.S. Deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals who use sign language to communicate can receive a free Sorenson VP-100 videophone. An application is required.

## RECREATION/LEISURE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

**AUTISM SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI** P.O. Box 43027, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243-0027 (513) 444-4979 Website: <http://www.autismcincy.org/events/> **Services:** Activities in the community that are geared toward children with autism spectrum disorder including: free movie night, health and fitness, holiday celebrations and more.

**CINCINNATI THERAPEUTIC RIDING AND HORSEMANSHIP** 1342 State Route #50; Milford, OH 45150 Phone: (513) 831-7050 Website: [www.crh-horse.org](http://www.crh-horse.org) **Service:** Therapeutic Horse back riding. **Eligibility:** Children and adults with disabilities.

**EASTER SEAL CAMP KYSOC KENTUCKY EASTER SEAL SOCIETY - CARDINAL HILL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS** 1902 Easterday Road; Carrollton, KY. 41008 Phone: (502) 732- 5333 Website: [www.cardinalhill.org](http://www.cardinalhill.org) **Services:** Summer recreational programs at Camp KYSOC in Carrollton, Kentucky. The camp offers week programs, day programs, and weekend respite camping.

**FUNNASTICS (Located inside Silverlake Recreation Center)** 301 Kenton Lands Road; Erlanger, KY 41018 Phone: (859) 426-7777 Website: [www.go2silverlake.com](http://www.go2silverlake.com) **Services:** Gymnastics classes for children with special needs.

**KENTUCKY STATE PARKS** Capital Plaza Tower; 500 Mero Street, 11th Floor; Frankfort, KY 40601-1974; Phone: (502)-564-2172 **Services:** The Kentucky Department of Parks has 18 accessible facilities throughout the system of 50 parks.

**MILESTONES EQUESTRIAN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM** 2372 Riggs Road; Independence, KY 41051; Phone: 859-694-PONY (7669) Website: [www.milestonesinc.org](http://www.milestonesinc.org) **Service:** Therapeutic horseback riding activities. **Eligibility:** Individuals with disabilities.

**MDA SUMMER CAMP (Muscular Dystrophy Association)** 1080 Nimitzview Drive, Suite 208; Cincinnati, Ohio 45230 Phone: (513) 231-2222 Email: [rcrescibene@mdausa.org](mailto:rcrescibene@mdausa.org) **Service:** Summer camp activities with outdoor sports, swimming, horseback riding, boating, arts& crafts, talent shows, entertainment. **Eligibility:** Age 6-21 with neuromuscular disease.

**NORTH KEY COMMUNITY CARE** 722 Scot Blvd., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor; Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 431-1888 Website: [www.northkey.org](http://www.northkey.org) **Services:** Recreation/leisure activity program including cards, bingo, table pool and other activities decided by the participants. **Eligibility:** North Key clients age 18+. Most attendees have mental illnesses.

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY TALKING BOOK SERVICE** 502 Scot Street; Covington, KY 41011 Toll Free in Kentucky: 1-800-372-2968 Local Phone: (859) 491-7610 **Service:** Access to popular books and magazines on cassette and disc on talking book machine provided at no cost. **Eligibility:** Anyone unable to read standard print (blind visually impaired, dyslexic or a reading disability) due to organic dysfunction. A doctor's note is required.

**THE POINT ACTIVITY PROGRAMS** 104 West Pike Street; Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 491-9191 Website: <http://www.thepointarc.org/index.asp?page=social> **Services:** Social, educational, recreational opportunities. **Eligibility:** Age 18+ with intellectual or developmental disability.

**REDWOOD REHABILITATION CENTER, THERAPEUTIC SUMMER CAMPBELL COUNTY SCHOOLS** 71 Orphanage Road; Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 Phone: (859) 331-0880 Website: [www.redwoodrehab.org](http://www.redwoodrehab.org) **Services:** Therapeutic recreation program and computer camps: crafts, music, cooking, water activities, field trips, sensory and motor activities. **Eligibility:** Children ages 5 to 21.

**RISING STAR STUDIOS** 701 Philadelphia Street, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 640-9242 Website: [www.risingstarstudios.org](http://www.risingstarstudios.org) Services: Art studio/gallery, dance studio, lending library, parent lounge, computer classroom. **Eligibility:** Youth w/ Autism Spectrum Disorders & related disabilities.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** P.O. Box 393; Florence, KY 41022-0393 Phone: (859) 525-7705 Website: [www.sonky.org](http://www.sonky.org) Services: Year round sports training and athletic competition. Local activities include: golf, bowling, roller-skating, swimming, art, basketball, cheerleading, track and field, fishing, soccer and participation in the State summer games. Participation is free. **Eligibility:** Individuals, ages 8 to adulthood, who have intellectual/developmental disabilities and live in Kenton, Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Pendleton, Grant, Harrison, Gallatin, Owen or Robertson Counties.

**STARFIRE COUNCIL OF GREATER CINCINNATI, INC.** 2330 Victory Parkway, Suite 100A, Cincinnati, OH 45206 Phone: (513) 281-2100 Website: [www.starfirecouncil.org](http://www.starfirecouncil.org) Services: Opportunities to attend social or service outings. **Eligibility:** Age 13+ with a developmental disability

**STEPPING STONES CENTER** 5650 Given Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243 Phone: (513) 831-4660 Website: [www.steppingstonescenter.org](http://www.steppingstonescenter.org) Services: Adult day habilitation, aquatic programs, job training, and summer camping to increase independence and promote inclusion within the community. Kentucky residents are eligible for services. **Eligibility:** School-aged children and adults with disabilities.

**YMCA OF CAMPBELL COUNTY, LEAPS AND BOUNDS PROGRAM** 1437 South Ft. Thomas, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 Phone: (859) 781-1814 Website: [www.Myy.org](http://www.Myy.org) Services: year-round program available 2 days a week that includes an hour of fitness activities coupled with a half-hour of arts and crafts. **Eligibility:** Children, toddlers through age 18, with a disability are eligible for this program.

## **RESPITE/ RESIDENTIAL/SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

**ASPEN COMMUNITY LIVING** 7000 Houston Road, Building 300, Suite 27, Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 525-4999

Website: [http://www.aspencommunityliving.com/kentucky\\_services.htm](http://www.aspencommunityliving.com/kentucky_services.htm) Development and implementation of a personalized whole-life approach for each individual to include: daily living services, menu planning, shopping and cooking, money management, assistance with health and safety, bathing, dressing and grooming, interpersonal skills development, household care and maintenance. **Eligibility:** Individuals who have the Supports for Community Living Waiver (SCL) through the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation. **Services:** Staffed Residences and Support Coordination include: case management, community living supports, adult day training, supported employment, prevocational services and behavior support and Respite services are provided to individuals who are not living in an Aspen home. Aspen provides respite care.

**CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS, INC. (ILO)** 3031 Dixie Highway, Suite 103, Edgewood, KY 41017, Phone: (859) 341-4346 1-800-914-4647 Email: [cilo@fuse.net](mailto:cilo@fuse.net) Information, resources and services to, for and by people with disabilities. **Services:** information and referral to community resources, individualized and peer support services, find solutions to disability related issues, independent living skills training and family life education services, coordinate attendant service programs, access to attendant registry of people who work with individuals with disabilities.

**CHRISTIAN CARE COMMUNITIES – NORTHERN KENTUCKY PATHWAYS** (formerly Supported Living of N. Kentucky) 8172 Mall Road, Suite 231, Florence, KY 41042 Phone: (859) 372-5600 Website: [http://www.christiancarecommunities.org/p\\_nky.asp](http://www.christiancarecommunities.org/p_nky.asp) **Eligibility:** Individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities. A variety of funding sources have varying criteria for services. Individuals must meet the qualifications for the corresponding funding source. **Services:** Group Homes and Staffed Residences, Adult Foster Care, Behavior Intervention, Community Living Supports, Community Supports and Respite care.

**NORTH KEY– MENTAL RETARDATION/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND SUPPORTS - General Offices** 1201 So. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 Phone: (859) 781-5586 Website: <http://www.northkey.org/northkey/live/index.asp?s=services&p=D> **Kentucky Supported Living Grants:** Assist person with disability to live independently and participate in the community. Grants may be written for on-going community supports one time funding or a combination of both. Deadline date for completed grants is April 1 of each year. **Eligibility:** Individuals with a physical or mental impairment, a record or history of impairment or those regarded as having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities. **Services:** Scheduled Respite, Individualized Supports Program, Adult Foster Care, Semi-independent Residences, Staffed Residence, Licensed Group Homes, PASRR Specialized Services, Crisis Response/Prevention Program.

**THE POINT/ARC OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** 104 West Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 491-9191 Website: [www.thepointarc.org](http://www.thepointarc.org) Residential program has been designed to create a family environment with live-in managers and their families, living in the same home with residents. For those individuals who do not need the structure of a group home, The Point offers a boarding house option in which residents have their own personal living areas as well as sharing common areas of the home. Staff supports this arrangement with help in paying bills, shopping and other tasks. **Eligibility:** Adults, age eighteen and over with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

**REDWOOD REHABILITATION CENTER** 71 Orphanage Road, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 Phone: (859) 331-0880 Website: [www.redwoodrehab.org](http://www.redwoodrehab.org) **After Work Program** offers adults a stimulating alternative at the end of the work or training day. Self directed development in community living, socialization, physical fitness, and daily living skills. **Eligibility:** Redwood provides services to those consumers who meet the following admission guidelines applicable to Redwood's Adult Programs.



## DISABILITY INFORMATION

**AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS NETWORK (ASDN)** Contact: RISING STAR STUDIOS, 701 Philadelphia Street, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 640-9242 Website: [www.risingstarstudios.org](http://www.risingstarstudios.org) Services: support group meetings, information & referrals, education for families and professionals,

**DEPARTMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES-OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILY LEADERSHIP** 100 Fair Oaks Lane, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Frankfort KY 40621-0001 Phone: (502) 564-4527 Parent Resource Line: 1-800-374-9146 Website: <http://mhmr.ky.gov/kdmhmrs> Services: Ensure that the family voice is included in every stage of planning, implementation and evaluation of services for the special populations served including brain injuries, mental illness, emotional disabilities or mental retardation.

**FAMILY VILLAGE** Information on disabilities. Website <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/library.htm>

**KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**, 1151 S. Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203 Phone (502)584-1239 Website: <http://www.councilonmr.org/> Provide information, support, and training opportunities to persons with disabilities and their families.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY, INC.** 2210 Goldsmith Lane #118, Louisville, KY 40218 (502) 473-1256 Toll free: 877-587-1256. Website: [LDAofKY@yahoo.com](mailto:LDAofKY@yahoo.com) Support parents of individuals with learning differences through information sharing and support.

**NAMI KENTUCKY** c/o Somerset Community College, 808 Monticello Street, Somerset, Kentucky 42501 Phone: (606) 451-6935 or (606) 451-6936, Toll Free: 1-800-257-5081 Website: <http://www.nami.org/> Services :NAMI Kentucky is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our primary focus is to provide support, education and advocacy for those who have severe mental illnesses as well as their families.

**SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES -THE ERIC CLEARINGHOUSE ON DISABILITIES AND GIFTED EDUCATION (ERIC EC) THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN** 1110 North Glebe Road, Arlington VA 22201-5704 Toll free Phone: 1-800-328-0272 Website: <http://ericec.org> This Website provides suggestions for parents and service providers to minimize siblings' concerns and maximize their opportunities.

**NOAH - THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR ALBINISM AND HYPOPIGMENTATION** PO Box 959, East Hampstead NH 03826-0959 Toll free: 1-800-473-2310 Website: [www.albinism.org](http://www.albinism.org) Services: Provide information and support regarding albinism and related conditions.

**FAMILY VOICES** 3411 Candelaria N.E., Suite M, Albuquerque NM 87107, Toll free: 1-888-835-5669 Website: [www.familyvoices.org](http://www.familyvoices.org) Services: Network of families and friends, advocates for health care services that are family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent for all children and youth with special health care needs; promotes the inclusion of all families as decision-makers at all levels of health care, and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals.

**GRANDPARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME** Northern Kentucky Group: Contact Dottie, Phone: (859) 586-4035 E-mail: [tdjo@fuse.net](mailto:tdjo@fuse.net) Services: Grandparents Support Group meets quarterly to share experiences, joys and pictures of the beautiful grandchildren. Call or e-mail the contact above for more information about the group in your area.

**FAMILIES OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN SUPPORT NETWORK MEETING** E-mail: [cricket@zoomtown.com](mailto:cricket@zoomtown.com) Phone: (859) 581-6819 Services: Family information and support group meets monthly. For more information contact Cynthia via e-mail or phone.

**DANIEL'S CARE; Hospice of Northern Kentucky** Phone: (859) 441-6332 or (800) 200-5408 Services for grieving children are offered. The Family Support Program offers ongoing, drop-in support groups for families with children who have experienced the death of a family member. Children's groups are divided by age and provide a safe place to share feelings with peers. Camps are provided for children ages 6-12 or 13-17. School groups, individual counseling and holiday programs are offered for eight-week sessions.

**KIDS - KENTUCKIANS INTERESTED IN DOWN SYNDROME** Parent information and support group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. For information, call Robin, (859) 689-0266

**MOTHERS OF SPECIAL CHILDREN OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** This group meets the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at Erlanger Methodist Church, 31 Commonwealth Ave., Erlanger, Kentucky. Provide information and emotional support to mothers of children who are mentally, physically, emotionally, medically or learning disabled. Free, on-site baby-sitting for all meetings is provided. For Listening Ear Program, phone (859) 356-8499

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS OF NO. KENTUCKY (NAMI)** Northern Kentucky Chapter, Website: [www.KY.NAMI.org](http://www.KY.NAMI.org) NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people living with serious mental illness and their families. Meets monthly Contact: Joanna (859) 647-9487 or Dixie at (859) 781-4539.

**PARENT COLLABORATIVE** 19 East Pike Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 491-1361 Targeted to parents of children, up to eighteen years old, who have emotional, behavioral disabilities, the group is open to anyone. Monthly meetings, topics, i.e., stress management is offered and open to the public. Periodically, outings are planned for the children while the parents meet. A youth group, ages 14-18 has its own meetings with topics, i.e. exploring job and education opportunities. They meet at the same time the parents meet but have their own topics for meetings.

**THE POINT/ARC OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** (Formerly NKAR) 104 West Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 491-9191 Website: [www.thepointarc.org](http://www.thepointarc.org) A local unit of the Arc of Kentucky and National ARC, special interest meetings are offered periodically. The annual \$25.00 family membership dues includes membership in the local, state, and national associations and entitles you to newsletters from all three organizations. Information Tours are scheduled monthly – lunch is provided at the 11:00 a.m. "tour" conducted at the Point Deli and Catering in Covington or The Point Laundry in Dayton. Evening information tours are conducted at one of The Point's group homes.

**THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION (MDA)** 1080 Nimitzview Drive, Suite 208, Cincinnati, OH 45230 Phone: (513) 231-2222 Email: [rcrescibene@mdausa.org](mailto:rcrescibene@mdausa.org) MDA sponsors support groups and helps with the purchase and repair of wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices.

**RECOVERY NETWORK OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** 605 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011 Phone: (859) 431-2134 Website: <http://home.fuse.net/recnet/service.html> Recovery Network of Northern Kentucky is a consumer-run agency that provides services to persons living with mental illnesses and persons who are homeless. Consumer-run organizations are planned, directed and staffed by persons living with mental illnesses. The Recovery Network of Northern Kentucky operates under the umbrella of the Mental Health Association of Northern Kentucky

**DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI (DSAGC)** 644 Linn Street, Suite 1128, Cincinnati OH 45203 Phone: (513) 761-5400 Website: [www.DSAGC.com](http://www.DSAGC.com) Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati is a non-profit organization established in 1981, with a history of responding to the changing needs of individuals with Down syndrome and their families. The DSAGC serves the Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana region. The DSAGC provides families with support, inspiration and information, and helps individuals with Down syndrome achieve their maximum potential. Most children born with Down syndrome will have some mental retardation, usually in the mild to moderate range. Today, with early intervention, advanced medical care, better education and greater social acceptance, children with Down syndrome live full, productive lives and have a life expectancy of 55 years and beyond.

**THE PUZZLE OF AUTISM - NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION Student Achievement**, 1201 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Washington DC 20036-3290 Phone: (202) 822-7373 Website: [www.nea.org/special/images/autismpuzzle.pdf](http://www.nea.org/special/images/autismpuzzle.pdf) The information contained in this guide, available for free download, will benefit all education personnel who work with students with ASD. This guide will provide educators with a general understanding of ASD, explain the characteristics exhibited by students with ASD, suggest evidence-based effective strategies for students with ASD, and identify resources where additional information on ASD can be found.

**REDWOOD REHABILITATION CENTER** 71 Orphanage Road, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 Phone: (859) 331-0880 Website: [www.redwoodrehab.org](http://www.redwoodrehab.org) Family Support - Regular and periodic activities offer training, advocacy, and peer/professional support to empower families to meet the challenges disabilities bring to everyday life. Program directors work with families to identify specific training to meet family needs. Families support excellence in programming by providing input for program change and innovation.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER- CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER** 3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45229-3039 Phone: (513) 636-7606 Website: [www.cincinnatichildrens.org/specialneeds](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/specialneeds) The Special Needs Resource Directory is designed to help you when faced with the constant challenge of finding information, resources and services. .

**RETT SYNDROME RESEARCH FOUNDATION** 4600 Devitt Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246 Phone: (513) 874-3020 Website: [www.rsf.org](http://www.rsf.org)

**VIPS (Visually Impaired Preschool Services)** 1906 Goldsmith Lane, Louisville, KY 40218 Toll free: 1-888-636-8477

**INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (IHDI)** University of Kentucky, 126 Mineral Industries Building Lexington, KY 40506-0051 Phone: Voice/TTY: (859) 257-1714 Website: <http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/default.asp> Visit the resource directory section for a wide selection of resource information: <http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/kydrm/> The Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service, focuses its efforts on improving lifelong opportunities and services for individuals with disabilities, their families and the community.

**KENTUCKY SPECIAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (KY SPIN)** 10301-B Deering Rd. Louisville, KY 40272 Toll Free: 1-800-525-7746 Website: <http://www.kyspin.com/> KY SPIN is a statewide federally funded nonprofit organization that provides training, information and support to parents and families of children of all ages with all types of disabilities. Educators, doctors, therapists and other professionals also use SPIN resources. All staff of SPIN has family members with disabilities.

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS** 2014 Eastern Ave., Covington, KY 41014 Phone: (859) 815-1345 Website: [http://kentucky.gov/Portal/Category/hea\\_pediatric](http://kentucky.gov/Portal/Category/hea_pediatric) Parents of children with special health care needs can scroll this site for a variety of information. An example is a chat line for children with diabetes.

**FREE PUBLICATIONS on developmental disabilities**, plus a wide variety of other topics are available from [The Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009](http://www.consumerinformationcenter.com).

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (OSERS)** 400 Maryland Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20202 Phone: (202) 245-7468 or TTD: (202) 205-5637 Website: [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers) OSERS is committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. In supporting President Bush's No Child Left Behind Agenda and the New Freedom Initiative, OSERS provides a wide array of support to parents and individuals, school districts and states in three main areas: special education, vocational rehabilitation and research.

**CLEARINGHOUSE ON DISABILITY INFORMATION**, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) Communications and Customer Service Team (CCST), United States Department of Education, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 5133, Washington, DC 20202-2550 Phone: (202) 245-7307 TTD: (202) 205-5637

**OSERS** Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers> The Clearinghouse provides information to people with disabilities or anyone requesting information, by doing research and providing documents in response to inquiries. Information provided includes areas of federal funding for disability-related programs. Clearinghouse staff is trained to refer requests to other sources of disability related information, if necessary. There is no fee.

**NATIONAL DISSEMINATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES (NICHCY)** P.O. Box 1492, Washington, DC 20036-1492 Toll Free: 1-800-695-0285 Website: [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org) NICHCY serves the nation as a central source of information on: disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth; IDEA, which is the law authorizing special education; No Child Left Behind (as it relates to children with disabilities), and research-based information on effective educational practices. Visit <http://www.nichcy.org/kids/index.htm> designed for kids with disabilities. Communicate in English or Spanish. Visit the Kentucky resource page: <http://www.nichcy.org/stateshe/ky.htm>

**HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER** A National Clearinghouse on Post-Secondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite (800), Washington, DC 20036-1193 Phone: (202) 939-9320 - Voice/TTY Email: [health@ace.nche.edu](mailto:health@ace.nche.edu)

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