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### Family Support and Information Organizations for Families of Children with Special Needs

Organization Name	Web address	Description
The American Self Help Clearinghouse	<a href="http://www.selfhelpclearinghouse.org">www.selfhelpclearinghouse.org</a>	Provides information on finding and developing self-help groups for a range of health and disability issues
The Arc of the US	<a href="http://www.thearc.org">www.thearc.org</a> <a href="http://www.arcut.org">www.arcut.org</a>	A national organization of and for people with developmental disabilities and their families.
Alliance of Genetic Support Groups	<a href="http://www.geneticalliance.org">www.geneticalliance.org</a>	A partnership of self-help groups and professionals addressing communication, service delivery, and advocacy issues for member support groups that are composed of individuals and families affected by genetic disorders
The Beach Center	<a href="http://www.beachcenter.org">www.beachcenter.org</a>	The Beach Center on Families and Disability at The University of Kansas
Disability Resources	<a href="http://www.disabilityresources.org">www.disabilityresources.org</a>	Provide links to the best disability resources on the web, including national and international sites, documents, databases, and other informational materials.
Exceptional Parent Magazine	<a href="http://www.eparent.com">www.eparent.com</a>	Publishes monthly magazine for parents of children with disabilities and professionals providing services to children and families. The Exceptional Parent website affords parents an opportunity to connect with other parents around similar family and disability issues.

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Family Village	<a href="http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu">www.familyvillage.wisc.edu</a>	A family-friendly website that provides informational resources about specific disabilities and resources, and opportunities to be in touch with others with similar issues.
Family Voices	<a href="http://www.familyvoices.org">www.familyvoices.org</a> <a href="http://www.utahfamilyvoices.com">www.utahfamilyvoices.com</a>	A national grassroots organization directed by parents of children/adults with special health care needs, and composed of families and professional friends who care for and about children with special healthcare needs
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health	<a href="http://www.ffcmh.org">www.ffcmh.org</a>	A national parent-directed organization focused on the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families
Mothers United for Moral Support National Parent to Parent Network (MUMS)	<a href="http://www.netnet.net/mums/">www.netnet.net/mums/</a>	Provides support to parents of a child with any disability or rare disorder in the form of a networking system that matches them with other parents whose children have the same or a similar condition. A national/international database of families enables MUMS to match parents who have not been able to find match at the local or state level
National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)	<a href="http://www.nichcy.org">www.nichcy.org</a>	A national clearinghouse for families and professionals that offers information about disabilities and related services, assists with referrals, produces state resource sheets that provide contacts for disability related services and programs in each state, and publishes a newsletter
National Fathers Network	<a href="http://www.fathersnetwork.org">www.fathersnetwork.org</a>	Provides information, support, and resources to fathers of children with disabilities or chronic illness. Supporting the efforts of 83 fathers' programs in the US, the National Fathers Network publishes a bi-yearly newsletter, a monthly column in Exceptional Parent magazine, and operates a web page

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National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)	<a href="http://www.rarediseases.org">www.rarediseases.org</a>	Provides information about rare disorders and brings families with similar disorders together for mutual support. Single written copies of disability information sheets are available through a literature order form
National Respite Locator Service	<a href="http://www.archrespice.org/index.htm">http://www.archrespice.org/index.htm</a>	Maintains a database of respite services for those looking for childcare for children with special needs. The Family Village
PACER Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers	<a href="http://www.taalliance.org">www.taalliance.org</a> <a href="http://www.utahparentcenter.org">www.utahparentcenter.org</a>	Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) in each state provide training and information to parents of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and to professionals who work with children. This assistance helps parents to participate more effectively with professionals in meeting the educational needs of children and youth with disabilities.
The Sibling Support Project	<a href="http://www.siblingsupport.org/about/about-don-meyer">http://www.siblingsupport.org/about/about-don-meyer</a>	A national program dedicated to the interests of brothers and sisters of people with special health and developmental needs.

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