

On Line Resources for Parents of Children with Special Needs

Compiled by the Assistive Technology Service of the Infant and Toddler Connection of Fairfax/Falls Church

Ability Hub is an assistive technology solutions resource for school age children and adults using the computer. www.abilityhub.com

ABLEDATA provides objective information about assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources. Although ABLEDATA does not sell any products, we can help you locate the companies that do. Check out the Do It Yourself Resource Center. <http://www.abledata.com>

Adaptive Mall on line AT shopping resource www.adaptivemall.com

Alliance for Technology Access Resource Center National Office

E-mail: ATAinfo@ATAccess.org

Web site: <http://www.ataccess.org>

Care Connection for Children Resource Directory

<http://www.vahealth.org/specialchildren/directory/health.asp>

Closing the Gap is a comprehensive information resource for integrated technologies in the home, classroom and workplace for all ages. This organization sponsors national conferences. www.closingthegap.com

The **Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE)** project is a partnership that aims to improve the educational outcomes for children with disabilities. It links families, advocates, and self-advocates to information about the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**. The project is designed to address the information needs of the 6 million families throughout the Country whose children with disabilities receive special education services. <http://www.fape.org>

Family Place in Cyberspace, an initiative funded by the Stulsaft Foundation to address the assistive technology needs of families of children with disabilities.

<http://www.ataccess.org/resources/fpic/default.html>

Let's Play Project provides ideas and strategies to promote play through better access to play materials, and use assistive technology to give the children this critical access. Typical solutions revolve around "low tech" assistive technology. By building on what the child can do, and by creating interactive play environments, families can reclaim play as a critical component of childhood!

<http://letsplay.buffalo.edu>

Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center

E-mail: takemoto@peatc.org

Website: www.peatc.org

Parents, Let's Unite for Kids

E-mail: plukinfo@pluk.org and <http://www.pluk.org/AT1.html> is a link to an excellent article entitled Family Guide to Assistive Technology.

Partnership for People with Disabilities <http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/index.html>

The Virginia Assistive Technology System collaborates with the Partnership for People with Disabilities to provide assistive technology support to individuals with disabilities and their families.

People with Attentional and Developmental Disabilities Association

PADDA, Inc.

E-mail: mjacob@padda.org

Website: www.padda.org

Simplified Technology shares knowledge and know how about using assistive technology and augmentative communication devices with young children who have disabilities. Click on the Special Needs link. <http://www.Lburkhart.com>

Snap 4 Kids is a Special Needs Assistance Program for Children www.snap4kids.org

Special Child is a support venue for parents and caregivers www.specialchild.com

Tots-n-Tech Institute is all about using assistive technology in early intervention. www.asu.edu/clas/tnt

Virginia Assistive Technology System: Resource Guide to AT Funding

<http://www.vats.org/atfunding.htm>