



# **Transition Resources for Students with Disabilities**

Clarksville-Montgomery School System  
Special Education Services

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## Local Resources for Employment/Education

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair

CMCSS Career Tech Department  
621 Gracey Ave.  
Clarksville, TN 37040  
Karen Pitts and Brenda Scarborough  
(931) 920-7829

Each year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attend a career fair which is representative of all career clusters, the high school academies and schools in the area.

### Adult Literacy Council

430 Greenwood Ave., Room 209  
(931) 542-5046

Provides free one-on-one and small group tutoring for adults who want to learn or improve their reading or English, get their GED<sup>®</sup>, or learn basic computer skills.

[www.adultliteracycouncil.org](http://www.adultliteracycouncil.org)

### Austin Peay State University

Office of Disability Services  
[disabilityservices@apsu.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@apsu.edu)

The APSU Office of Disability Services is committed to providing leadership to promote accessible university experience where individuals with disabilities have the same access to programs, opportunities and activities as all others by improving usability for everyone. A "person with a disability" is someone with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity. The following list is not limited to the common disabilities an individual may be eligible for:

- Blind and/or visually impaired
- Deaf and/or hard of hearing
- Learning disabled/attention deficit disorder
- Mobility impaired
- Neurologically impaired
- Chronic health conditions
- Psychological

### Centerstone (JobLink Program)

511 Eight St.  
(931) 920-7200

Provides pre-employment counseling, job development, and job support.

### Dream It. Do It. Tennessee.

611 Commerce St.  
Nashville, TN 37203  
1-615-256-5141

A campaign designed to promote and encourage careers in the manufacturing sector. The goal is to attract young adults into manufacturing careers and expanding education and training opportunities to meet a growing shortage of skilled employees.

[www.dreamitdoittn.com](http://www.dreamitdoittn.com)

Educational Opportunity Center

Austin Peay State University  
Ellington Building, Room 333  
P.O. Box 4667  
Clarksville, TN 37044  
(931) 221-7481  
1 (800) 351-3382

The Clarksville/Ft. Campbell EOC is authorized to provide the following services to qualified participants:

- Provide information about educational opportunities
- Assist with educational counseling
- Serve as a clearinghouse for information on colleges/vocational schools within the region
- Provide computer-generated data for over 3,000 colleges and universities
- Provide directories for community colleges, trade schools and four-year institutions
- Offer application assistance
- Provide college/vocational admissions applications programs
- Assist with financial aid counseling
- Provide information about scholarships for minorities, women, handicapped and other groups
- Provide career counseling and career planning
- Provide computer-based career-planning inventories
- Serve as a resource to participants for referral to other community agencies for programs the EOC is unable to provide.

<http://www.apsu.edu/eoc>  
[pittsk@apsu.edu](mailto:pittsk@apsu.edu)

The Food Initiative

1230 Rossvie Road  
(931) 905-6998  
Michael Hampton, Executive Director  
[Michael@thefoodinitiative.org](mailto:Michael@thefoodinitiative.org)  
Regina Hampton, Program Director  
[regina@thefoodinitiative.org](mailto:regina@thefoodinitiative.org)

Growing healthy food. Empowering lives. Building community.

Hire high school students from Clarksville/Montgomery County and Fort Campbell school systems, as well as the homeschool community, to grow fruits and vegetables for the local hunger relief agencies. Students must be willing to work four weeks in June or July.

[www.thefoodinitiative.org](http://www.thefoodinitiative.org)

Goodwill Industries

1945 Madison St. – Rebecca Brooks, (931) 436-2133  
[rebecca.brooks@givegw.org](mailto:rebecca.brooks@givegw.org)  
1596-L Ft. Campbell Blvd. – A.J. Geary, (931) 503-8051  
[aj.geary@givegw.org](mailto:aj.geary@givegw.org)  
640 Providence Boulevard – Kim Pena-Molnar, (931) 472-3531  
[kim.pena-molnar@givegw.org](mailto:kim.pena-molnar@givegw.org)

Mission is to provide employment and training opportunities for people who have disabilities and others who have trouble finding and keeping jobs. Career counselors work one-on-one with participants to determine his or her strengths and skill sets, and they guide and support them into training programs and career paths which may be a best fit.

[www.goodwillcareersolutions.org](http://www.goodwillcareersolutions.org)

#### Kelly Services

1860 Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

(931) 645-1897

Offers a comprehensive array of outsourcing, consulting services, and staffing from temporary to direct-hire.

[www.kellyservices.com/Global/AboutUS/](http://www.kellyservices.com/Global/AboutUS/)

#### Labor Ready

8 Jefferson Street

(931) 920-8233

Provides companies of all sizes with dependable temporary labor. Putting people to work and changing lives every day.

[www.laborready.com](http://www.laborready.com)

#### L.E.A.P. Organization

1860 Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

(931) 378-0500

[info@leap.org](mailto:info@leap.org)

Provides youth development services such as mentoring, case management, counseling, community service, and career development targeted at ages 12 to 18.

[www.leaporg.net](http://www.leaporg.net)

#### Montgomery County Tennessee Rehabilitation Center at Clarksville

1575 Corporate Parkway Boulevard

(931) 648-5560

Provides counseling, vocational evaluation, work adjustment and job placement services for graduating high school students and adults with disabilities.

#### St. John's Love Center

636 Main Street

(931) 542-2718

Provides job assistance training and pastoral counseling on Wed-Fri 10:00am-2:00pm

#### Tennessee Career Center at Clarksville

523 Madison Street, Suite B

(931) 648-5530

Angie Hopkins, Career Center Manager

(931) 648-5532, Ext. 126

Each center offers computerized labor market information, Internet access, workshops, an on-line talent bank, job placement, recruitment and training.

[http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty\\_files/montgomery.shtml](http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty_files/montgomery.shtml)

Tennessee job seekers and employers now have a more powerful tool in searching for jobs and job candidates, the result of an upgrade to the Jobs4TN.gov website. The revisions now allow users to customize their workspaces, to expand database searches and how they are saved, and to share jobs through e-mail and the Career Network.

<http://www.jobs4tn.gov/>

Tennessee Rehabilitation Center at Clarksville (Vocational Rehabilitation District Office)

1575 Corporate Parkway Boulevard

(931) 648-5560

Virginia Talley, Manager

[virginia.talley@tn.gov](mailto:virginia.talley@tn.gov)

A regional rehabilitation center that provides the following services to adults with disabilities (18 years and older) referred by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS): Pre-Vocational and Vocational training, Independent Living Skills training, Occupational Skills, Physical Rehabilitation services, and Transitional Life Skills training.

<http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/pathfinder/Servicefinder/>

Workforce Essentials, Inc.

523 Madison Street, #A

Clarksville, TN 37040

(931) 905-3500

1-800-865-0981

TDD 1-800-848-0299

Specializes in unique business solutions for employers, innovative training opportunities for individuals, and a wildly popular Driver Education Program.

[www.workforceessentials.com](http://www.workforceessentials.com)

**State/Federal Resources for Employment/Education**

Benefits to Work

955 Woodland Street

Nashville, TN 37206

888-839-5333 or 615-383-9442

Alice Owens Gatlin, Program Director

Benefits to Work staff offer accurate information so individuals can make informed choices about working, pursuing training or further education while helping to ease fear of losing healthcare and other public benefits. They have years of experience about the Social Security work incentives including Ticket to Work. Careful planning is the key to a successful work experience. The services are free and statewide. Benefits to Work is a collaboration between Tennessee Disability Coalition (TDC) and the Center for Independent Living of Middle Tennessee (CIL-MT).

<http://www.tndisability.org/benefits-work>

FUTURE Program

University of Tennessee

430 Claxton Complex

1122 Volunteer Blvd.

Knoxville, TN 37996-3452

1-865-974-9176

[futureut@utk.edu](mailto:futureut@utk.edu)

Helps young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities make a successful transition from high school to adult life by providing them with career counseling and developing their academic, vocational, and decision making skills. FUTURE is a comprehensive transition program for unique learners, highly motivated young adults whose disability is characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a vocational certificate.

<http://futureut.utk.edu/>

### Going to College

This website contains information on college life for students with disabilities. It is designed for high school students.

[www.going-to-college.org](http://www.going-to-college.org)

### IDEAL – Igniting the Dream of Education and Access at Lipscomb

One University Park Dr.

Nashville, TN 37204

Mallory Whitmore, Program Director

1-615-966-5098

[mallory.whitmore@lipscomb.edu](mailto:mallory.whitmore@lipscomb.edu)

Dr. Misty Vetter Parsley, Faculty Advisor

1-615-966-5159

[misty.parsley@lipscomb.edu](mailto:misty.parsley@lipscomb.edu)

A unique two-year program created by Lipscomb's College of Education to offer a college experience for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (ID/DD). It is designed to encourage and support these students as they experience college with their peers.

<http://www.lipscomb.edu/education/ideal-program>

### Job Corps

(800) 733-JOBS or (800) 733-5627

TTY: (877) 889-5627

Job Corps is a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age that qualify as low income, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life.

<http://www.jobcorps.gov>

### Nashville State Community College

Disability Services

Student Services Building, S-114

120 White Bridge Road

Gina Jones, Student Disabilities Services Coordinator

615-353-3721

Provides advising, advocacy, and facilitation of accommodations to ensure that all students have equal access to a quality education. Staff assists eligible students with admissions, admissions testing, academic planning, registration, testing (including pre-admission testing

and/or assessments), and communication with faculty. Staff also provides reasonable accommodations for community members with disabilities who wish to attend college events and provides services to students at all campus locations.

[www.nsc.edu/student-resources/disability-services/](http://www.nsc.edu/student-resources/disability-services/)

#### The National Collaborative on Youth and Workforce Development

Institute for Educational Leadership

4301 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 100

Washington, DC 20008

1-877-871-0744 (toll free)

1-877-871-0665 (TTY toll free)

[Collaborative@iel.org](mailto:Collaborative@iel.org)

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve all youth, including youth with disabilities and other disconnected youth. The NCWD/Youth, created in 2001, is composed of partners with expertise in education, youth development, disability, employment, workforce development and family issues. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), the NCWD/Youth is housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C. NCWD/Youth offers a range of technical assistance services to state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils and other workforce development system youth programs.

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

#### Nonprofit Partnership Network

(931) 551-5450

Provides assistance and support to nonprofit organizations such as workshops, resources, seminars, networking, education, special events and promotes volunteerism.

[rarancia.npn@gmail.com](mailto:rarancia.npn@gmail.com)

#### SkillsUSA

Tennessee Postsecondary Association

State Director Chelle Travis

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Services

615-366-3987

[chelle.travis@tbr.edu](mailto:chelle.travis@tbr.edu)

1415 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 314

Nashville, TN 37217

SkillsUSA is an applied method of instruction for preparing America's high performance workers in public career and technical programs. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills.

#### Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology

Offers comprehensive technical and vocational training at 27 locations in Tennessee. There are training programs in many areas, including tool and dye mechanics, aviation mechanics, and welding.



[tinyurl.com/tncat](http://tinyurl.com/tncat)

Tennessee College & Career Planning System (KUDER)

The *Tennessee College & Career Planning System* steps students through learning about themselves; exploring career options; making a plan for education; preparing for the world of work; and more. Educators can use the system to monitor progress, plan curriculum, and support career guidance. Sponsored by Edsouth, every Tennessee school can access the system free of charge. The system features *Kuder<sup>®</sup> Navigator* for middle and high schools and *Kuder<sup>®</sup> Journey* for colleges.

<http://www.planningyourdreams.org/>

The Tennessee STEP UP Scholarship

404 James Robertson Parkway  
Parkway Towers, Suite 1510  
Nashville, TN 37243-0820  
1-615-741-1346  
1-800-342-1663

[TSAC.Aidinfo@tn.gov](mailto:TSAC.Aidinfo@tn.gov)

A program designed to assist students with intellectual disabilities who have completed high school and enroll in a two-year individualized program at an eligible postsecondary institution.

[http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/mon\\_college/stepup.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/mon_college/stepup.shtml)

TigerLIFE Postsecondary Education Program

The University of Memphis  
100 Ball Hall  
Memphis, TN 38152  
1-901-678-4303

[tigerlife@memphis.edu](mailto:tigerlife@memphis.edu)

Maurice Williams, contact person

[mwillia@memphis.edu](mailto:mwillia@memphis.edu)

1-901-678-5135

A 60 hour program culminating in a Certificate in Career and Community Studies. Provides students with an option for continuing their education beyond high school to increase employment opportunities. An individualized program of study in the areas of academic, social, vocational and independent living skills for students ages 18-29 with intellectual disabilities.

<http://blogs.memphis.edu/tigerlife/>

Youth Transitions

6900 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
1-865-660-6680

[chrisharper@youthtransitions.net](mailto:chrisharper@youthtransitions.net)

A 501c3 nonprofit corporation based in Knoxville, TN. Dedicated to training and employing students in special education programs for employment opportunities in the foodservice industry.

[www.youthtransitions.net](http://www.youthtransitions.net)

## **Local Resources for Health, Legal, and Social Services**

### American Red Cross of Tennessee River

1760 Madison Street

(931) 645-6401

Faye Anderson, Executive Director

Disaster Relief, Supporting America's Military Families, Health and Safety Training & Education, Lifesaving Blood, International Services

<http://www.redcross.org/tn/clarksville>

### Centerstone – Mental Health

511 8<sup>th</sup> Street

(931) 920-7200

Nonprofit provider offering a full range of mental health services, substance abuse treatment and educational services; seeks to prevent and cure mental illness and addiction

CRISIS LINE: 1-800-681-7444

[www.centerstone.org](http://www.centerstone.org)

<https://www.centerstone.org/our-expertise/developmental-disabilities-services>

### Crisis Call Line

(931) 648-1000 or just 211

Offers crisis intervention, suicide prevention and referral

### Department of Children's Services

350 Pageant Lane, Suite 401

(931) 503-3200

Marion Biggs, Team Coordinator

<http://state.tn.us/youth/dcsguide/midcumberland.htm>

### Department of Human Services (DHS)

350 Pageant Lane

(931) 648-5500

Provides assistance with Food Stamps; Families First; Child Care Certificate; Medicaid and TennCare

[www.tn.gov/humanserv/st\\_map.html#montgomery](http://www.tn.gov/humanserv/st_map.html#montgomery)

### Good Samaritans

346 Union Street

(931) 648-2444

Free dental service to low income and homeless. Sponsored by First Baptist Church.

### Help Us Grow Successfully (HUGS)

Visits are made by a care coordinator to families whose infants may be at risk for medical or developmental problems. Teen mothers and their infants are given highest priority.

[www.mcgtm.org/health](http://www.mcgtm.org/health)

### Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands

Clarksville Office

120 Franklin Street

(931) 552-6656

1-800-238-1443 (Montgomery County)

1-800-342-3317 (Dickson, Cheatham, Houston, Humphreys, Robertson, Stewart)

Legal Aid Society is a private, non-profit organization that provides free legal services to people with low income. We do not take criminal cases. We only do civil cases – cases where you yourself will not be sent to jail. Provides legal advice and representation with civil issues including domestic violence, housing, health care access, and other matters that impact family well-being and stability, and community education on legal rights and responsibilities.

<http://www.las.org/about/offices/clarksville>

### Montgomery County Health Department

350 Pageant Lane

(931) 648-5747

Provides a variety of basic health services by identifying and responding to the public health needs that affect this community.

[www.mcgtm.org/health](http://www.mcgtm.org/health)

### Montgomery County Juvenile Court

2 Millenium Plaza #203

Larry Ross, Director

(931) 648-5766

Provides safe and secure custody, treatment and rehabilitation services for children and families by efficient management of a juvenile court system that recognizes the needs, rights, and responsibilities of children, families, victims and the community without regard to race, color or national origin.

[www.mcgtm.org/category/site-section/juvenile](http://www.mcgtm.org/category/site-section/juvenile)

### Restore Ministries of Clarksville Area YMCA's

260 Hillcrest Dr.

(931) 647-2376

Offers various counseling services: marital, premarital and family counseling in addition to play therapy for children ages 3-12 years old in a safe and confidential setting.

Full Circle provides social and recreational opportunities to help children with special needs grow in spirit, mind and body. Offered as a free service to YMCA members ages 3-21 with special needs, the year-round program's services include after school arts, sports and fitness classes, swim lessons, summer recess and much more. Full Circle staff members provide the family support to give parents the everyday help and advice they need. The program also works to connect participants to other YMCA programs they might benefit from.

[www.ymcamidtn.org/programs/support-groups/restore](http://www.ymcamidtn.org/programs/support-groups/restore)

### School Safety Hotline

(931) 552-INFO (648-1000)

Provides information for students and parents concerning student's well-being and where to get help, available 24/7.

[www.mycrisishotline.com](http://www.mycrisishotline.com)

### Social Security Office

119 Center Pointe Drive

1-877-531-4695

TTY: 1-800-325-0778

Services include:

Apply for disability

Apply for retirement benefits

Apply for medicare or request a replacement medicare card

Help with medicare prescription drugs

Check on application status

Appeal a decision

Obtain forms

Obtain publications

Obtain a social security card

Request a replacement social security card

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### TN Family Support Program

Developmental Services of Dickson County – Clarksville Office

Montgomery County Child Care Resource and Referral

P.O. Box 546

Clarksville, TN 37041-0546

Regions Bank

128 N. Second Street, Suite 216

(931) 648-3695

Don Redden, Director ([dredden@dcdc.org](mailto:dredden@dcdc.org))

Ellen McCollum, Family Support Staff; ext. 101 ([emccollum@dcdc.org](mailto:emccollum@dcdc.org))

Provides assistance to individuals with severe disabilities and their families to remain together in their homes and communities. Services are designed to be flexible and responsive to individual or family needs. Services might include but are not limited to: respite care, before/after care, day care, home/vehicle modifications, specialized equipment/repair/maintenance, nutrition/clothing/supplies, personal assistance, transportation, homemaker services, housing costs, health related costs, nursing, counseling, summer camp, and evaluation. The program funds services and needs that are not covered by traditional resources.

[www.dcdc.org](http://www.dcdc.org)

[www.tn.gov/didd/family\\_support/](http://www.tn.gov/didd/family_support/)

### TN Voices for Children

(931) 551-8300

Works collaboratively with parents, professionals, state and federal officials, policy makers and other key stakeholders to ensure that services provided to children and families in Tennessee are family driven, community based, and culturally and linguistically competent. TVC also serves as a critical partner in multiple national efforts focused upon transforming the system to be more responsive and inclusive of the families they serve, spanning multiple programs, populations, and states. TVC is a not for profit with 501(c) 3 status and the statewide chapter of the National Federation of Families. TVC's board consists of 51% parents of children with

special needs to ensure that all services and programs are family driven and youth guided. The majority of TVC's staff are parents or caregivers of special needs children.

[www.tnvoices.org](http://www.tnvoices.org)

W.I.C. Office – Women/Infant/Children

1850 Business Park Dr. #103

(931) 551-8777

Provides supplemental food to low-income pregnant, and breastfeeding women, infants and children until the age of five.

[www.mcgtm.org/health](http://www.mcgtm.org/health)

## **Local Resources Housing/Low Income Housing**

### Clarksville Housing Authority

721 Richardson Street

(931) 647-2303

TTY/TDD (931) 647-2303

Wanda Mills, Executive Director

[wmills@clarksvillehousing.org](mailto:wmills@clarksvillehousing.org)

Public housing authority that provides rental housing for eligible low-income families, older adults, and people with disabilities.

### Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Action Agency

P.O. Box 487

(931) 896-1800

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Priority in energy assistance, as well as the level of assistance, is based on the energy burden, income, and size of the applicant's household as well as the presence of vulnerable household members (i.e. frail elderly, handicapped, and infants).

USDA Commodity Program

Provides a supplemental source of nutrition to low-income families.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

[www.cmccaa.com/community](http://www.cmccaa.com/community)

### Housing & Community Development

One Public Square, Suite 201

(931) 648-6133

Keith D. Lampkin, Director

[keith.lampkin@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:keith.lampkin@cityofclarksville.com)

The mission is to bring needs and resources together in a coordinated housing and community development strategy to create, maintain and expand decent housing, suitable living environment and economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons in the city. If you are elderly or disabled, we can also assist you by installing accessibility ramps, grab bars and other barrier-free improvements that will make it easier for you to get around. All work required in your home is completed by an approved, licensed contractor. Staff from the Office of Housing and Community Development will monitor the work to ensure that it is done correctly and within program guidelines.

[www.cityofclarksville.com](http://www.cityofclarksville.com)

### Nia Association

375 Dover Road

(931) 906-3993

Gwen Stevens, Training/Programs Coordinator

[gstevens@niaassociation.org](mailto:gstevens@niaassociation.org)

Affordable housing with Community Housing Developing Organization (CHDO) Services, monitored support staff as required and emergency housing for individuals in transition. A HUD

multi-family dwelling that is safe and secure with deadbolt locks and smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Barrier free according to ADA requirements, allows access and mobility to all areas with private bedrooms and shared common areas.

[www.niaassociation.org](http://www.niaassociation.org)

## **State/Federal Resources for Housing/Low Income Housing**

### US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

235 Cumberland Bend Suite 200

Nashville, TN 37228-1803

(615) 736-5600

TTY: (866) 503-0264

Sernorma Mitchell, Field Office Director

HUD helps apartment owners offer reduced rents to low-income tenants.

Designated Housing Vouchers enable non-elderly families with a disabled person, who would be eligible for public housing if occupancy were not restricted to elderly families to lease safe, decent and affordable housing.

Affordable Apartment Search in Clarksville through HUD:

McAullife Apartments

2301 Formal Drive

(931) 645-3636

TAMCO Property Management, LLC

Meriwether Lewis Group Home

2807 Trough Springs Road

(931) 368-0037

TAMCO Property Management, LLC

Ramblewood Apartments

2400 Ramblewood Circle

(931) 645-4480

Lawler-Wood Housing, LLC

[manager@rwapts.com](mailto:manager@rwapts.com)

South Central Village Apts. of Clarksville

1420 Paradise Hill Road

(931) 645-1274

TAMCO Property Management, LLC

Sunset Village Apartments

151 Wallace Blvd.

(931) 431-4186

J. Jerod & Associates, Inc.

[office@sunsetvillageapt.com](mailto:office@sunsetvillageapt.com)

Walnut Grove Supportive Housing

651 W. Thompkins Lane

Taliafaro, Inc.

(615) 259-4332

[annie@taliafaro.com](mailto:annie@taliafaro.com)

## Local Programs and Agencies

### Progressive Directions, Inc.

1249 Paradise Hill Road

(931) 647-6333

#### Day Habilitation Programs

Provide services to adults age 22 and older with a diagnosis of intellectual disabilities. Services include assessments, developmental and vocational training, behavior management, transportation, follow-along, community service employment contracts and federal contracts at Ft. Campbell.

#### Respite Services

Respite refers to short term, temporary care provided to people with disabilities in order that their families can take a break from the daily routine of caregiving. Unlike child care, respite services may sometimes involve overnight care for an extended period of time.

#### Supported Living Programs

Services include, but are not limited to daily living skills training, socialization skills, self-help skills, community integration skills and residential care services provided from 24-hour care to limited care as appropriate and required.

#### Buddy Ball Special Needs Athletic League

Margaret Davis, Coordinator

[info@buddyball.net](mailto:info@buddyball.net)

Buddy Ball helps individuals learn teamwork and promotes self-esteem, one of the tools needed to help overcome the stigma often associated with a disability. The Buddy Ball league is aware of the extra expenses for those with special abilities. Because of this, Buddy Ball will not charge any fees to participate.

#### Early Intervention Program

Serves developmentally delayed children birth to three years and their families through developmental screenings and assessments, and behavior management offered through center-, home-, and community-based programs, family group activities, transportation, and transition into the school system.

[www.progressivedirections.com](http://www.progressivedirections.com)

### Sunrise Community of Tennessee, Inc.

229A Dunbar Cave Road

(931) 648-3011

The Sunrise group of companies is comprised of various private, not-for-profit corporations whose mission is to provide people with disabilities the assistance and support necessary to enable them to live valued lives in the community.

Behavior support

Community participation

Personal assistance

Respite

Supported employment

Supported living



Residential habilitation  
Nursing  
Medical residential  
Family model residential  
[clarksville@sunrisegroup.org](mailto:clarksville@sunrisegroup.org)

## **State/Federal Programs and Agencies**

### **Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)**

Administration for Community Living

Washington, D.C. 20201

1-202-401-4541

AIDD is dedicated to ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are able to fully participate in and contribute to all aspects of community life in the United States and its territories.

Programs include:

State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DDC)

Key activities include conducting outreach, providing training and technical assistance, removing barriers, developing coalitions, encouraging citizen participation, and keeping policymakers informed about disability issues.

State Protection & Advocacy Systems (P&A)

Dedicated to the ongoing fight for the personal and civil rights of individuals with developmental disabilities

National Network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research & Service (UCEDD)

Affiliated with universities to address issues, find solutions, and advance research related to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

Projects of National Significance (PNS)

Supports the development of national and state policy and awards grants and contracts that enhance the independence, productivity, inclusion, and integration of people with developmental disabilities

The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID)

Goal is to improve the quality of life that is experienced by people with intellectual disabilities, by upholding their full citizenship rights, independence, self-determination, and life-long participation in their respective communities

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

Make polling places accessible to voters with disabilities in order to provide equal opportunity for participation in the electoral process including privacy and independence

[www.acl.gov/programs/aidd](http://www.acl.gov/programs/aidd)

### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Tennessee Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities

Citizens Plaza Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

400 Deaderick Street

Nashville, TN 37243-1403

Trish Farmer, Director

(615) 313-4891

TDD: (615) 313-5695

The landmark Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed by Congress and signed into law in 1990. The ADA makes it illegal to discriminate in employment on the basis of a disability. The civil rights protection is comprehensive because related necessities such as public transportation, public accommodations, telecommunications and training are also requirements of equal opportunity.

[www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)

DOWN Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee

111 North Wilson Boulevard  
615-386-9002

Alecia Talbott, Executive Director

[alecia@somethingextra.org](mailto:alecia@somethingextra.org)

Mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome throughout their lifespan by providing support, information and education to those individuals, their families, professionals and the communities that make up the Middle Tennessee area. They take time to speak with parents and caregivers about concerns and needs for their families. They provide resources on school meetings, behavior issues, financial planning and future planning. They collaborate to bring in speakers with an expertise in Down syndrome and hold workshops for the community. They also provide many social and recreational opportunities for the children, adolescents and adults we serve.

[somethingextra.org](http://somethingextra.org)

Lifeline Discount Telephone Assistance

Consumer Services Division

Tevin Thompson, Lifeline Program Manager

502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Nashville, TN 37243

(615) 770-6874

1-800-342-8359

TTY: 1-888-276-0677

[tevin.thompson@tn.gov](mailto:tevin.thompson@tn.gov)

To ensure that telephone service is available and affordable for low income telephone subscribers, the Federal Communications Commission established the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program. Administered by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the Lifeline program reduces the monthly local service portion of your telephone bill. Lifeline does not assist with the long distance portion of your bill or with special features such as Caller ID or Call Waiting.

<http://www.tn.gov/tra/consumerfiles/teleassist.shtml>

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition

Institute on Community Integration

University of Minnesota

6 Pattee Hall

150 Pillsbury Drive SE

Minneapolis MN 55455

[ncset@umn.edu](mailto:ncset@umn.edu)

612-624-2097 (phone)

612-624-9344 (fax)

Tennessee Department of Education  
710 James Robertson Pkwy., 11th Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
Stanley Joshua, Director of Transition Services for Tennessee  
[joshua.stanley@tn.gov](mailto:joshua.stanley@tn.gov)  
615-741-3834

The National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities in order to create opportunities for youth to achieve successful futures. NCSET is headquartered at the [Institute on Community Integration](#) in the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development.  
<http://www.ncset.org>

#### SafeLink Wireless®

TracFone Wireless, Inc.  
9700 NW 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33178  
SafeLink: 1-800-378-1684  
TracFone: 1-800-867-7183  
Net10: 1-877-836-2368  
Program for income eligible households provided by TracFone Wireless, Inc.  
<http://www.tracfone.com/>

#### T.A.R.P. Center for Independent Living

TARP stands for: Training, Advocacy, Referral, Peer Support  
1027 Mineral Wells Ave., Suite 3  
Paris, TN 38242  
731-644-0026 or 1-866-895-TARP  
Bob Leonard, Executive Director  
[moreinfo@tarp1.org](mailto:moreinfo@tarp1.org)

TARP serves eight counties in Northwest and North-Middle Tennessee including: Benton, Dickson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Stewart, and Weakley counties.  
Advocacy/ADA/Accessibility Compliance

T.A.R.P. advocates on behalf of people with disabilities and encourages them to advocate for themselves on disability related issues. They celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act, help inform people with disabilities about their rights, and attempt to educate our elected officials and the community about issues and concerns. They strive to achieve accessibility and inclusion in all aspects of community life, and encourage compliance with Federal Laws concerning people with disabilities, equal access, and equal opportunity.

#### Employment Assistance

- Training in resume writing
- Training in job interview
- Training in job etiquette
- Job coach training
- Understanding reasonable accommodations
- Assistive technologies

#### Independent Living Skills Training

- Computer training
- Money management training
- Homeowner education
- Cooking, personal hygiene, etc.
- Mobility training, accessing transportation
- Peer counseling/support groups
- Disability rights

<http://tarp1.org/index.htm>

Tennessee Department of Education

Special Education Department

Secondary Transition

710 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, TN 37243

(615) 741-5158

Blake Shearer, HS Intervention and Transition Coordinator

615-741-3834

[Blake.Shearer@tn.gov](mailto:Blake.Shearer@tn.gov)

The department encourages districts to prepare all students for Career and College Readiness. The programs, resources, and services included in these guidelines demonstrate best practices in serving Students with Disabilities as they transition from secondary to post-secondary activities such as postsecondary education, vocational education, integrated employment (including supported employment); continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, or community participation.

[http://www.state.tn.us/education/student\\_support/transition.shtml](http://www.state.tn.us/education/student_support/transition.shtml)

Tennessee Department of Human Services

Blind & Visually Impaired Services

(615) 313-4914

1-800-628-7818

TTY: (615) 313-6601

TTY: 1-800-270-1349

Services include vocational rehabilitation to help adults who are blind and visually impaired successfully compete with others in entering, returning, or retaining employment; independent living services to enable them to be in their own homes and communities; and Tennessee Business Enterprises to offer vocational training and employment opportunities in the ever growing food service industry.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

Tennessee Rehabilitation Center at Clarksville

1575 Corporate Parkway Blvd.

Clarksville, TN 37040-3898

Phone/TTY: (931) 648-5560

Manager: Virginia Talley

Provides guidance and counseling, vocational training, post-secondary education, interpreting services, provision of hearing aids and other adaptive devices, personal adjustment training, technology services, job placement, physical restoration, and information referral for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Tennessee Technology Access Program

Citizens Plaza State Office Building, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
400 Deaderick Street  
(615) 313-5183  
1-800-732-5059  
TTY: (615) 313-5695  
[TN.TTAP@tn.gov](mailto:TN.TTAP@tn.gov)

Statewide program designed to increase access to, and acquisition of, assistive technology devices and services. Through its four core programs: Funding Assistance, Device Demonstration, Device Loan and Device Reutilization, TTAP and a network of five assistive technology centers help people with disabilities and their families find and get the tools they need to live independent, productive lives where and how they choose.

#### Adult Day Care

400 Deaderick Street, 15th Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243-1403  
(615) 313-4700

Programs for adults who need some level of supervision throughout the day.

Programs for adults who have physical, neurological or emotional problems requiring special intervention or care.

An opportunity for socialization.

Activities that help cognitively or physically-challenged adults maintain or improve their levels of functioning.

Respite for family members.

Services that delay institutionalization as long as possible.

#### Homemaker Program

Mid-Cumberland HRA  
Debbie Holmes, Program Manager  
Oaks Office Tower  
1101 Kermit Drive, Suite 300  
Nashville, TN 37217  
(615) 850-3912

Limited in-home personal care services designed to allow participants to remain in their own residence and maintain independence. Provides a variety of services for our most vulnerable citizens, from housekeeping, meal preparation, transportation, shopping, etc. for the elderly and disabled, to training in parenting skills, budgeting, resources and nutrition for families with children or adults at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

<http://tennessee.gov/humanserv/Disability>  
[www.mchra.com](http://www.mchra.com)

#### United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development

3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300  
Nashville, TN 37203

Bobby M. Goode, State Director  
(615) 783-1300

Christopher Westbrook, Area Director  
(615) 783-1359

1-800-342-3149 x1359

USDA Rural Development operates over fifty financial assistance programs for a variety of rural applications.

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/tn>

## RESOURCES FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

### Clarksville-Montgomery County School System

Dr. Mason Bellamy  
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Taylia Wallace  
Coordinator of Exceptional Children, High School  
(931) 920-7894  
[taylia.wallace@cmcoss.net](mailto:taylia.wallace@cmcoss.net)

David Turner  
Transition Case Manager  
(931) 542-9284  
[david.turner@cmcoss.net](mailto:david.turner@cmcoss.net)

## Local Resources for Sports/Activities

### Buddy Ball Special Needs Athletic League

A Division of Progressive Directions, Inc.

1249 Paradise Hill Road

Margaret Davis, Coordinator

931-647-6333

[info@buddyball.net](mailto:info@buddyball.net)

Buddy Ball provides individuals with a mental and/or physical disability the opportunity to play sports, regardless of their abilities. It helps individuals learn teamwork and promotes self-esteem, one of the tools needed to help overcome the stigma often associated with a disability. The league is aware of the extra expenses for those with special abilities and will not charge any fees to participate.

[www.buddyball.net](http://www.buddyball.net)

### Clarksville Parks and Recreation

102 Public Square

931-647-6333

[parksrec@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:parksrec@cityofclarksville.com)

The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreational facilities and activities for all ages. Within the City of Clarksville, the department maintains more than 700 acres of parks and facilities.

The city provides 22 park facilities that offer a variety of amenities, including playgrounds, picnic areas, walking trails and pavilions or picnic shelters. Several of the parks throughout Clarksville also feature restrooms, open play areas, basketball pads, tennis courts and ball fields. Additionally, the CPRD maintains three community centers with year-round programming for youth, adults and seniors, as well as five public swimming pools.

<http://www.cityofclarksville.com/index.aspx?page=141>

### Karaoke Buddies

201 Providence Blvd.

Bikers Who Care Clubhouse

As the winner of the Leaf Chronicle's 2014 Reader's Choice Favorite Social Services Agency and in conjunction with their Make a Difference Day, Buddy Ball is celebrating with a new program! 'KARAOKE BUDDIES!' Buddy Ball Athletes, family, friends, and the community members are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, food, and lots of singing.

### Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation

1030-B Cumberland Heights Road

931-648-5732

[jwallbert@montgomerycountyttn.org](mailto:jwallbert@montgomerycountyttn.org)

<http://www.mcgtn.org/parks>

### Special Olympics Tennessee Area 12

(931) 551-0720

Area 12 Coordinators: Tonya Golden and Emily Giles



Special Olympics Tennessee offers 17 sports for athletes to choose from. Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to expand beyond competition, by participating in the Healthy Athletes program or the Athlete Leadership Programs, where athletes can train as coaches, officials or public speakers. The program is free.

[ClarksvilleSOTN@aol.com](mailto:ClarksvilleSOTN@aol.com)

UCP of Middle Tennessee

1200 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.

Nashville, TN 37208

615-242-4091

Kyle Warren, Recreation Program Coordinator

[request@ucpnashville.org](mailto:request@ucpnashville.org)

Sports Night - United Cerebral Palsy's Sports and Recreation Program is a year round activity for people with disabilities and their families which takes place every Thursday evening and during specially designated weekends. Participation in these activities affords consumers an opportunity to engage in activities which have both physical and social interaction benefits. Among regular activities offered include bowling, wheelchair basketball, board games, and movie nights. Special activities include "Fans on Wheels" activities at area sporting venues. United Cerebral Palsy's Sports and Recreation programs continue to provide a variety of avenues through which athletes and program participants can test their skills. In addition to providing opportunity for exercise and challenge, the sports programs also afford participants social interaction and friendship. United Cerebral Palsy also sponsors a Challenger League baseball team. These teams are comprised of children with disabilities under age 17 and their non-disabled peers.

<http://ucpmidtn.org/programs-and-services/sports-and-recreation-program/>

YMCA

260 Hillcrest Dr. 931-647-2376

390 Needmore Rd. 931-503-2462

Wellness resources, youth and family services, swimming and aquatics programs

<http://ymcamidtn.org/clarksville>

## Support Organizations for Families

### **NICHCY** (<http://nichcy.org/families-community>)

NICHCY serves the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children and youth. You'll find easy-to-read articles on IDEA, the law authorizing early intervention services and special education, as well as researched-based information on effective practices, programs and services.

### **Child Development Institute** (<http://childdevelopmentinfo.com/>)

Our website is designed to provide the information and tools parents need to understand their unique child/children and to enable them to help each child develop into the successful human being they were meant to be.

### **Through the Looking Glass** (<http://www.lookingglass.org/>)

Through the Looking Glass (TLG) is a nationally-recognized center that has pioneered research, training and services for families in which a child, parent or grandparent has a disability or medical issue. Our mission is "To create, demonstrate and encourage non-pathological and empowering resources and model early intervention services for families with disability issues in parent or child which integrate expertise derived from personal disability experience and disability culture."

### **PACER** (<http://www.pacer.org/>)

The mission of PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. With assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals and leadership in securing a free and appropriate public education for all children, PACER's work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation.

### **Parents Helping Parents** (<http://www.php.com/>)

Parents Helping Parents (PHP) strives to improve the quality of life for any child with any special need of any age, through educating, supporting and training their primary caregivers.

### **E-Ready Special Education Information for Parents**

(<http://www.pta.org/advocacy/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3713>)

This page provides parents, as well as teachers, of children with disabilities with information on specific disabilities, a glossary of special education terms, and links to helpful resources.

### **AllExperts – Special Education** (<http://www.allexperts.com/cl2/636/education/Special-Education/>)

This website allows parents to ask questions of AllExpert's volunteer experts regarding all aspects of special education; questions and answers are available for search as well.

### **U.S. Department of Education** (<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/needs/speced/edpicks.jhtml>)

The Department of Education provides a list of resources pertaining to the needs of children with disabilities.

**Easter Seals** (<http://www.easterseals.com>)

Easter Seals provides exceptional services, education, outreach and advocacy so that people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities.

**Angelman Syndrome Foundation** (<http://www.angelman.org/>)

The Angelman Syndrome Foundation advances the awareness and treatment of AS through education and research, and provides support to individuals and families.

**TASH** (<http://tash.org>)

TASH is an international leader in disability advocacy for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates.

**Special Education News** (<http://www.specialednews.com/>)

Special Education News is a newspaper that provides information on issues related to special education.

**The Sturge-Weber Foundation** (<http://www.sturge-weber.org/>)

The Sturge-Weber Foundation is a non-profit organization for parents, patients, and all others concerned with SWS.

**The Federation for Children with Special Needs** (<http://fcsn.org/index.php>)

The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners and their communities. We are committed to listening to and learning from families, and encouraging full participation in community life by all people, especially those with disabilities.

**Family Voices** (<http://www.familyvoices.org>)

Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through our national network, we provide families with tools to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among professionals and families, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

**Stop Bullying Parent Guide** (<http://www.stopbullying.gov/what-you-can-do/parents/index.html>)

StopBullying.gov provides information from various government agencies on what bullying is, what cyberbullying is, who is at risk and how you can prevent and respond to bullying.

**Team Of Advocates For Special Kids** (<http://www.taskca.org/>)

Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK) is a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to enable individuals with disabilities to reach their maximum potential.

**Disability Resources, Inc.** (<http://www.Disabilityresources.org>)

Disability Resources, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established to promote and improve awareness, availability and accessibility of information that can help people with disabilities live, learn, love, work and play independently.

**A Rosie Place** (<http://arosieplace.org>)

A Rosie Place provides a safe and nurturing haven for medically fragile children while giving family members periods of relief from the demands of full-time caregiving.

University of Illinois at Chicago's Specialized Care for Children (<http://dsc.uic.edu/>)

The University of Illinois at Chicago is home to Specialized Care for Children, a network of professionals that work with Illinois families and communities to help connect children with special needs to services and resources.

**Cincinnati Children's** (<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/special-needs>)

Cincinnati Children's offers a special need resource directory for parents of children with special needs. Browse local, regional, and national websites to find the support you are looking for.

**Assistive Technology**

**Alliance for Technology Access (ATA)** (<http://www.ataccess.org/>)

The mission of the ATA is to increase the use of technology by children and adults with disabilities and functional limitations. ATA encourages and facilitates the empowerment of people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities. Through public education, information and referral, capacity building in community organizations and advocacy/policy efforts, the ATA enables millions of people to live, learn, work, define their futures and achieve their dreams.

**The Trace Center** (<http://trace.wisc.edu>)

The Trace Research & Development Center is a part of the College of Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Founded in 1971, Trace has been a pioneer in the field of technology and disability. The Resources and Tools section of their website has a variety of informational products, kits, videos, databases and online tools intended for consumers, advocates, industry and educators.

**Learning Disabilities**

**The National Center for Learning Disabilities** (<http://www.NCLD.ORG/>)

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) is committed to ensuring that all students with learning disabilities graduate from high school with a standard diploma—prepared for college and the workplace.

**The Resource Room** (<http://www.resourceroom.net/index.asp>)

The Resource Room provides tools, strategies and structured explorations for interesting learners, including lessons, ideas, articles and links for multisensory learning for people of all ages. The site also offers resources for people who learn differently, or have learning difficulties or learning disabilities such as dyslexia, dysgraphia or dyscalculia.

**LD OnLine** (<http://www.ldonline.org>)

LD OnLine.org is the world's leading website on learning disabilities and ADHD, serving more than 200,000 parents, teachers and other professionals each month.

**Learning Disabilities Association of America** (<http://www.ldanatl.org/>)

Since 1964, the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) has provided support to

people with learning disabilities, their parents, teachers and other professionals. Today, the LDA is the largest non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with disabilities, and provides cutting-edge information on learning disabilities, practical solutions and a comprehensive network of resources.

**The International Dyslexia Association** (<http://www.interdys.org>)

The purpose of IDA is to pursue and provide the most comprehensive range of information and services that address the full scope of dyslexia and related difficulties in learning to read and write ... in a way that creates hope, possibility and partnership.

**Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder**

**CHADD** (<http://www.chadd.org/>)

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) is a national non-profit, tax-exempt organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with ADHD. In addition to our informative website, CHADD also publishes a variety of printed materials to keep members and professionals current on research advances, medications and treatments affecting individuals with ADHD.

**KidSource Online** (<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/pages/dis.add.html>)

KidSource Online is a group of parents who want to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of parents and children. We've brought together our best articles in the Disabilities: Attention Deficit Disorder section of our website. Information on learning disabilities and physical disabilities can be found in other sections.

**The Attention Deficit Disorder Association** (<http://www.add.org/>)

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association provides information, resources and networking opportunities to help adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder lead better lives.

**One ADD Place** (<http://www.oneADDplace.com/>)

At the ADD and ADHD resource place you will find information on both child and adult attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Learn the symptoms of ADD and ADHD and how to test for them, and discover the latest natural treatments, pharmaceutical medications and brain science.

**Emotional and Behavioral Disorders**

**National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (FFCMH)**

(<http://www.ffcmh.org>)

The National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health is a national family-run organization linking more than 120 chapters and state organizations focused on the issues of children and youth with emotional, behavioral or mental health needs and their families.

**American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**

(AACAP) ([http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts\\_for\\_families/facts\\_for\\_families](http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts_for_families/facts_for_families))

The AACAP developed Facts for Families to provide concise and up-to-date information on psychiatric issues that affect children, teenagers and their families. The AACAP provides this important information as a public service.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (<http://www.nami.org>)**

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raise awareness and build a community for hope for all of those in need.

**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

**The Arc (<http://www.thearc.org>)**

We are the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We encompass all ages and all spectrums from autism, Down syndrome, Fragile X and various other developmental disabilities.

**National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) (<http://www.ndss.org/>)**

The mission of the National Down Syndrome Society is to be the national advocate for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

**UPSIDE! (<http://www.telebyte.com/upside/upside.html>)**

An informal society of individuals, parents and friends involved with the world of Down Syndrome.

**National Down Syndrome Congress (<http://ndsccenter.org/>)**

Founded in 1973, the National Down Syndrome Congress is the country's oldest national organization for people with Down syndrome, their families and the professionals who work with them. We provide information, advocacy and support concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome, and work to create a national climate in which all people will recognize and embrace the value and dignity of people with Down syndrome.

**Autism Spectrum Disorder/Pervasive Development Disorder**

**The Autism Society (<http://www.autism-society.org/>)**

The Autism Society has a simple goal: To improve the lives of all living with autism. In order to improve lives, we focus on ensuring that all individuals with autism and their families have access to the help they need.

**The Autism National Committee (AUTCOM) (<http://www.autcom.org/>)**

Autism National Committee is the only autism advocacy organization dedicated to "Social Justice for All Citizens with Autism" through a shared vision and a commitment to positive approaches. Our organization was founded in 1990 to protect and advance the human rights and civil rights of all persons with autism, pervasive developmental disorder and related differences of communication and behavior.

**TEACCH Autism Program (<http://teacch.com/>)**

TEACCH is a University-based system of community regional centers that offers a set of core services along with unique demonstration programs meeting the clinical, training and research needs of individuals with ASD, their families and professionals across the state of North

Carolina. TEACCH conducts training nationally and internationally and provides consultation for teachers, residential care providers and other professionals from a variety of disciplines.

**Autism Treatment Center of America** (<http://www.autismtreatmentcenter.org/>)

Since 1983, the Autism Treatment Center of America™ has provided innovative training programs for parents and professionals caring for children challenged by autism, autism spectrum disorders, pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) and other developmental difficulties.

## **Communication Disabilities**

**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)** (<http://www.asha.org/public/>)

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is committed to ensuring that all people with speech, language and hearing disorders receive services to help them communicate effectively. Here you will find resources to help you understand communication and communication disorders.

**The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)**  
(<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov>)

NIDCD is one of the Institutes that comprise the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH's mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. Simply described, the goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose and treat disease and disability.

**The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell)**  
(<http://www.agbell.org>)

AG Bell helps families, health care providers and education professionals understand childhood hearing loss and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention. Through advocacy, education, research and financial aid, AG Bell helps to ensure that every child and adult with hearing loss has the opportunity to listen, talk and thrive in mainstream society.

**American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC)** (<http://www.deafchildren.org/>)

ASDC supports and educates families of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and advocates for high-quality programs and services. We believe that these children are entitled to full communication access in their home school and community; there should be access to identification and intervention by qualified providers, family involvement and educational opportunities equal to those provided for hearing children.

**National Association of the Deaf (NAD)** (<http://www.nad.org/issues/education>)

The NAD is actively involved in providing information about opportunities available for educating deaf and hard of hearing children, challenges that deaf and hard of hearing people encounter with high-stakes testing and the legal obligations of public and private schools, post-secondary programs, colleges and universities.

**Autism Community** (<http://www.autism-community.com>)

Autism Community provides information on autism, education issues, communication, and other resources for parents, teachers and more. It is also a great place to connect with individuals with autism, family members, teachers and other professionals.

## **Visual Impairment**

### **FamilyConnect** (<http://www.familyconnect.org/parentsitetime.asp>)

FamilyConnect is designed for parents of children with visual impairments and brought to you by American Foundation for the Blind and National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments. On FamilyConnect you'll find videos, personal stories, events, news and an online community that can offer tips and support from other parents of children who are blind or visually impaired.

### **The National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI)** (<http://www.napvi.org/>)

NAPVI is a non-profit organization of, by and for parents committed to providing support to the parents of children who have visual impairments. NAPVI is a national organization that enables parents to find information and resources for their children who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities.

### **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)** (<http://www.loc.gov/nls/>)

Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS administers a free library program of braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by postage-free mail.

### **National Federation of the Blind (NFB)** (<https://nfb.org>)

The NFB improves blind people's lives through advocacy, education, research, technology and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence. It is the leading force in the blindness field today and the voice of the nation's blind.

### **SPARKLE** (<http://www.sparkle.usu.edu/>)

Project SPARKLE is a program of individualized learning that enhances the ability of parents of children who are deaf and blind to fulfill their roles in the development and education of their children. Through Project SPARKLE, parents will have access to information, training and resources in their homes via DVDs and the Internet.

## **Brain/Spinal Cord Injury**

### **Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA)** (<http://www.biausa.org/>)

The mission of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) is to advance brain injury prevention, research, treatment and education and to improve the quality of life for all people affected by brain injury. We are dedicated to increasing access to quality health care and raising awareness and understanding of brain injury. With a network of state affiliates, local chapters and support groups, we are the voice of brain injury.

### **The National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA)** (<http://www.spinalcord.org/>)

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of all people living with spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D). We provide active-lifestyle information, peer support and advocacy that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential in all facets of life.



**Epilepsy Foundation** (<http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/>)

The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation is to stop seizures and SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy), find a cure and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy through efforts including education, advocacy and research to accelerate ideas into therapies.

**Legal/Advocacy Information and Resources**

**National Disability Rights Network** (<http://www.ndrn.org/index.php>)

Every single day, our Network protects and advocates for the rights of people with disabilities across the United States and the territories. We fight to end abuse and neglect where we find it. We assist people in finding and keeping their jobs and work with kids, parents and schools to combat bullying and ensure educational opportunities for students with disabilities.

**Education Law Resource Center** (<http://www.edlawrc.com/>)

The Education Law Resource Center provides information to help parents, educators and other professionals understand legal requirements and meet student needs. This site contains information and resources about a variety of education law topics including physical restraints in schools, special education and No Child Left Behind.

**The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act** (<http://idea.ed.gov/>)

The official website of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B (ages 3 to 21) and Part C (birth to 2 years).

**National Center on Disability and Journalism (NCDJ)** (<http://ncdj.org/>)

The National Center on Disability and Journalism is located in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University. The center provides support and guidance for journalists as they cover people with disabilities.

**Special Education Law Blog** (<http://specialedlaw.blogs.com/>)

A special education legal resource discussing case law, news, practical advocacy advice and developments in state and federal laws, statutes and regulations. Postings include insight and sometimes humor from Charles P. Fox, a Chicago, Illinois attorney who is also a parent of a child with special needs, and guest authors.

**Wrightslaw** (<http://www.wrightslaw.com/>)

Parents, educators, advocates and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

## Resources for Transportation

### Clarksville Transit System

C.T.S. Transfer Center – 200 Legion Street  
553-2429  
553-2470 (elderly and disabled)  
TDD: 931-6450160  
Hours: Monday-Friday 5:30am – 8:00pm  
Saturday 6:30am – 8:00pm  
Sunday – closed

The Clarksville Transit System works to plan, implement, maintain and manage a public transportation system that allows maximum mobility to community. It conducts surveys for planning transportation services. The Clarksville Transit System also offers paratransit transportation services to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities that help such persons get equal access to public transportation.

### Driver License Testing Station

220 West Dunbar Cave Road  
648-5596  
Hours: 8:30am until 5:00pm, Monday-Friday  
<http://www.tn.gov/safety/dlstations/montgomery.shtml>

### Mid-Cumberland Public Transport

350 Pageant Lane; Suite 400  
647-4602  
FAX 553-8108

[MontgomeryDispatch@mchra.com](mailto:MontgomeryDispatch@mchra.com)

Office Hours: Monday–Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Operating Hours: Monday–Friday; 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Cumberland Public Transit is a curb-to-curb rural transportation system with flexible schedules to meet the needs of its passengers. Rides are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to medical appointments. While we request advance notice, it is not required. Please be assured your personal information will remain confidential.

Fees:

One way in city: \$2.00  
One way in county: \$3.00  
Additional stop on scheduled route: \$1.00  
Each county line crossed: \$5.00  
Flat rates to Nashville (*one way*): \$10.00 - \$15.00

<http://www.mchransit.org/>

### Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA): Access Ride and Travel Training

430 Myatt Drive  
Nashville, TN 37115  
(615) 862-5950

Provides paratransit door-to-door service for people with disabilities. People interested in applying for AccessRide service may call (615) 880-3970 or download an application from the MTS website at [NashvilleMTA.org](http://NashvilleMTA.org).