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Learning Differences Resources

The following resources offer material you can use to become more informed about learning differences. They encompass a broad range of viewpoints and approaches to the issues. This information is being provided in an effort to help people find local professionals and resources. We do not recommend or endorse any particular referral source, type of professional, or specific professional.

General State Resources

Parent Assistance Centers

Families Together, Inc. 888-815-6364
Families Together, Inc. is a statewide organization that serves families of children and youth with exceptional needs.
3033 West Second, Suite 106
Wichita, KS 67203
316-945-7747 Fax: 316-945-7795
www.familiestogetherinc.org

Missouri Parents Act (MPACT) 816-531-7070
8301 State Line Road, Suite 204
Kansas City, MO 64114
816-931-2992 TDD Fax: 816-531-4777
www.ptimpact.com

Kansas City Parent Center 1-877-499-5369
6811 W. 63rd, Suite 117
Overland Park, KS 66202
Voice/TTY: (913) 384-6783 FAX: (913) 384-5887

Encouraging Families with Exceptional Children Together, Inc. (EFECT, Inc.)
We empower families of children with disabilities by providing education, information, encouragement, support and pathways to services
868 SW Raintree Dr. (816) 537-8103
Lees Summit, MO 64082
(816) 537-4270/FAX
Web: www.efect.org

Kansas

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services 785-296-3959
915 SW Harrison St.

Topeka, KS 66612
TTY Number 785-296-1491 Fax 785-296-2173
www.srskansas.org

Kansas Rehabilitation Services
SRS Statewide Access Line 1-888-369-4777
Kansas Relay Center for People with Hearing or Speech Disabilities
Toll-free 1-800-766-3777
<http://www.srskansas.org/rehab/index.htm>

Kansas State Department of Education (785) 296-3201
120 SE 10th Avenue
Topeka KS 66612-1182
contact@ksde.org
FAX: (785) 296-7933
<http://www.ksbe.state.ks.us/Welcome.html>

Kansas Advocacy and Protective Services 785-273-9661
3745 S.W. Wanamaker Rd.
Topeka, KS 66610; (877) 776-1541 (in KS only)
Web: www.ksadv.org

Blue Valley School District (student records) 913-239-4138
<http://www.bluevalleyk12schools.org/>

Olathe School District (student records requests — Student Services) 913-780-8052
<http://www.olatheschools.com/>

Shawnee Mission School District (records) 913-993-6287
<http://www.smsd.org/>

Missouri

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 573-751-4212
PO Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Fax: 573-751-8613
Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F
<http://www.dese.state.mo.us/>

Missouri Department of Higher Education 573-751-2361
3515 Amazonas Dr.
Jefferson City, MO 65109-5717
Fax: 573-751-6635
<http://www.mocbhe.gov/>

Missouri Division of Special Education (573) 751-2965
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (573) 751-5739
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Fax: 573-526-4404

Missouri Department of Mental Health (573) 751-3070
1706 East Elm, P.O. Box 687 (800) 364-9687
Jefferson City, MO 65102
E-mail: mzwilsr@mail.dmh.state.mo.us
Web: <http://www.modmh.state.mo.us/>

Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (573) 751-3251
Department of Education
3024 Dupont Circle
Jefferson City, MO 65109-0525
E-mail: rvessell@vr.dese.state.mo.us
Web: www.dese.state.mo.us/divvocrehab

Missouri Children & Youth Services (573) 751-8028
Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services
1706 East Elm, P.O. Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102
E-mail: mzmorre@mail.dmh.state.mo.us
Web: <http://www.modmh.state.mo.us/>

Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services (573) 893-3333;
925 South Country Club Drive, Unit B-1 (800) 392-8667
Jefferson City, MO 65109
E-mail: mopasjc@socket.net

National Alliances for the Mentally Ill of Missouri (573) 634-7727
1001 Southwest Boulevard, Suite E (800) 374-2138
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Specialized or Reduced Fee Evaluations

Children's Mercy Developmental & Behavioral Sciences Clinic 816-234-3674
CMH, Outpatient Center, 4th Floor
FAX (816) 346-1382

Children's Mercy Developmental & Behavioral Sciences Clinic (913) 696-8261
5520 College Boulevard, Suite 130
Overland Park, KS
FAX (913) 696-8266

UMKC Counseling, Health & Testing Center 816-235-1635

4825 Troost Room 206
Kansas City, MO 64110

Community Counseling Services 816-235-2725
UMKC School of Education Building Suite 212
615 E. 52nd St.
Kansas City, MO 64110-2499
www.umkc.edu/ccs

Assessment & Consultation Clinic 573-882-5092
Dept. of Educational Counseling Psychology
University of Missouri – Columbia
205 Lewis Hall
Columbia, MO 65211

Learning Consultants, Services, Remediation, Tutoring & Strategies

Applied Learning Processes (Lindamood-Bell) 816.942.6808
12411 Wornall Road
Kansas City, MO 64145
<http://www.appliedlearningprocess.com/>

Encompass Learning Solutions 816-550-3478
Susan Long, MA, Ed. Reading Specialist
Box 3004
Independence, MO 64055
www.encompass2learn.com

Educational Therapy Center (Orton-Gillingham) 816-584-8860
6004 B NW 9 Hwy.
Parkville, MO 64152
www.etctutoring.org

[Lindamood-Bell™](http://www.lindamood-bell.com) (781) 643-4567
108 Pleasant Street
Arlington, MA
www.lblp.com

Center for Learning Disorders (785) 232-5005
Family Service and Guidance Center
325 SW Frazier
Topeka, KS 66606
www.FSGCTopeka.com

Kids' Consults of Kansas City 816-926-0642
Learning & Behavior Assessment Services
9237 Ward Pkwy

Kansas City, MO 64114

Joshua Child & Family Developmental Center (816) 763-7605
7611 State Line Road, Suite 142
Kansas City, MO 64114
Fax: (816) 763-1802
Email: info@joshuacenter.com
www.joshuacenter.com

a non-profit organization that supports programs designed to improve the lives of individuals and families living with Tourette Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and their Associated Disorders through research, education, social and clinical programs. Outreach clinic for Children's Mercy.

ABLE Program 816-672-2053
Metropolitan Community Colleges:-Longview, Penn Valley, KC 816-759-1000
3200 Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64111
Academic Bridges to Learning Effectiveness (a nationally recognized program for college students with LD or brain injuries).

The Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators (845) 373-8919
PO Box 234
Amenia, New York 12501-0234
Fax: (845) 373-8925
E-Mail info@ortonacademy.org
www.ortonacademy.org

Lee's Summit Community Christian School Discovery Program 816-524-0185
1450 SW Jefferson
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

FUNDamental Learning Center 316-684-7323
917 S. Glendale
Wichita, KS 67218

Dyslexia Correction of Kansas City 816 361 6563
5735 Ward Parkway
Kansas City Missouri 64113
E-Mail: phenry2675@aol.com
Licensed by Davis Dyslexia Association International (DDAI) since 8/20/00

Dyslexia Correction of Johnson County (913) 831-0388
5717 West 69th Street
Overland Park Kansas 66204
E-Mail: DyslexiaKans@aol.com
Licensed by DDAI since 8/16/00

Fast ForWord (781) 259-8342, x3307
Computer based training programs to improve language skills for students with language-learning disabilities.
www.fastforword.com

Project Read©/Language Circle© (800) 450-0343
P.O. Box 20631
Bloomington, MN 55420
www.projectread.com
A research based mainstream language arts program for students who need a systematic learning experience with direct teaching of concepts and skills through multisensory techniques. Project Read© has five curriculum strands: 1. Phonology, 2. Linguistics, 3. Reading Comprehension – Report Form, 4. Reading Comprehension – Story Form, 5. Written Expression. (See the [Project Read website](http://www.projectread.com) for more information.)

[Wilson Reading Foundations™](http://www.WilsonLanguage.com) (508) 865-5699
(Based on Orton-Gillingham (OG) method)
175 West Main Street
Millbury, MA 01527
www.WilsonLanguage.com

Multisensory Educational Therapy 816-587-3240
7713 Quail Ridge Court
Parkville MO 64152
wolfdn@jc.net
Remediation in reading, written expression and spelling

Rehabilitation
Therapy 4 Kids, LLC 816-977-6591
Cindy Banks, Occupational Therapist
221 NW Cody Dr.
Lee's summit, MO 64081

Children's Therapy Group 913-383-9014
Occupational, Physical & Speech-Language Therapy
7620 Metcalf Avenue, Suite M
Overland Park, KS 66204
<http://www.childrenstherapygroup.org/>

The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City 816-751-7900
3011 Baltimore
Kansas City, MO 64108
<http://www.rehabkc.org/index.asp>

Synergy Therapies 816-795-8944

Physical and Speech Language Therapies
19049 E Valley View Pkwy, Suite H
Independence, MO 64055
<http://synergytherapiesofkc.com/index.php>

Assistive Technology

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D) 609-452-0606
RFB&D is recognized as the nation's leading educational lending library of academic and professional textbooks on audio tape from elementary through post-graduate and professional levels.

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
800-221-4792 voice (book orders only) 609-520-7990 FAX
Internet: <http://www.rfbd.org>

RFB&D Audio App for your iPhone, iPod touch and iPad
<http://www.learningally.org/apple/>

The Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (573) 751-8720
P.O. Box 387
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0387
(800) 392-2614 [Toll-free within Missouri (800) 347-1379 [TDD] (573) 526-2985 [FAX]
wolfner@sos.mo.gov
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/>

Coalition for Independence 866-201-3829
4911 State Avenue 913-321-5140
Kansas City, KS 66102
[://cfi-kc.com/](http://cfi-kc.com/)

Assistive Technology for Kansans Project (620) 421-8367
2601 Gabriel Avenue
P.O. Box 738
Parsons, KS 67357
Web: <http://atk.ku.edu/>

Kansas Assistive Technology Cooperative(KATCO) (866) 465-2826
KATCO's purpose is to help people with disabilities gain economic and functional independence by coordinating and providing financing for the purchase of assistive technology (AT) equipment and services.
625 Merchant, Suite 205
Emporia, Kansas 66801
v/tt (620) 341-9002 v/tt (620) 342-6400 fax

Missouri Assistive Technology 800-647-8557
4721 South Cochise, Suite 114

Independence, MO 64055
800-647-8558 (direct tty) 816-373-9314 (fax)
matpmo@swbell.net
www.dolir.state.mo.us/matp.

Assistive Technology for Missourians (AT4MO)
<http://www.at4mo.org/at4mo/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

ABLEDATA 800-227-0216
A federally funded project whose primary mission is to provide information on assistive technology and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources to consumers, organizations, professionals, and caregivers within the United States.
8630 Fenton Street, Suite 930
Silver Spring, MD 20910.
301-608-8912 (TTY). Fax: 301-608-8958.
E-mail: abledata@orcmacro.com
www.abledata.com

Assistive Tech Net 1-800-726-9119
A resource for assistive technology (AT) and a link to a wide variety of AT and disability-related information.
Georgia Tech Center for Assistive Technology & Environmental Access ([CATEA](#))
490 Tenth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318
info@assistivetech.net
<http://www.assistivetech.net/>

Assistive Technology, Inc.
Assistive Technology, Inc. (ATI) is a premier developer of innovative hardware and software solutions for people with disabilities.
<http://www.assistivetech.com/company.htm>

AbilityHub – Assistive Technology Solutions
Assistive Technology for people with a disability who find operating a computer difficult, maybe even impossible. This web site will direct you to adaptive equipment and alternative methods available for accessing computers.
<http://www.abilityhub.com/>

Speak to Write Project
The information on this site explores the use of speech recognition technology by secondary students with disabilities.
<http://www.edc.org/spk2wrt/>

Schwab Learning Assistive Technology Guide
http://www.schwablearning.org/pdfs/AT_Guide0603BW.pdf?date=1-22-03

Ginger Software Grammar Checker & Spell Checker, English Tutor & Text-to-Speech Reader

<http://www.gingersoftware.com/>

Equal Access to Software & Information (EASI) (949) 916-2837
EASI is the Premiere Provider of Online Training on Accessible Information Technology for Persons with Disabilities
P.O. Box 818
Lake Forest, CA 92609
<http://www.rit.edu/~easi>

Closing The Gap, Inc. 507-248-3294
Closing The Gap provides up-to-date information on assistive technology, hardware and software individuals with disabilities.
P.O. Box 68, 526 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044
Fax: 507-248-3810
www.closingthegap.com
Email: info@closingthegap.com

Really Good Stuff
A collection of fun and creative teaching tools (pencil grips, desk minders, etc.)
<http://www.reallygoodstuff.com/default.aspx>

PCI Education
Special Education superstore - solutions that help individuals with special needs and learning differences attain success in school, at home, and in the community.
<http://www.pcieducation.com/>

Watchminder
A wrist watch for children to remind them or her to stay on task at school and at home.
<http://www.watchminder.com/>

Pencil Grips
<http://www.drawwrite.com/Catalog/HTML/pencilgrip.html>
<http://store.yahoo.com/learninggear/grips.html>
<http://www.schoolsupplyprojectboards.com/catalogs/index.asp?category=310424>

Standardized Testing Accommodations

ETS.org Resources for Test Takers with Disabilities
Provides information to applicants with disabilities who seek approval of reasonable testing accommodations.
<http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.435c0b5cc7bd0ae7015d9510c3921509/?vgnnextoid=f eb7be3a864f4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD>

ACT Test Accommodations
<http://www.act.org/aap/disab/index.html>

ADHD Coaching

Michelle Benton, ACG (Adults, Children & Adolescents) 913-402-4441
Overland Park, KS
Email: michelle@focalpointks.com

Developmental Disorders

Jeanne Holverstott, MS 913.451.8550 x 121
Autism Spectrum Specialist (social skills groups for children, adolescents and young adults)
7501 College Boulevard, Suite 250
Overland Park, KS 66210
www.jeanneholverstott.com

Children's Mercy Autism Clinic (816) 234-3674
CMH, Hall Family Outpatient Center, 3rd Floor B
One day Per Week
FAX (816) 346-1382

Children's Mercy Developmental & Behavioral Sciences Clinic (913) 696-8261
5520 College Boulevard, Suite 130, Overland Park, KS
MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
FAX (913) 696-8266

Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders (autism, CP, down's) (816) 229-3869
900 Northwest Woods Chapel Road 816-228-1373
Blue Springs, MO 64015 816-224-8138
<http://www.rainbow-center.org/>

Discovery Program of Marillac 816-508-3347
A summer and after-school program for children with Asperger's Syndrome and other high-functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders. The program offers a nurturing environment for students (ages 9 to 15) to learn valid social skills and simple ways to relate to one another in real-life situations.
8000 W. 127th Street
Overland Park, KS 66213-2714
<http://www.marillac.org/services/discovery.html>

DD Resource Center 816-233-5359
A University Affiliated Program providing info and referral services, lending library.
University of Missouri- Kansas City Institute for Human Development
2220 Holmes Street, 3rd Floor 800-444-0821
Kansas City MO 64108-2676

National Early Childhood TA Center (NECTAC)
Supports the national implementation of the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
<http://www.nectac.org/>

Autism Hotline (304) 525-8014
Autism Services Center
P.O. Box 507
Huntington, WV 25710-0507

Autism Society of America 1-800-328-8476
7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 657-0881
Web: www.autism-society.org.

Asperger Syndrome Parent Support Group – Topeka (785)246-0363
Brad & Linda Sloan
Topeka, Kansas
E-mail: Aspieparents@aol.com
Meets from 9am - 11am, 3rd Saturday of ea. month at TARC, 2701 SW Randolph Ave.

KU Med Developmental Disabilities Center (913) 588-5900
Problem Behavior Clinic
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160

MO Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (573) 751-8676
1706 East Elm, P.O. Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102
E-mail: mzdeata@mail.dmh.state.mo.us
Web: www.modmh.state.mo.us/

Project ACCESS 1 (866) 481-3841
Training and consultation for public schools re: autism
Phone: (417) 895-5575
E-mail: ProjectACCESS@missouristate.edu

Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training (K-CART) (913) 897-8471
Autism Resource Center (functions like a lending library)
12600 Quivira Rd
Overland Park, KS 66213
<http://www.kansasearlyautism.org/index.html>

Gifted Resources

The Kansas association for Gifted, Talented, and Creative (KGTC)
The goal of KGTC is to promote, support, and improve services for talented, intellectually, and creatively gifted youth of Kansas. We are an organization designed to help teachers, administrators, parents, and ultimately students reach their full potential.
<http://www.kgtc.org/>

The Gifted Association of Missouri (GAM) (573)293-5335
P.O. Box 1495
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Sally Holt President
<http://www.mogam.org/www/index.shtml>

National Association for Gifted Children 202-785-4268
1707 L Street, N.W. - Suite 550
Washington, DC 20036
Fax: (202) 785-4248
Email: nagc@nagc.org
<http://www.nagc.org/>

Summer Pals, Summer Quest, Summerscape Drury Leadership Academy 417 873-7386
Created in 1981, the Drury University Center for Gifted Education is the most complete center for gifted education in the state of Missouri. Pre-k through high school residential and non-residential pre-college programs.
900 North Benton, Lay 103
Springfield, MO 65810
<http://www.drury.edu/section/section.cfm?sid=150>

Joseph Baldwin Academy for Eminent Young Scholars 660 785-5406
Three-week residential session of academic, cultural, and social experiences in a university environment. Offered to students completing the 7th, 8th, or 9th grades. College level courses in biology, studio art, war, acting, algebra, economics, etc.
Truman State University Joseph Baldwin Academy
100 E Normal
Baldwin Hall 110
Kirksville, MO 63501-4221
<http://jba.truman.edu/>

Southwest Missouri State University Presidential Pre-College Program 417-836-5872
Rising seniors may enroll in university classes for credit, as well as a non-credit university orientation course. May be either resident or commuter.
901 South National
Springfield, MO 65804

College for Kids, A Summer Exploration, Inc. 573-642-2935
This is a residential program for students in grades 3-9, with three one-week sessions. Classes are interdisciplinary and include a variety of topics. For dates, location, and registration booklet:
P O Box 722
Fulton, MO 65251
E-Mail: www.collegeforkids.net

George Engelmann Mathematics and Science Institute (314) 553-6226
Sponsored by University of Missouri - St. Louis, Washington University, and St. Louis University
-- Provides study, research, and mentorship opportunities in various fields of scientific
enterprise for students in grades 10 through college. Continues through academic school year.
University of Missouri - St. Louis
Room 239 Research
8001 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, MO 63121-4499

Missouri Academy (877) 398-4615
The Missouri Academy is an early-entrance-to-college, two-year residential program, located on
the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. It is designed for
gifted high school students with demonstrated high performance and interest in science,
mathematics and computing. Students typically apply for admission to the Missouri Academy
during 10th grade (or equivalent) in their traditional high school, and thus attend the Missouri
Academy for two years, replacing the junior and senior years of traditional high school.
Northwest Missouri State University
800 University Drive
Maryville, MO 64468
Locally: (660) 562-1960
Fax: (660) 562-1856
E-mail: masmc@nwmissouri.edu
Web Site: <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/masmc>

Pediatric Ophthalmologists

Dr. Trudi Grin (913) 888-1888
Pediatric Eye Care:
4820 College Boulevard
Leawood, KS 66211-1601

Psychiatrists

Kansas City Psychiatric Group (913) 338-0400
(Dr. David Brown, Dr. Kenneth Sonnenschein, Dr. David Huk– general and child/adolescent)
4500 College Blvd Ste 304
Leawood, KS 66211
Fax: (913) 338-0428

Michael J. Everson, MD 816-246-4465
1272 NE Windsor Dr.
Lee's summit, MO 64086

Walter Ricci, MD (913) 677-3399
4350 Shawnee Mission Pkwy #252
Fairway, KS 66205

Psychiatry Associates of Kansas City (PAKC) 913-385-7252

8900 State Line Road Suite 380
Leawood, KS 66206

Regina B Carolina, MD (child/adolescent) 816-361-7200
Psychiatric Practique, P.A.
8080 Ward Parkway, Suite 340
Kansas City, MO 64114

James G. Hunter, MD & Associates (child/adolescent) (913) 345-1191
7011 West 121st Street, Suite 105
Overland Park, KS 66209

Anne C. Clark, MD (child/adolescent) 913/341-7447
Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic Institute
8340 Mission Rd., Suite 230
Prairie Village KS 66206

Colin N. Mackenzie, MD (child/adolescent) 913/345-1191
Midwest Psychiatric
7011 W. 121st St., Suite 105
Overland Park KS 66209

Dr. Brian Lahey (child, adolescent, adult) (913) 515-2441
Overland Park Wellness, L.L.C.
7011 W. 121st St., Suite 105
Overland Park, KS 66209
Fax: (816) 425-4245

Dr. Brent Menninger (child, adolescent, and adult) (913) 327-7505
11251 Nall Avenue, Suite 100
Leawood, KS 66211
Fax: (913) 327-7054

Dr. Deborah Mossinghoff (child and adolescent) (816) 453-7473
Comprehensive Psychiatry Associates
305 NW Englewood, Suite 300
Gladstone, MO 64118
Fax: (816) 453-1940

Dr. Fernando Rosso (child, adolescent, adult) (913) 642-0100
Heartland Psychiatric Medicine
8340 Mission Rd, Suite 210
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Dr. Shayla Sullivant (child/adolescent) (816) 234-3674
Children's Mercy Hospital

2401 Gilliam Road
Kansas City, MO 64108
Fax: (816) 346-1382

Dr. Teresa Varanka (child and adolescent)
Johnson County Psychiatric Services
4707 College Blvd, Suite 213
Leawood, KS 66211
(913) 663-3000
Fax: (913) 663-1115

KUMC Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (913) 588-1300 or (913) 588-6400
(Frank Barth, DO, Sharon E. Cain, MD, Poonam Khanna, DO, Susan C. Sharp, DO)
3901 Rainbow Blvd, Mail Stop 4015
Kansas City, KS 66160
Fax: (913) 588-1310

Child Psychologists

Tish Holub Taylor, PhD
11100 Ash St., Ste. 202
Leawood, KS 66211
www.tishtaylor.com

Caroline Danda, PhD
7381 W. 133rd St, Ste 260
Overland Park, KS 66213
Fax: 913-254-3338
www.carolinedanda.com

913-498-9958

Priscilla Wallingford, PhD
11011 King St
Shawnee Mission, KS 66210
priscillawallingfordphd.com

(913) 345-1905

Neurology/Neuropsychology

Neurology Consultants, CHTD.
Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, & Olathe

913-384-1542

Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City
1100 Pennsylvania
Kansas City, MO 64105-1336
(816) 842-8607
Web: www.braininjuryresource.org

(800) 783-1356

Cotton-O'Niel Clinic
Dr. Daniel A. Katz (neurologist, brain imaging)

785-354-9591

901 SW Garfield Ave.
Topeka, KS 66606

Rusk Rehabilitation Center
315 Business Loop 70 W
Columbia, MO 65203

888-215-6437

www.muhealth.org/~2000/RR.shtml

Transition and Independent Living

Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living (KACIL)

785-215-8048

Centers provide services to people with disabilities of all ages, assistance to businesses and all other entities in the community to assist them in offering services to people with disabilities. We advocate at a state and national level for the rights of all people with disabilities to live in the communities of their choice.

214 SW 6th Street, Suite A
Topeka, KS 66603
785-215-8050 Fax

Herndon Career Center
11501 E. 350 Highway, and
10322 E. 350 Highway
Raytown, MO 64138

1-816-268-7140

<http://www.herndoncareercenter.com/>

The Whole Person

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

Kansas City Missouri
3420 Broadway, Ste 105 . Kansas City, Mo 64111

816-561-0304

Independence Missouri
11015 E. 39th Street, Suite 25 Independence, Mo 64052

816-358-5310

Prairie Village Kansas
7301 Mission Road Prairie Village, Kansas 66208

913-262-1294

Coalition for Independence

866-201-3829

The Mission of the Coalition for Independence is to facilitate positive and responsible independence for people with disabilities by acting as an advocate for individuals with disabilities, providing services and promoting accessibility and acceptance. Independent Living Skills Training, Community Integration (de-institutionalization), Case Management, Payroll Services, Resource Library, Peer Support, Youth Empowering Themselves (a school-based program for disabled elementary, middle school and high school students that promotes leadership, self-esteem, diversity, mentorship, and successful transition to adult living), Information and Referrals, Advocacy, Assistive Technology, Universal Design Housing, Representative Payee Services

4911 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66102

913-321-5140

[://cfi-kc.com/](http://cfi-kc.com/)

College for Living Programs

College for Living Programs seek to improve the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities by offering them opportunities to attend non credit classes in an inclusive higher education setting. Students may enroll in classes in Basic Skills, Life Enrichment , Practical Living, Physical Conditioning, Social and Interpersonal Skills, Arts

1. **Adult Continuing Education for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ACED):** Individuals who are 16 years of age and older and are Jackson County residents are eligible to participate. ACED offers four 5-week sessions in the Fall and Spring. Classes meet on Saturday mornings in the Fall and Spring. Summer schedules vary depending on the course offering. Class sites are the UMKC Volker Campus in Kansas City and Longview Community College in Lee's Summit. Contact Project Director, 816.235.1754
2. **College Experiences for Adults with Developmental Disabilities (CEADD):** Individuals who are 19 years of age and are Clay or Platte County residents are eligible to participate. CEADD conducts two 8-week sessions in the Fall and Spring. The Summer schedule varies depending on course offerings. All classes meet at the Maple Woods Community College Campus. Contact Program Coordinator, 816.437.3043
3. **College Learning Experience Activities and Resources (CLEAR):** CLEAR, sponsored by Johnson County (Kansas) Community College, provides non credit continuing education classes for adults with developmental disabilities or severe learning disabilities. All CLEAR classes are held on the Johnson County Community College campus each fall and spring semester. An abbreviated schedule is offered in the summer. Contact Program Coordinator, 913.469.8500 ext. 3247

Community Housing Network

816.512.4444

The mission of Community Housing Network is to create and assist in making available safe, affordable housing options for persons with mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse and their families.

2211 Charlotte

Kansas City, MO 64106

Respite

Temporary care that relieves families of the day to day caring of a family member with a disability.

Kansas City Regional Center

816.889.3400

821 East Admiral Blvd.

Kansas City, Missouri

1.800.454.2331

Brain Training and Neurofeedback

There is some evidence that certain types of brain training exercises can improve working memory and attention, and reduce hyperactivity/impulsivity.

CogMed

“Cogmed Working Memory Training is a home-based program that helps people improve attention by training and increasing their working memory capacity. Clinically-proven results demonstrate that after training, people improve their ability to concentrate, control impulsive behavior and better utilize problem solving skills.”

Karen Jordan PhD

913-647-7990

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

Learning Rx

*A cognitive skills training program adapted to the specific cognitive skills strengths and weaknesses of each student with one-on-one training. If your child aged 8 to 18 is a client of OPS, LLC, you are entitled to a **free** 30 minute brain training session for you and your child.*

Tom Baker

913-362-8777

<http://www.learningrx.com/overland-park/default.htm>

Discovery Program

A program that “develops children's academic skills such as reading, spelling, and math, improve written expression skills, and enhance their thinking and problem solving skills.”

Kansas City Neurofeedback

816-444-2323

8301 State Line Road

Suite 203

Kansas City, MO 64114

<http://www.kcneurofeedback.com/>

Midwest Neurofeedback Services

913-383-8100

5250 W. 94th Terrace

Prairie Village, Kansas 66207

<http://www.midwestneurofeedback.com/>

Web Sites

General

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

617-287-3880 voice

An excellent organization to contact for individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend college and who will need special accommodations. Numerous training programs, workshops, publications, and conferences.

University of Massachusetts Boston

100 Morrissey Boulevard

Boston, MA 02125-3393

617-287-3881 FAX, 617-287-3882 TTY

Email: AHEAD@umb.edu

<http://www.AHEAD.org>

LD Online

An interactive guide to learning disabilities for parents, teachers, and children and is sponsored by WETA, Washington, D.C.

www.ldonline.org

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
4156 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349
412-344-0224 FAX

412-341-1515 voice

<http://www.ldanatl.org>

LDA is the largest non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities. LDA seeks to educate individuals with learning disabilities and their parents about the nature of the disability and inform them of their rights.

WrightsLaw

Accurate, up-to-date information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities. You will find articles, cases, newsletters, and resources.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/>

Schwab Learning

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

All Kinds of Minds

All Kinds of Minds (non-profit) has developed a variety of programs to help parents, educators, clinicians, and kids understand and manage learning issues. All are based on a neurodevelopmental approach to learning, a method of identifying the specific brain functions that affect the ways a student learns and performs in school.

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

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

888-CEC-SPED voice

The largest international professional organization committed to improving educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300
703-264-9446 TTY, 703-264-9494 FAX

703-620-3660 voice

<http://www.cec.sped.org>

Disability Access Information and Support (DAIS)

614-481-9450

DAIS is an important resource to the higher education community, providing a menu of services for those concerned with disability and access in higher education.

2938 Northwest Boulevard
Columbus, Ohio, 43221
614-481-9451 FAX

www.janejarrow.com

DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology)

206-685-DOIT (3648)

DO-IT is an organization providing training and resources for grades K-16 for all disabilities.

University of Washington
Box 354842

Seattle, WA 98195-4842
206-221-4171 (FAX)
doit@u.washington.edu
<http://www.washington.edu/doit/>

Equal Access to Software and Information (EASI)
On-line technology journal, Assistive Technology workshops, and other information related to Assistive Technology
<http://www.rit.edu/~easi>

HEATH Resource Center 800-54-HEATH (4-3284)
A clearinghouse of information on topics related to postsecondary education and disabilities. Publishes an annual resource directory.
George Washington University
2121 K Street, NW Suite 220
Washington, DC 20037
202-973-0908 FAX
Internet: www.heath.gwu.edu
E-mail: askheath@heath.gwu.edu

Job Accommodation Network [JAN] 1-800-526-7234 JAN
is an international toll-free consulting service that provides information about job accommodations, the employability of people with disabilities, and information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
West Virginia University
PO Box 6080
Morgantown, WV 26506-6080
<http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu>

Learning Disabilities Research and Training Center (706) 542-1300
University of Georgia
Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation
PO Box 1000
Warm Springs, GA 31830-0268
(706) 542-4532 (FAX)
<http://www.coe.uga.edu/LD>

National Institute for Literacy (202) 233-2025
1775 I Street, NW Suite 730
Washington, DC 20006-2401
(202) 233 -2050 FAX
www.nifl.gov

National Center for Learning Disabilities (212) 687-7211
(Formerly Foundation for Children with Learning Disabilities)
99 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10016

<http://www.ld.org/research/index.cfm>

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

the center that provides information to the nation on: disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; IDEA, the nation's special education law; No Child Left Behind, the nation's general education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities.

www.nichcy.org

Disability Resources.org: Regional Resources Directory

[://www.disabilityresources.org/DRMreg](http://www.disabilityresources.org/DRMreg).

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services -- Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html?src=mr>

Learning Disabilities Association of America

[://ldaamerica.org/](http://ldaamerica.org/)

Learning Disabilities Resource Community.

<http://www.ldrc.ca/>

PBS TeacherSource

<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>

ADHD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CH.A.D.D.)

CH.A.D.D. is a national organization with over 32,000 members and more than 500 chapters nationwide that provides support and information for parents who have children with AD/HD and adults with AD/HD.

8181 Professional Place, Suite 201

301-306-7070 voice

Landover, MD 20785

800-233-4050 voice

301-306-7090 FAX

<http://www.chadd.org>

insideADHD.org

A free interactive website designed specifically for parents of children with ADHD.

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

Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities® is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering the parents of children with learning disabilities (LD) and attention-deficit disorder (ADHD).

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

NIMH ADHD

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/healthinformation/adhdmenu.cfm>

NIMH ADHD Booklet Online

<http://www.healthyplace.com/communities/add/nimh/index.html>

Deaf/Hard of Hearing

KCDHH

1-800-432-0698

<http://www.srskansas.org/kcdhh/>

915 SW Harrison 9N

Docking State Office Building

Topeka, Kansas 66612

The Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a state agency authorized to develop and implement a program of information and referral; advocacy; public education; and direct services.

MCDHH

(573) 526-5205

The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing works with individuals, service providers, businesses, organizations, and state agencies to improve the lives and opportunities of all Missourians with hearing loss.

<http://www.mcdhh.mo.gov/>

1500 Southridge Drive - Suite 201

Jefferson City, MO 65109

Dyslexia/Dyscalculia

International Dyslexia Association (IDA)

410-296-0232 voice

The IDA is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to the study and treatment of learning disabilities and dyslexia. For nearly 50 years, the IDA has been helping individuals with dyslexia, their families, teachers, physicians, and researchers to better understand dyslexia

8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 382

Baltimore, MD 21286-2044

800-ABCD-123 for Messages

410-321-5069 FAX

<http://www.interdys.org>

Learning Disabilities Association of America

LDA is the largest non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities and has over 200 state and local affiliates in 42 states and Puerto Rico. LDA's international membership of over 15,000 includes members from 27 countries around the world. The membership, composed of individuals with learning disabilities, family members and concerned professionals, advocates for the almost three million students of school age with learning disabilities and for adults affected with learning disabilities.

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

The National Center for Learning Disabilities

NCLD works to ensure that the nation's 15 million children, adolescents, and adults with learning disabilities have every opportunity to succeed in school, work, and life.

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

Dyscalculia.org

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

Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities®

A non-profit organization dedicated to empowering the parents of children with learning disabilities (LD) and attention-deficit disorder (ADHD).

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

Autism/Aspergers/Nonverbal LD

A survival guide for people with Asperger syndrome by Marc Segar

<http://www.autismandcomputing.org.uk/marc2.en.html>

MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Syndrome

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information and advice to families of more advanced individuals with Autism, Asperger syndrome, and Pervasive developmental disorder (PDD).

<http://www.maapservices.org/index.html>

www.asperger.org

ASPEN® provides families and individuals whose lives are affected by *Autism Spectrum Disorders (Asperger Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-NOS, High Functioning Autism), and Nonverbal Learning Disabilities* with:

- Education about the issues surrounding the disorders.
- Support in knowing that they are not alone, and in helping individuals with ASD's and NLD achieve their maximum potential.
- Advocacy in areas of appropriate educational programs, medical research funding, adult issues and increased public awareness and understanding.

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

AspergerInfo

A community discussion board and safe place to ask questions, share experiences, and discuss treatments relating to Asperger Syndrome.

<http://www.aspergerinfo.com/>

Autism-Help

A range of free fact sheets to provide practical information & strategies, both for people with Autism or Asperger syndrome, & their families, carers, teachers, employers and the wider community.

<http://www.autism-help.org/>

NIMH Pervasive Developmental Disorders

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/healthinformation/autismmenu.cfm>

Nonverbal Learning Disorder Online

<http://www.nldline.com/>

TAWK: Talking as a Way of Knowing (nonverbal learning disabilities)
<http://www.nldsupport.org/>

A community for adults on the spectrum.
www.wrongplanet.com

Miscellaneous

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
<http://www.aacap.org/>

American Academy of Neurology
<http://www.aan.com/>

American Academy of Pediatrics
<http://www.aap.org/>

American Occupational Therapy Association
<http://www.aota.org/>

American Psychological Association
<http://www.apa.org/psychnet/children.html>

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
The professional, scientific, and credentialing association for audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists.
<http://www.asha.org/>

Center for Early Childhood Research at the University of Chicago
Research and dissemination of information.
<http://eci.uchicago.edu/>

Center for Law and Education
<http://www.cleweb.org/>

Department of Pediatrics Sections & Centers (Neurology)
Yale University School of Medicine.
<http://info.med.yale.edu/pediat/pedineur/>

IBM - Special Needs Solutions
<http://www.austin.ibm.com/sns/index.html>

Inspiration, Inc. (learning software)
[://www.inspiration.com/](http://www.inspiration.com/)

Internet Special Education Resources
<http://www.iser.com/>

Microsoft Accessibility & Disabilities
<http://microsoft.com/enable/>

National Association of Private Special Education Centers
a non-profit association whose mission is to represent private special education centers and their leaders. Together, we promote high quality programs for individuals with disabilities and their families and we advocate for access to the continuum of alternative placements and services.

<http://www.napsec.com/>

MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL USA (MIUSA) (541) 343-1284
The mission of Mobility International USA (MIUSA) is to empower people with disabilities around the world through international exchange, information, technical assistance and training, and to ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities in international exchange and development programs.

PO Box 10767

Eugene, Oregon USA 97440

FAX: (541) 343-6812Tel/TTY)

e-mail: info@miusa.org

www.miusa.org

National Association of School Psychologists

<http://www.nasponline.org/index2.html>

Rivkin Group and Children's Hospital Boston: Research Description and Highlights of Major Accomplishments.

<http://www.childrenshospital.org/research/mrrc/investigators/rivkin/research.html>

Think Fun

ThinkFun is the leading manufacturer of mind challenging games. By transforming the ideas of mathematicians, puzzle masters and game theorists into engaging products ThinkFun makes games that prove that problem solving is fun.

<http://www.binaryarts.com/>

Yahoo's Disability Page

http://dir.yahoo.com/society_and_culture/disabilities/

Books & Articles

Shawnee Mission Parent Resource Center (PRC) Lending Library

913-993-9315

Arrowhead Administrative Center Room 129

6601 Santa Fe Drive

By appointment Monday thru Friday

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Higher Ed

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Videos and Multimedia

Misunderstood Minds (2002)

National PBS documentary (first broadcast March 27, 2002). Follow the compelling personal stories of five children and their families, struggling with learning differences, in this remarkable 90-minute documentary. As parents, educators, clinicians, and other professionals help the kids better understand their learning profiles, they gain strategies and solutions that lead toward success both in and out of the classroom. 1 hr. 30 min. ISBN # 1-57807-819-9

<http://shop.pbs.org/products/A5391/>

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=1405027>

I Can't Do This But I CAN Do That (2010)

HBO Documentary Film for Families About Learning Differences.

<http://www.hbo.com/documentaries/i-cant-do-this-but-i-can-do-that-a-film-for-families-about-learning-differences/index.html>

Billy the Kid (2007)

Documentary about a week in the life of 15 year old Billy Price, later diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder. Billy's honesty gives viewers "a window into the word of adolescence".

Wretches & Jabberers (2011)

Two men with autism embark on a global quest to change attitudes about disability and intelligence. Determined to put a new face on autism, Tracy Thresher, 42, and Larry Bissonnette, 52, travel to Sri Lanka, Japan and Finland. At each stop, they dissect public attitudes about autism and issue a hopeful challenge to reconsider competency and the future.

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

A Mother's Courage: Talking Back to Autism (2010)

A Mother's Courage: Talking Back to Autism (a.k.a The Sunshine Boy), a documentary by Fridrik Thor Fridriksson, tells the story of Margret, a mother who has done everything in her power to help her son. Keli is eleven years old and is severely autistic - his mother doesn't even know if he understands Icelandic, let alone other languages. Even if Margret holds no unrealistic expectations on behalf of Keli, she has the quenchless thirst for knowledge about the mysterious and complex condition that autism undeniably is. Along the way, Margret meets other families and hears their unique stories about how they too have been touched by autism.

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

Developing Minds Multimedia Library (2002)

This groundbreaking multimedia library is designed to help parents and teachers of elementary and middle-school children explore differences in learning through the approach and conceptual framework of developmental-behavioral pediatrician, author, and professor Dr. Mel Levine. Whether you are just beginning to suspect a learning problem or are looking for new ways to address ongoing issues, Developing Minds and the information provided on this Web site can help you recognize and respond to specific difficulties that children experience. These videos feature real classrooms and homes, complete with all the challenges and successes that teachers, children, and parents face. As you watch, you'll learn to recognize learning difficulties and some of the neurodevelopmental functions involved, and build a common language for effective home and school communication. Ultimately, you will be better able to address the learning difficulties of children that you know. Multivideo sets have been arranged around particular learning

difficulties and problem clusters, with many combinations to choose from. Individual videos and accompanying guides are also available. _1080 Minutes on 22 tapes, closed captioned.

<http://shop.pbs.org/products/DPMD000>

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=1405097>

Brain Cogs, the Test-Taking Survival Kit: Your Personal Interactive Coach for Learning and Studying

Developed in association with The Institute for Learning and Development and Research ILD and partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education Star Schools Program. FableVision.

<http://www.braincogs.com/>.

How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop, Richard Lavoie, 1989.

This important program looks at the world through the eyes of a learning-disabled child by taking you to a unique workshop attended by parents, educators, psychologists and social workers. There they join in a series of classroom activities which, cause frustration, anxiety and tension -- emotions all too familiar to the student with a learning disability. "Must" viewing for parents and teachers. 70 minutes.

<http://shop.pbs.org/products/A1242> (Home Video)

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=1406890>

<http://shop.pbs.org/products/HDFF000> (For Teachers)

Frontline: Medicating Kids

Today, millions of American children are being prescribed powerful behavior modification drugs such as Ritalin, Prozac, Paxil and Zoloft. 60 minutes, closed captioned. AIRDATE: 4/10/2001.

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=1403866>

Science Times: Outwitting Autism

Produced by New York Times Television for The National Geographic Channel

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/channel/credits/sci0282.html>

Last One Picked, First One Picked On: Learning Disabilities and Social Skills (Parent Version).

Richard Lavoie, (1994)

62 min. (VHS) Closed captioned, Includes free parent guide. Every child has experienced embarrassment or rejection in social situations. But kids with learning disabilities are often isolated and rejected, and sometimes have a particularly hard time making and keeping friends. Host Richard Lavoie, a nationally-known expert on learning disabilities, explains why this happens – and what parents can do to help children improve their social skills. The parent's version also explains how childhood memories can help parents raise their own children.

<http://ldonline.learningstore.org/products/LD1002.html>

When the Chips Are Down: Learning Disabilities and Discipline, Richard Lavoie (1997)

62 min. (VHS), Closed captioned, Includes free program guide

Do you ever have days when the kids seem totally out of control? Do you find yourself falling into the same pointless arguments with your students or your children?

Host Richard Lavoie, nationally known expert on learning disabilities, offers practical advice on dealing with behavioral problems quickly and effectively. He shows how preventative discipline

can anticipate many problems before they start. He also explains how teachers and parents can create a stable, predictable environment in which children with learning disabilities can flourish.
<http://ldonline.learningstore.org/products/LD1004.html>

Understanding and Increasing Social Cognition Skills. Dr. Mel Levine (2002)

Part of the Developing Minds Series on learning differences, 4 videos (VHS), Closed captioned, Includes 4 free guides, Educational sales only. Based on the work of Dr. Mel Levine and the All Kinds of Minds Institute, these videos explore children's abilities to relate to others, including how they communicate and act in socially acceptable ways, interpret others' feelings, and develop positive relationships with key people in their lives. Part of the Developing Minds series on learning differences, this set includes four video programs and guides. The videos provide insight into key neurodevelopmental areas that underlie a child's learning and development and impact his or her ability to succeed in school. The videos in this set are:

- *Social Cognition*
- *Student Output*
- *Feelings and Motivation*
- *Behavioral Complications*

<http://ldonline.learningstore.org/products/LD1039.html>

Look What You've Done!: Learning Disabilities and Self-Esteem (Parent Version). Robert Brooks (1997) 66 min. (VHS), Closed captioned, Includes free parent guide.

Whether they've failed a spelling test or dropped an easy fly, kids with learning disabilities hear those words far too often. It's no wonder we sometimes overlook the "everyday courage" of our children. This program, hosted by Dr. Robert Brooks of the Harvard Medical School and a nationally known expert on learning disabilities, says we need to find each child's "island of competence" and then build on those strengths. He offers practical strategies for helping children develop the confidence and resilience they will need to succeed. The parent's version also examines how childhood memories can help parents raise their own children. The accompanying 36-page guide includes dozens of techniques and strategies that can be used to help build self esteem in students and children with learning disabilities.

<http://ldonline.learningstore.org/products/LD1005.html>

A Tale of Two Schools: A Reading Rockets Special (PBS) Narrated by Morgan Freeman (2003) 60 min.(VHS), Closed captioned.

Tavares Gross is just starting first grade — but he's already way behind. He doesn't know his letters. He doesn't even know what a book is for. And Tavares is not alone. Across the country, schools are struggling with their most basic job: teaching kids to read. Thirty-six percent of all fourth graders read below the "basic" level, meaning they can't understand a simple story, or they can barely read at all. What does it really take to turn our schools around? In this PBS special, Morgan Freeman tells the intimate story of a tumultuous year at two vulnerable schools. It's a tale of hope, of faith, and of the power of committed adults to help shape the life of a child. Free, downloadable discussion guides are available at www.readingrockets.org/guides.php.

<http://ldonline.learningstore.org/products/LD1008.html>

Mary and Max (2009) Academy Award-winning director Adam Elliot returns to the world of clay animation with this simple tale of the innocent correspondence between a portly eight year old

girl from the suburbs of Melbourne and a morbidly obese, middle-aged Jewish New Yorker suffering from Asperger's Syndrome. <http://www.maryandmax.com/>

Adam (2009). *A lonely, brilliant young man named Adam (Hugh Dancy), who has Asperger syndrome, develops an awkward relationship with his upstairs neighbor, the brainy yet beautiful writer Beth (Rose Byrne).* <http://www.foxsearchlight.com/adam/>

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The HEATH Resource Center is an online clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. The HEATH Resource Center Clearinghouse has information for students with disabilities on educational disability support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, accessing college or university campuses, career-technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities, financial assistance, scholarships, and materials that help students with disabilities transition into college, university, career-technical schools, or other postsecondary programs.

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A specialized coed program to educate students from 1st grade through high school with learning disabilities. Horizon Academy's goal is to help students with basic skills and to learn strategies so that they can successfully return to a traditional school. Students are funded privately either by parents or by local school districts. Since Horizon Academy holds [accreditation](#) in Kansas and Missouri, parents can request placement from their public school if their child is not receiving an adequate education in the special education program in their home school district. [In operation since 1999. http://www.horizon-academy.com/](http://www.horizon-academy.com/)

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