

Following is a list of suggested additional resources for families of students with special needs. These are suggestions only. MANSEF does not endorse any of these businesses/agencies.

Advocates and Educational Consultants

Educational Advocates and consultants help you understand how the special education process works and facilitate a cooperative relationship between you and the school to achieve the goals that are appropriate for your child. They are professionals who assist students and families with educational decision making. Their specialized training and experience equips them to help students choose schools that meet their individual needs and goals. Families seek the services of educational advocates and consultants for a number of reasons: desire for personal attention and assistance, confusion over the multitude of educational options, and recognition that matching a student with the right institution is a most significant life decision. Please call the educational advocate or consultant for fees.

A2Z Strategies for School Success

Lynn Elliot and Angela Tanner-Dean
301-574-2312

IECA – Independent Educational Consultants Association

703-591-4850.
www.educationalconsulting.org

AMS Educational Consultation Services

Advocates
301-438-0500
www.amsecs.org

Michelle Davis

Consultant
301-439-7697
abc4lifesuccess.com

Beverly Fleisher

Advocate
301-437-2534

Georgia Irvin

Consultant
301-951-0131
www.gkirvin.com

Sheila Iseman

Educational Consultant
301-983-4124

Ellie Giles

Consultant
301-975-0764

Judith Greenberg

Consultant
301-230-9010
www.schoolfinders.net

Rose Halper

Learning Specialist
301-578-8690

Mary Hepple

Advocate
410-964-8436
www.maryhepple.com

Ethna Hopper

Consultant
202-333-3530
www.schoolcounseling.com

Patricia Linton

Advocate
410-268-4080

Jerry Malin

Consultant
410-653-0899

Paula McCormick

Advocate
410-729-1003

Patricia Murphy

Consultant
301-718-7790

Becky Reynolds

Consultant
410-494-0209
www.schoolsearchgroup.com

Elizabeth Stoff

Consultant
301-294-7319

Peter Sturtevant

Consultant
202-333-3530
www.schoolcounseling.com

Advocates and Educational Consultants - continued

School Opportunities & Strategies
Consultants
301-984-1502
www.schoolsos.com

School Support Services
Consultants
301-656-5200

Special Kids Company
Consultants
410-418-5590
www.specialkidscompany.com

Richard Weinfeld
Consultant
301-681-6233
www.richweinfeld

Educational Attorneys

Please call to obtain fee information.

Ellen Callegary
410-576-7606

Michael Eig
301-657-1740

Linda Eisenberg
410-997-4614
301-596-3636

Mitchell Greenberg
410-539-5250

Brian Gruber
301-657-3777

Tanya Harvey
202-293-8134

Margaret A. Kohn
202-667-2330

Susan Leviton
410-706-3840

Mark B. Martin
410-779-7770

Holly Parker
301-929-5900

Julie Starbuck
301-929-5900

Wayne Steedman
410-576-7606

Legal Aid Bureau – 410-539-5340

Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service – 410-539-6800

MDLC - Maryland Disability Law Center - private non-profit law center designated as the Protection and Advocacy System for individuals with disabilities. Provides free handbook to parents on *Special Education Rights....and Wrongs*. 410-727-6352 or 800-233-7201
www.mdlcbalto.org.

Schoolhouse Legal Services – Provides free information to students and their families for students who are encountering discipline problems in school. 410-727-6352

Maryland State Department of Education - Parent Help Line - 410-767-0238 or 410-767-1019

Advocates for Children and Youth - Nonprofit promoting the interests of Maryland children. 410-547-9200; www.acy.org.

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc. - An advocacy group for parents of children with special needs. 202-678-8060 or 888-327-8060; www.aje-dc.org

Association of Independent Maryland Schools - AIMS -410-761-3700; www.aimsmd.org

Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington - AISGW - 202-625-9223; www.aisgw.org

American Association of Children's Residential Centers – AACRC brings professionals together to advance the frontiers of knowledge pertaining to the spectrum of therapeutic living environments for children and adolescents with behavioral health disorders. 877-332-2272; www.aacrc-dc.org

American Association of People with Disabilities – National advocacy. 202-457-0046. www.aapd-dc.org

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – Promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. 800-424-3688. www.aamr.org

Association of University Centers on Disabilities – A network of interdisciplinary centers advancing policy and practice for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families and communities. 301-588-8252; www.aucd.org

Attention Deficit Disorder - Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD) of Greater Baltimore. 301-306-7070; www.chadd.org. 410-329-2028.

Autism Resources – www.autism-resources.com

Autism Society of America - Baltimore Chesapeake Chapter - Provides monthly support group for parents. 410-655-7933; www.bcc-asa.org

Autism Society of America – National Office - Offers many services, including information and referrals, national annual conference, and an informative newsletter, *The Advocate*. 800-328-8476; www.autism-society.org

Baltimore's Child - Monthly newspaper. Publishes a special edition focusing on children with disabilities. 410-377-2937; www.baltimoreschild.com

Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities - 410-887-3580; www.co.ba.md.us/Agenices/community/commission_on_disabilities/index.html

Bi-polar Resources – 847-256-8525; www.bpkids.org

Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA – Advocate appointed by a judge to insure that a child receives needed educational, mental health, and recreational services. 410-828-6761; www.marylandcasa.org

Center for Law and Education –National support center. 202-986-3000; www.cleweb.org

Child Find Program - Helps identify children, age three to 21, who may qualify for special education and/or related services due to an educational disability. 410-767-0261

Children's Law Center - 202-467-4900: www.childrenslawcenter.org

Coalition for Residential Education – National organization of residential education programs. 301-588-5009; www.residentialeducation.org

Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland – Dedicated to making high quality rehabilitation, vocational, residential, and treatment opportunities available to all persons with mental illnesses. 410-788-1865; www.mdcbh.org

Community Coalition for Educational Options - Parent support group for access to a quality education and to advocate for a free and appropriate education with a continuum of placement options. www.eduopt.com

Council for Disability Rights – 312-444-9484; www.disabilityrights.org

Council for Exceptional Children - The largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. 888-232-7733; www.cec.sped.org

Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates - An independent, nonprofit organization of attorneys, advocates and parents established to improve the quality and quantity of legal assistance for parents of children with disabilities. 443-451-5270; www.copaa.net

Dyslexia Tutoring Program, Inc. – Offers tutors trained in the Orton-Gillingham reading method, referrals, support groups. 410-889-5487

Disability Resources on the Internet - Comprehensive web site with links to thousands of disability resources on the internet. www.disabilityresources.org

Division of Rehabilitation Services - DORS - Provides services for students transitioning from school to work. 888-554-0334; www.dors.state.md.us

Educational Register - Free guide to independent schools and private summer programs. 508-457-6573; www.vincentcurtis.com

Exceptional Parent Magazine - Monthly magazine filled with resources. www.eparent.com

Family Village – Provides a list of web sites in Maryland. www.familyvillage.wisc.edu

Federation for Children with Special Needs – 617-236-7210; www.fcsn.org

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health – 240-403-1901; www.ffcmmh.org

Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities – Information about scholarships. www.finaid.org.

Infants and Toddlers Program - Central Office. Early intervention services for young children (3 years and under) with developmental delays and their families. Provides information and referrals to local Infants and Toddlers Programs throughout Maryland. 800-535-0182

International Dyslexia Association - 410-825-2881 (Maryland Chapter)

Internet Special Education Resources – ISER is a nationwide directory of professionals who serve the learning disabilities and special education communities. www.iser.com

Jewish Social Service Agency – Counseling, neuropsychological testing. 301-816-2659; www.jssa.org

Just for the Kids - Works to help raise student achievement. 800-762-4645; www.just4kids.org

Learning Disabilities Association – 412-341-1515; www.ldanatl.org

Learning Independence Through Computers - LINC – Resource and support center. 410-659-5462; www.linc.org

Maryland Association of Community Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities - MACS -Professional association of over 100 community programs supporting people with developmental disabilities and their families. 410-740-5125; www.macsonline.org

Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth - MARFY -Association of residential providers in the State of Maryland. 410-974-4901; www.marfy.org

Maryland Coalition of Advocates for the Retarded – A statewide coordinating coalition which seeks to advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities promoting choice and quality in a range of services. www.mcar.info

Maryland Coalition of Families for Children’s Mental Health - Coalition dedicated to improving services for children with mental health needs. 888-607-3637; www.mdcoalition.org

Maryland Committee for Children – Works with parents, childcare providers, and advocates to expand and enhance early childhood education and childcare. 410-752-7588; www.mdchildcare.org

Maryland Family-Net Works - Family to family sharing network. Provides a listing of local special education advisory committees. www.family-networks.org

Maryland Speech Language Hearing Association - A non-profit professional organization educating the public regarding communication sciences and disorders. 410-239-7770; www.mdslha.org

Mental Health Association of Maryland - 410-235-1178; www.mhamd.org

Medicaid - Explains Medicaid in basic terms, state-by-state. Provides information about what is available through state Medicaid plans and waivers. www.thedesk.info

Maryland State Department of Education - MSDE - publishes a list on their web site of Nonpublic Educational Programs approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. 410-767-0408; www.marylandpublicschools.org

National Association of Private Special Education Centers - NAPSEC -National advocacy organization to promote special education schools. 202-408-3338; www.napsec.org

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - NAMI - An advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons with severe mental illnesses. 703-524-7600; www.nami.org

National Association for Children’s Behavioral Health – 202-857-9735: www.nacbh.org

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies – 703-341-4100; www.naccrra.net

National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education – Advocacy and support center. 800-754-4421; www.napcse.org

National Association of Service and Conservation Corps – 202-737-6272; www.nascc.org

National Association of Special Education Teachers – national membership organization dedicated to rendering all possible support and assistance to those preparing for or teaching in the field of special education. 800-754-4421; www.naset.org

National Association of State Directors of Special Education – Dedicated to and continuously improving educational services and outcomes. 703-519-3800; www.nasdse.org

National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs – NATSAP-National resources for programs and professionals assisting students with emotional and behavioral difficulties. 928-443-9505; www.natsap.org

National Coalition for the Parent Involvement in Education – 703-359-8973; www.ncpie.org

National Disability Rights Network – 202-408-9514; info@ndrn.org

National Parent Network on Disabilities - Providing a presence and national voice for all families of children, youth, and adults with disabilities. www.npnd.org

National Resource Center on ADHD – www.help4adhd.org

NICHCY - National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities. 800-695-0285; www.nichcy.org

Northern County Psychiatric Associates - Therapy and Evaluations. 410-329-2028; www.ncpamd.com

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights - PACER - Information and assistance to families of children with special needs. 952-838-9000; www.pacer.org

Parent Advocacy Group for Educational Rights - PAGER – Organization to support parents on the immediate needs of their children through the sharing of experiences and resources. 301-696-9365; www.pagergroup.org

Parent Advocacy Network for the Differently-Abled -PANDA- 301-248-5711

Parent Pages – A family phone book filled with resources serving the Northern Virginia, Suburban Maryland and Washington DC area. 703-242-7243; www.TheParentPages.com

Parent's Place of Maryland – Parent advocacy organization – 410-768-9100; www.ppmmd.org

Pathfinders for Autism - Parent support group to generate funding for research, services and education directed toward improving the lives of individuals with autism. 410-769-9500; www.pathfindersforautism.org

Resource Network - Provides valuable information and resources on developmental disabilities and related disorders for parents, consumers and professionals. 800-390-3372; www.resourcenetworkatkki.org

Special Education & Disabilities Resources and Advocacy – SEDRA- Special needs tutoring, educational evaluations, advocacy and expressive therapy. 410-356-1046

Special Education Resources on the Internet - This web site is a starting point to find special education information on the internet. www.seriweb.com

Specialized College Counseling - Advising students with learning disabilities and attention disorders. 301-320-5652; www.specialcc.com

Strugglingteens - A web site offering extensive information for families of struggling children and the professionals trying to help them. 208-267-5550; www.strugglingteens.com

Tutor Find - 800-648-8867; www.tutorfind.com

Voices for America's Children – National Disability group. 202-289-0777; www.voicesforamericaschildren.org

Voice of the Retarded - VOR – National organization to advocate for a full range of quality residential options and services. 847-253-6020; www.vor.net

United States Department of Education - Office of Special Education Programs at the US. Department of Education. www.ed.gov/osers/osep

University of Maryland Clinical Law Program - Law students working with experienced attorneys represent people who can not afford an attorney in cases involving children with disabilities seeking appropriate educational services. 410-706-3295

Washington Parent - Monthly newspaper. 301-320-2321; www.washingtonparent.com

Washington Independent Services for Educational Resources - WISER - Directory of Educational Services in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. 301-816-0432; www.wiser-dc.com

Wrightslaw - A web site offering extensive legal information about rights and protections regarding special education. www.wrightslaw.com

NOTES

State Associations similar to MANSEF

California:

CACFS- California Alliance of
Child and Family Services
2201 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95816
916-449-2273
www.cacfs.org

CAPSES – California Association of
Private Special Education Schools
1722 J Street Suite 3
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-447-7061
www.capses.com

Connecticut:

CAPSEF – Connecticut Association of
Private Special Education Facilities
330 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Hartford, CT 06106
860-525-1318
www.capsef.org

Illinois:

CCA – Child Care
Association of Illinois
155 North Harbor Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
312-819-1950
www.cca-il.org

IAPSEC – Illinois Affiliation of Private
Schools for Exceptional Children
60 Canterbury Road
Aurora, IL 60506
847-204-7470
www.iapsec.org

Massachusetts:

MAAPS – Massachusetts Association
Of 766 Approved Private Schools
4 Lakeside Office Park
591 North Avenue
Wakefield, MA 01880
781-245-1220
www.spedschools.com

New Hampshire:

NHPSEA - New Hampshire Private
Special Education Association
P.O. Box 99
Suncook, NH 03275
603-883-3851

New Jersey:

ASAH – Association of Schools and
Agencies for the Handicapped
Lexington Square Commons
2125 Route 33
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
609-890-1400
www.asah.org

Pennsylvania:

AAPS – Alliance of Approved Private
Schools of Pennsylvania
5250 Caste Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
412-885-7017
www.allianceaps.org

Rhode Island:

RICORP – Rhode Island Council of
Resource Providers
1 Harry Street
Cranston, RI 02907
401-946-6824
www.ricorp.net

Virginia:

VAISEF – Virginia Association of
Independent Special Education Facilities
c/o Advantus Strategies
1011 East Main Street Suite 400
Richmond, VA 23219
804-228-4504
www.vaisef.org

Maryland State Department of Education/Division of Special Education
Partners for Success: Resource Centers for Families and Schools

Partners for Success: Resource Centers for Families and Schools are partnerships between the Maryland State Department of Education and local school systems. These centers provide families, professionals, and the community with information, training, and support.

The purpose of these centers is to provide the skills and knowledge that will enable families of children and youth with disabilities , ages 3 to 21, and professionals to function as equal partners in the educational decision making process and to assist families in accessing services for their children.

Allegany County:

Beall Elementary School
College Avenue
Frostburg, MD 21532
Phone: 301-689-2407

Anne Arundel County:

Oakwood Elementary School
330 Oak Manor Drive, Portable B
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
Phone: 410-222-3805

Baltimore City:

Baltimore City Public School System
Family and Student Support Services
200 E. North Avenue, Room 204
Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 410-396-8995 or 396-8983

Baltimore County:

White Oak School
8401 Leefield Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone: 410-887-5443

Calvert County:

1305 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
Phone: 410-535-7491

Caroline County:

Denton Elementary School
303 Sharp Road
Denton, MD 21629
Phone: 410-479-2893

Carroll County:

Carroll Springs School
495 S. Center Street
Westminster, MD 21157
Phone: 410-751-3290 ext 226

Cecil County:

Cecil County Public Schools
201 Booth Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-996-5475

Charles County:

F. B. Gwynn Center
5998 Radio Station Road
LaPlata, MD 20646
Phone: 301-934-7456

Dorchester County:

Sandy Hill Elementary School
1503 Glasgow Road
Cambridge, MD 21613
Phone: 410-221-0837

Frederick County:

44 Frederick Street Building B
Walkersville, MD 21793
Phone: 240-236-8430

Garrett County:

Dennett Road Elementary School
770 Dennett Road
Oakland, Maryland 21550
Phone: 301-334-6028

Harford County:

John Archer School
100 Thomas Run Road
Bel Air, MD 21015
Phone: 410-638-3858

Howard County:

Faulkner Ridge Center
10598 Marble Faun Court
Columbia, MD 21044
Phone: 410-313-7161

Resource Centers for Families and Schools - continued

Kent County:

215 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620
Phone: 410-778-5708

Maryland School for the Blind:

3501 Taylor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236
Phone: 410-444-5000, X453

Maryland School for the Deaf:

P.O. Box 894
8169 Old Montgomery Road
Columbia, MD 21044
Phone: 410-480-4597

Montgomery County:

Newport Mill Middle School
11311 Newport Mill Road
Kensington, MD 20895
Phone: 301-962-3818

Prince George's County:

Judy Hoyer Family Learning Center
8908 Riggs Road
Adelphia, MD 20783
Phone: 301-431-5675

Queen Anne's County:

202 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617
Phone: 410-758-2403, X182

Somerset County:

Washington High School
26739 Mt. Vernon Road
Princess Anne, MD 21853
Phone: 410-651-9413

St. Mary's County:

Green Holly School
46060 Millstone Landing Road
Lexington, MD 20653
Phone: 301-863-4069

Talbot County:

210 Beachside Drove
Stevensville, MD 21666
Phone: 410-643-0846

Washington County:

Washington County Public Schools
1350 Marshall Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
Phone: 301-766-8221

Wicomico County:

900 Mt. Hermon Road
Salisbury, MD 21802
Phone: 410-677-5250

Worcester County:

Cedar Chapel Special School
5744 Coulbourne Lane Drive
Snow Hill, MD 21863
Phone: 410-632-5234

