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A SAMPLING OF HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

NATIONAL RESOURCES

- 1. www.familyvillage.wisc.edu
 An extremely easy to use and
 navigate website for children, adults,
 and families of individuals with
 disabilities. It also includes
 information on legal rights and
 legislation, assistive devices, special
 education, and leisure activities.
- 2. www.thearc.org

The Arc US National headquarters webpage. The Arc advocates for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families. This website includes links to information on legal issues, advocacy, community involvement, and local chapters of the Arc.

- 3. www.disabilityresources.org
 This is a huge, easy-to-use guide to resources on the internet, including links for advocacy, home modification, specific and general disability information, conferences, kid's pages, and much more.
- 4. <u>www.disabilityworld.org</u> A bi-monthly web-zine of international disability news and views. *En espanol*.
- 5. www.ed.gov/index.jhtml Official website of the U.S. department of education, with information for parents, students, teachers, and administrators. *En espanol*.

- 6. www.mch-hotlines.org
 Public health information and
 referral services for women,
 children, and families in Wisconsin
- 7. nichcy.org

Provides information about disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth, IDEA, No Child Left Behind (as it relates to children with disabilities), and research-based information on effective educational practices. *En espanol*.

8. www.dssc.org

Disabilities Studies and Services Center: provides information about disabilities and resources for children with disabilities. Includes links to other sites and a resource library

9. http://www.fape.org/
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).

10. www.wrightslaw.com
Provides accurate and up-to date
legal information about special
education law and advocacy for
children with disabilities. The
website includes sections on IDEA,
No Child Left Behind, trainings,
newsletters, and books.

11. www.asw4autism.org

Autism Society of Wisconsin Awareness, Support and Working together for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Wisconsin.

STATE RESOURCES

12. <u>www.collaboratingpartners.org</u> An online community for parents, administrators and staff of early education programs throughout Wisconsin.

13. www.dawninfo.org

Dawn is a statewide grassroots crossdisability network of people who care about disability issues. DAWN supports legislative change in the programs and systems affecting people with all disabilities.

14. http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/vm-parent.html

Alphabetical listing by subject has been developed to help parents navigate the DPI website and quickly locate the information they want about children's learning and schools.

15. www.wifacets.org

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) is a nonprofit organization serving Wisconsin children and adults with disabilities, their families and those who support them.

16. www.wati.org

The Mission of the Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative is to ensure that every child in Wisconsin who needs assistive technology (AT) will have equal and timely access to an appropriate evaluation and the provision and implementation of any needed AT devices and services.

17. www.wcdd.org

The Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities was established to advocate on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities, foster welcoming and inclusive communities, and improve the disability service system.

18. www.wfv.org/fv

Family Voices of Wisconsin provides information and training to assist families to access health and community resources. FVoW also promotes the voice of families in the design and implementation of service systems.