

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



ALL DISABILITIES / GENERAL RESOURCES

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

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

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