



Parent to Parent of Colorado

WHERE DO I START? GENERAL RESOURCES

for Parents of Children with Disabilities
or Special Health Care Needs



Between the alphabet soup of disability labels, laws and regulations (IEP, ADA, IDEA, SSI) and the different agencies that serve families with sons and daughters with disabilities (P2P, PEAK, CDE, Arc), it can get a little confusing! *Here is a quick guide to some major statewide resources (unless otherwise noted) and what they provide.*

Parent to Parent of Colorado (P2P)

P2P will help get you to the right resources. Contact us—we're all in this together.

- One to one parent matching, parent support, information and referral
- Active Online Parent Support group linking parents throughout the state
- Website with disability specific resources, parent wisdom and more



1-877-472-7201
www.p2p-co.org
 infop2p@
abilityconnectioncolorado.org

The Arcs in Colorado

- Local chapters (listed on The Arc of Colorado website) provide advocacy services for persons with developmental disabilities and their families
- Information and referral, public policy support, community education



303-864-9334
thearcofco.org

Assistive Technology Partners

- Clinical AT services, outreach and information, annual resource exhibition
- Web-based technology exchange program; database of AT funding resources



303-356-2040
assistivetechpartners.org

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC)

- Offers information, advocacy and assistance on disability rights issues for youth and adults with all types of disabilities
- Supports and advances public policy impacting the disability community



303-839-1775
ccdconline.org

Colorado Dept of Education (CDE) - Office of Special Education

- Website resources on special education law, school/district programs, etc.
- FAST FACTS on a variety of topics

303-866-6694
www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp

Citizens for Patient Safety

- Promotes patient safety through access to info about healthcare providers
- Provides resources and support for informed healthcare decision-making

303-226-5526
citizensforpatientsafety.org

Disability Law Colorado (formerly The Legal Center)

- Advice, education and advocacy on the legal rights of people with disabilities.
 - Publishes Everyday Guide to Special Education Law and more
- Serves the entire state, offices in Denver and Grand Junction*

800-288-1376
disabilitylawco.org

Division for Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (DIDD)

- Part of the [Colorado Department of Health Care, Policy and Financing](http://colorado.gov/hcpf)
- [Adult Programs](#), including Medicaid Waiver Programs
- [Children's Programs](#), including Medicaid Waiver Programs
- [Behavioral Health Services](#) and Providers







303-866-7450
colorado.gov/hcpf

Easter Seals Colorado

- Respite, therapy programs, adult day programs and summer camps
- Warm water therapy and aquatic programs
- Employment services/support, transportation assessments



303-233-1666 x237
eastersealscolorado.com/co/

<p>Early Intervention Colorado</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connects families with early intervention services to help infants and toddlers under age three with their development Spanish resources on website 	<p>1-888-777-4041 eicolorado.org</p>
<p>El Grupo VIDA (Metro Denver)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information, referrals and support groups for Spanish speaking parents Free annual conference in Denver, Thanksgiving dinner, summer picnic 	<p>303-335-9875 elgrupovida.org</p>
<p>EMPOWER Colorado (A Program of Ability Connection Colorado)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support, education and advocacy for families of children/youth who have social, emotional or mental health challenges Statewide internet listserv connecting families; support groups 	<p>1-866-213-4631 empowercolorado.com</p>
<p>Family Voices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assists families in navigating health care including Medicaid, Medicaid waivers and private insurance Training and advocacy for families of children with special health care needs 	<p> 1-800-881-8272 familyvoicesco.org</p>
<p>Guardianship Alliance of Colorado (A program of Ability Connection Colorado)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and referral on guardianship of adults, including a volunteer guardianship matching program Training for those seeking to become a guardian for an adult family member 	<p>303-228-5382 guardianshipallianceofcolorado.org</p>
<p>HCP, a program for children & youth with special health care needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional offices serve children with special needs age birth to 21 Provides developmental screenings Helps families to find a doctor, programs, medical resources and support groups in their community 	<p>800-886-7689, ext. 2370 colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/hcp</p>
<p>Kids Mobility Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides durable medical equipment for families who are underinsured or uninsured 	<p> 303-242-8281 kidsmobility.org</p>
<p>Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free family-centered education-focused conference offering support, information and training to both parents and professionals Includes lodging and meals; held three times/year 	<p>303-866-6846 www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/PEP</p>
<p>PEAK - Colorado's Parent Training and Information Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide parent advisors who provide information about the special education process and parent's rights Trainings on a variety of topics including Understanding IEPs Inclusion resources and annual conference for parents and school personnel 	<p> 1-800-284-0251 peakparent.org</p>
<p>THRIVE Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring and training for parents with children ages birth to 26 Outreach to underserved, culturally and linguistically diverse families 	<p> 303-365-2772 thrivectr.org</p>

The WHERE DO I START?

series is available for downloading in English and Spanish at p2p-co.org

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