

## WHERE DO I START? GENERAL RESOURCES for Parents of Children with Disabilities



 or Special Health Care Needs

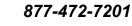
 With so many disability labels, laws, regulations, and agencies, finding the right resources can get a little confusing! Here is a quick guide to some major statewide resources. This document is available online with clickable links at p2p 

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<u>co.org</u>.

## Parent to Parent of Colorado (P2P)

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





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

<ul> <li><i>The Arc of Colorado</i></li> <li>Advocacy services (through local chapters) for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families</li> <li>Information and referral, public policy support, community education</li> </ul>	303-864-9334 <u>thearcofco.org</u>
<ul> <li>Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering</li> <li>Assistive technology assessments, intervention, and training for individuals with disabilities, including young children</li> <li>Emergency preparedness and education services</li> </ul>	303-315-1280 ucdenver.edu/centers/ <u>center-for-inclusive-</u> design-and-engineering
<ul> <li>Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC)</li> <li>Information, advocacy and assistance on disability rights issues for youth and adults with all types of disabilities</li> <li>Supports and advances public policy impacting the disability community</li> </ul>	303-839-1775 <u>ccdconline.org</u>
<ul> <li>Colorado Dept. of Education (CDE) - Office of Special Education</li> <li>Website resources on special education law, school/district programs, etc.</li> <li><u>Technical Assistance</u> on a variety of topics</li> </ul>	303-866-6694 <u>cde.state.co.us/cdesped</u>
<ul> <li>Colorado Dept. of Health Care, Policy &amp; Financing (HCPF)</li> <li>Adult Programs, including Medicaid and Medicare for disabled adults</li> <li>Children's Programs, including Medicaid programs and dental services</li> <li>Behavioral Health Services, including providers and care coordination</li> </ul>	303-866-2993 hcpf.colorado.gov
<ul> <li>Disability Law Colorado</li> <li>Advice, education and advocacy on legal rights of people with disabilities</li> <li>Legal representation and ADA compliance training</li> <li>Serves the entire state, offices in Denver and Grand Junction</li> </ul>	800-288-1376 <u>disabilitylawco.org</u>
<ul> <li><i>Early Intervention Colorado</i></li> <li>Connects families with early intervention services to help infants and toddlers under age three with their development</li> <li>Spanish resources on website</li> </ul>	888-777-4041 <u>cdec.colorado.gov</u>

Easterseals Colorado	303-233-1666
Respite, therapy programs, adult day programs and summer camps	easterseals.com/co
Warm water therapy and aquatic programs     Employment convicts transportation accomments	
Employment services/support, transportation assessments	
El Grupo VIDA (Metro Denver)	303-335-9875
<ul> <li>Information, referrals and support groups for Spanish-speaking parents</li> <li>Various events throughout the year for Hispanic/Latino community members with disabilities and their families</li> </ul>	<u>elgrupovida.org</u>
Family Voices Colorado	800-881-8272
Assists families in navigating health care including Medicaid, Medicaid waiv-	familyvoicesco.org
<ul><li>ers and private insurance</li><li>Training and advocacy for families of children with special health care needs</li></ul>	
Guardianship Alliance of Colorado (A program of Ability Connection Colorado)	303-228-5382
<ul> <li>Information and referral on guardianship of adults, including a volunteer</li> </ul>	guardianshipalliance-
<ul><li>guardianship matching program</li><li>Training for those seeking to become a guardian for an adult family member</li></ul>	<u>ofco.org</u>
HCP: Care Coordination for Individuals Birth - 21 Years	colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/
Provides developmental screenings	hcp
<ul> <li>Helps families to find a doctor, programs, medical resources and support groups in their community</li> </ul>	
Kids Mobility Network	303-242-8281
Provides durable medical equipment for families	<u>kidsmobility.org</u>
Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)	720-237-4600
• Free family-centered education-focused conference offering support, infor-	cde.state.co.us/cdesped/
<ul><li>mation and training to both parents and professionals</li><li>Includes lodging and meals; held three times/year</li></ul>	PEP
PEAK: Colorado's Parent Training and Information Center	719-531-9400
<ul> <li>Statewide parent advisors who provide information about the special educa- tion process and parent's rights</li> </ul>	peakparent.org
<ul> <li>Trainings on a variety of topics including Understanding IEPs</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Inclusion resources and annual conference for parents and school personnel</li> </ul>	
Show and Tell	303-632-6840
Advocacy and support for families of children with disabilities from birth to 26	weshowandtell.org
years old	
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<ul> <li>Connects underserved BIPOC families with the tools they need to help their children develop essential life skills</li> </ul>	

The **WHERE DO I START?** series is available, in English and Spanish, at <u>p2p-co.org/where-do-i-start</u>



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