## Resources for Individuals with Disabilities

### ALL DISABILITIES / GENERAL RESOURCES

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<td><strong>Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition</strong> 303.839.1775 (Voice) ccdconline.org</td>
<td>Advocates for social justice for people with all types of disabilities.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education</strong> 303.866.6600 Disability Categories <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/cd-main">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/cd-main</a></td>
<td>Special Education Director, District/BOCES <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/she">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/she</a></td>
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<td><strong>Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)</strong> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/pep">www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/pep</a></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Parent to Parent of Colorado (PPP)</strong> 303.691.9339 Ext. 1214 or 877.472.7201 abilityconnectioncolorado.org/ftp/co</td>
<td>Offers encouragement to parents by providing emotional and informational support.</td>
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<td><strong>THRIVE Center</strong> 303.632.6840 thrivctr.org</td>
<td>Informs and empowers all families, particularly low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse families, as advocates for their children with disabilities.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU)</strong> 303.866.6600 Behavioral Tools cdebehaviortools.pbworks.com/w/page/93498758/</td>
<td>A resource for behavior planning teams.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Mental Health</strong> 303.866.6600 <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/mentalhealth">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/mentalhealth</a></td>
<td>Provides guidance on positive promotion of students’ overall school success and promotes the ability to cope with challenges in life.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health</strong> 303.866.7524 <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/behavioral-health-0">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/behavioral-health-0</a></td>
<td>Provides information on mental health and substance use services for children and youth, as well as programs and services for adults.</td>
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<td><strong>Empower Colorado</strong> 866.213.4631 abilityconnectioncolorado.org/empowersco</td>
<td>Provides support, resources, education, and advocacy for families of children who have social/mental emotional or behavioral challenges.</td>
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<td><strong>Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health disabilitybacoco.org/resource/federatio n-families-childrens-mental-health</strong></td>
<td>A child- and family-focus program that serves children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances (SED).</td>
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<td><strong>NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)</strong> Main: 704.524.7600 Help Line: 800.906.6264 nami.org</td>
<td>Dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.</td>
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<td><strong>Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado</strong> 303.355.9699 or 800.955.2443 biacolorado.org</td>
<td>A resource for help and services for survivors of an injury to the brain, their families and providers.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Kids Brain Injury Resource Network</strong> 303.355.9699 ckkidswithbraininjury.com</td>
<td>For families of youth (0-21) who have sustained a brain injury.</td>
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<td><strong>Cerebral Palsy Association of Colorado Springs</strong> 719.638.0808 cpaconline.org</td>
<td>Financial, emotional and community support to individuals with Cerebral Palsy.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado AG Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</strong> coloradoagbell.org</td>
<td>Listening and spoken language support and resources for children and adults with hearing loss.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Hands &amp; Voices</strong> 303.452.6283 coloradohandsvoices.org/news</td>
<td>Supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Talking Book Library</strong> 303.727.9277 myctbl.cde.state.co</td>
<td>For people who can’t read standard print, CTBL provides audio, Braille and large print books keeping you connected to reading, stories and adventure.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Services for Children and Youth with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss Project</strong> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/vd-dh.aspx">www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/vd-dh.aspx</a></td>
<td>Services for children with concomitant hearing and visual impairments that cannot be accommodated in programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB)</strong> 719-578-2100 csdb.org</td>
<td>Provides comprehensive educational services for children, birth to age 21, who are blind/visually impaired and/or deaf/hard of hearing.</td>
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<td><strong>Hearing Loss Association of America, Colorado Chapters</strong> hearinglosscolorado.org</td>
<td>Serves to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Council for Learning Disabilities (CCLD)</strong> codd.org</td>
<td>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).</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Preschool Special Education and Child Find</strong> 303.866.6600 <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/preschoolspecialeducation">www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/preschoolspecialeducation</a></td>
<td>Determines whether a child has a need for early intervention or special education services.</td>
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<td><strong>Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council</strong> 720.941.0176 codd.org</td>
<td>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.</td>
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Early Intervention Colorado
888.777.4041
coloradoofficeforearlychildhoodforce.com/colorado/tangeren
Provides supports and services to children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families from birth until the child’s third birthday.

Learning Disabilities Association of America, Colorado Chapter
412.941.1515
ldaamerica.org/ldachapters/colorado
Provides support to people with learning disabilities, their parents, teachers and other professionals.

Colorado Springs Down Syndrome Association
719.633.1133
cydsa.org/
Provides support and encouragement to families of children with Down Syndrome.

Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association
303.797.1699
rmdsa.org/
Assures inclusion and enhances independence of people with Down Syndrome.

Rocky Mountain Branch of the International Dyslexia Association
303.721.9425 x855.5
ida.rmb.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.

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.

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
Provides information and resources about developmental disabilities and their families from birth until the child’s third birthday.

Family Voices of Colorado
303.733.3000 or 800.881.8272
familyvoicesco.org
For children and youth with special health care needs.

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.

Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU)
303.866.6600
IEP Facilitation
www.cde.state.co.us/spedlaw/iep
Provides direct legal representation, advocacy, education and legislative analysis that protects and promotes the rights of people with disabilities and older people.

Guardianship Alliance of Colorado
303.691.9339
guardianshipallianceofco.org
Provides information and training related to the guardianship process and protecting the rights and dignity of vulnerable adults.

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.

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.

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Colorado Department of Education, Dropout Prevention and Student Re-Engagement
http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutpreventionandstudentreengagement/
Builds on the state’s commitment to ensure graduation and school success for all students and re-engaging out of school youth.

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
colorado.gov/pacific/cdrv/
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.

Spina Bifida Organization of Colorado
303.797.7880
spina-bifida.org
Provides information and training related to the Spina Bifida and enhance the lives of all affected.

Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Secondary Transition Resources
303.866.6600
http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/transtion_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.

Colorado Crisis Services
844.495.8255
coloradocrisisservices.org
Translation services for non-English speakers; immediate problem solving; follow-up calls and continued care.

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El Grupo VIDA
303.335.9875
eldrupovida.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 tutores. – A group of Hispanic/Latino parents formed to give mutual support to persons with disabilities or special needs, their parents, families and legal guardians.

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