

Special Education

Oakland County Guide To Community Resources

For parents of a child with a disability



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 <p>Association for Children's Mental Health</p>	<p>888.226.4543 1.888.ACMH.KID 1.888.226.4543</p>	<p>www.acmh-mi.org</p>	<p>The Association for Children's Mental Health (ACMH), Michigan's statewide family run organization, offers peer delivered support, advocacy, education and information to parents/caregivers of youth with behavioral, emotional and mental health disorders. ACMH staff are parents of youth with special needs and offer experiences to assist families in accessing services and supports and offer hope from another parent who has been where they are.</p>
 <p>The ARC of Oakland County</p>	<p>248.816.1900</p>	<p>www.thearcoakland.org</p>	<p>The Arc of Oakland County advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and other related developmental disabilities. We strive to improve systems of supports and services; connect families; inspire our community and influence public policy. We are a non-profit, charitable organization funded in part by the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, and through the kindness of our most generous individual donors. We proudly serve individuals and families throughout Oakland County as a local affiliated chapter of The Arc of Michigan and The Arc of the United States.</p> <p>Focused areas: Special education law, advocacy, government benefits, estate planning, guardianship, and referrals.</p>
 <p>AUTISM SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN providing hope • making human connections • changing lives</p> <p>Autism Society of Michigan</p>	<p>800.223.6722</p>	<p>www.autism-mi.org</p>	<p>The Autism Society of Michigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves a membership made up of parents, families, professionals, persons with autism spectrum disorders, advocates, organizations and other community members • Provides advocacy to families • Provides education consultation and technical assistance to schools • Provides support, information, referral and education to families of newly-diagnosed children with autism spectrum disorder
 <p>Autism Society of America Oakland County Chapter</p> <p>Autism Society of Oakland County</p>	<p>Main: 248.393.3131</p>	<p>autismsocietyoaklandcounty.org</p>	<p>Provides advocacy and supports meaningful participation in all aspects of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.</p>
 <p>Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder</p>	<p>Eastern Oakland County 248.988.6716</p> <p>Eastern Wayne and Macomb 586.566.6786</p>	<p>www.chadd.org</p> <p>See website for additional chapters</p>	<p>Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), provides education, advocacy and support for individuals with AD/HD.</p>

 <p>Community Living Services of Oakland County</p>	<p>CLS Oakland County 642 E. Nine Mile Ferndale, MI 48220 Main: 248.547.2668 Fax: 248.547.3052</p>	<p>www.comlivserv.com/oaklandcty</p>	<p>Community Living Services of Oakland County (CLS/OC) is a non-profit organization that promotes community inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities.</p>
 <p>Bridges for Kids</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>www.bridges4kids.org</p>	<p>We are a non-profit organization providing a comprehensive system of information and referral for parents and professionals seeking help for children from birth through transition to adult life.</p>
 <p>Council for Exceptional Children</p>	<p>National CEC Contact: 800.224.6830 Michigan CEC Contact: www.michigancec.org</p>	<p>www.michigancec.org</p>	<p>The primary purpose of the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children shall be to advance the education of individuals with exceptionalities. Specifically, the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children intends to assist and provide support to the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) in all its efforts on behalf of persons with exceptionalities and to participate in all appropriate governance activities of CEC subject to the general supervision and control of CEC.</p>
 <p>Common Ground</p>	<p>800.231.1127</p>	<p>commongroundhelps.org</p>	<p>Common Ground is the point of entry in Oakland County for accessing agency services for individuals with a developmental disability. Helps youths, adults and families in crisis. The agency provides a lifeline for runaway and homeless youths, families in crisis, victims of crime, people with mental illness and others in critical situations.</p>
 <p>Community Housing Network of Oakland County</p>	<p>570 Kirts Blvd # 231 Troy, MI 48084-4156 248.928.0120</p>	<p>communityhousingnetwork.org</p>	<p>Community Housing Network is a nonprofit organization committed to providing homes for people in need through proven strategies of homelessness prevention, housing assistance and development, community education and referral, advocacy, and additional services. We help people who are homeless, people with disabilities, and anyone in a housing crisis.</p>
 <p>Deaf Community Advocacy Network</p>	<p>Main 248.332.3323 Video Relay Service 248.209.6437</p>	<p>www.deafcan.org</p>	<p>Advocacy, interpreting, parenting programs, sign language, youth leadership, direct service, information, referrals, independent living, and workshops</p>

 <p>Deaf-Blind Central</p>	<p>Phone: 989.774.2725 V/TTY</p> <p>Toll Free: 888.758.0508 V/TTY</p> <p>VP: 989.774.2726</p> <p>Fax: 989.774.1572</p>	<p>www.chsbs.cmich.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child has problems with seeing and hearing, or you suspect that he or she does, we may be able to give you valuable information to help your child learn, communicate, play and grow. • You may want to learn how other families with children who experience problems with seeing and hearing have helped their children grow up to do their best. • You may want to know about your choices when teaching your child to communicate, when selecting a school program, or when planning family activities that include everyone. • You may want to become more involved in the inner workings of our project. We provide training to parents who wish to become support for other families.
 <p>Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan</p>	<p>Phone: (248) 556-5341</p> <p>Toll-Free: (877) 487-4905</p> <p>Fax: (248) 556-5385</p>	<p>www.dsgsemi.org</p>	<p>The DSG will provide support, resources and advocacy for individuals with Down syndrome, their families and caregivers with the goal of increasing opportunities and awareness.</p>
 <p>Early On Michigan</p>	<p>800.Early On</p> <p>800.327.5966</p>	<p>www.1800earlyon.org</p>	<p>Assists families with infants and toddlers, from birth until they turn 36 months or 3 years of age, who may be experiencing delays in their development or if they have a diagnosed disability.</p>
<p>Early On® Oakland</p> <p>Early On - Oakland Schools</p>	<p>Main: 248.209.2084</p> <p>Fax: 248.209.2522</p>	<p>www.oakland.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>A network of services for families of children birth to age three who are developmentally delayed, or are at risk of developing delays because of an established medical condition, or who have a disability.</p>
 <p>Easter Seals of Michigan</p>	<p>248.475.6400</p>	<p>www.mi.easterseals.com</p> <p>Children and Family Services</p>	<p>Easter Seals has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives for more than 80 years. Whether helping someone improve physical mobility, return to work or simply gain greater independence for everyday living, Easter Seals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.</p>
 <p>Epilepsy Foundation</p>	<p>Southfield Office</p> <p>Phone: 248.351.7979 or 800.377.6226</p> <p>Fax: 248.351.2101</p>	<p>www.epilepsymichigan.org</p>	<p>Provides: Public and Professional Education & Awareness Programs, such as Seizure First Aid and disability awareness training; Education and Support Programs for people with epilepsy and their families, including Living Well with Epilepsy educational workshops, Camp Discovery, and Adult and Family Retreats; Advocacy Programs; Epilepsy Today Conferences; and Education and Consultation Services, including toll-free phone services, a video library, and literature</p>

<p>Family Support Network of MI (The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (FCCYSHCN))</p>	<p>800.359.3722</p>	<p>www.michigan.gov/mdch</p>	<p>The Family Center's primary purpose is to help shape CSHCS policies and procedures and to help families navigate the CSHCS system. Through its <i>Family Support Network of Michigan</i>, the Center provides emotional support and information to statewide families of children with special health care needs. The Center is also the coordinating partner of Michigan's <i>Family-to-Family Health Education and Information Center</i>.</p>
	<p>248.538.6611</p>	<p>www.jarc.org</p>	<p>JARC is a Farmington Hills, Michigan-based nonprofit, nonsectarian agency dedicated to enabling people with disabilities to live full, dignified lives in the community, and to providing support and advocacy for their families. JARC operates 20 group homes and a variety of independent living programs for adults, and serves more than 450 families who have a child or adult with a disability who is living at home.</p>
 <p>Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan</p>	<p>Toll Free: 888.597.7809</p> <p>Phone: 517.485.8160</p> <p>Fax: 517.485.8462</p>	<p>www.ldaofmichigan.org</p>	<p>We work to enhance the quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities and their families through advocacy, education, training, service and support of research.</p>
 <p>Michigan Department of Education Low incident Outreach</p>	<p>Toll free 888.760.2206</p>	<p>mde-lio.cenmi.org</p>	<p>MDE-LIO provides outreach services to all local education agencies (LEAs), public school academies (PSAs), intermediate school districts (ISDs), and children with a visual impairment, students who are deaf and/or hard of hearing, and their families, as well as other resource agencies.</p> <p>The goal is to provide technical assistance and resources to enable local service providers to serve and improve the quality of education for students with a visual impairment or those who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.</p>

 <p>Macomb-Oakland Regional Center</p>	<p>Clinton Township Office Main : 586.263.8700 Toll Free : 866.807.6940 TTY : 586.286.5036 FAX: 586.412.7889</p> <p>Auburn Hills Office Main: 248.276.8000 Toll Free: 866.754.3398 TTY: 248.276.8009 FAX: 248.276.9280</p>	<p>www.morcinc.org</p>	<p>The Macomb-Oakland Regional Center Inc. (MORC) helps individuals with disabilities and mental illness realize their dreams as full members of their communities. We do this through comprehensive services and supports, training, education, and advocacy.</p>
 <p>Michigan Alliance for Families</p>	<p>Lansing Main Office 800.552.4821</p>	<p>michiganallianceforfamilies.org</p>	<p>Michigan Alliance for Families and Michigan Alliance - PTI provide information, support, and education to families of children and young adults with disabilities from birth to age 26, connects families to resources in their own community and helps facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities. Michigan Alliance can assist you in knowing your rights, effectively communicating your child's needs, and advising how to help your child develop and learn.</p>
<p>MICHIGAN COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND</p>	<p>Main: 734.421.6599 e-mail: viic@vi-info-center.org</p>	<p>www.vi-info-center.org</p>	<p>This program has the primary responsibility for preparing legally blind men and women for gainful, competitive employment. Program counselors work closely with each client in developing a rehabilitation program that is suited to the client's interests, aptitudes and potential skills.</p>
 <p>Children's Special Health Care Services</p>	<p>Family Phone Line 800.359.3722</p> <p>Oakland Main: 248.858.0056</p> <p>Fax: 248.452.2195</p>	<p>www.michigan.gov/mdch</p>	<p>The State of Michigan agency that assists individuals with special health care needs in accessing the broadest possible range of appropriate medical care, health education and supports. Assure delivery of these services and supports in an accessible, family-centered, culturally competent, community-based and coordinated manner. Promote and incorporate parent/professional collaboration in all aspects of the program. Remove barriers that prevent individuals with special health care needs from achieving these goals.</p>

 <p>CEN CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL NETWORKING Michigan's Integrated Intervention Initiative / Center for Educational Networking</p>		<p>www.cenmi.org</p>	<p>The Center for Educational Networking (CEN) provides high-quality, creative, and timely marketing and communication services and supports for the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (OSE-EIS) and its Mandated Activities Projects (MAPs). Visit Focus.cenmi.org to access FOCUS on Results guidance and technical assistance articles and videos related to special education issues relevant to parents. Also visit www.cenmi.org for web news, upcoming events, links to the OSE-EIS initiatives supporting special education and the Special Education Facts, documents summarizing Michigan's outcomes on the State Performance Plan. CEN also posts news and information on Facebook. Become a FAN of CEN!</p>
 <p>MITS MICHIGAN'S INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS</p> <p>Michigan's Integrated Technology Supports</p>	<p>517.908.3930 517.853.1904 TTY 517.908.0709 fax</p> <p>E-Mail: mits.email@gmail.com</p>	<p>mits.cenmi.org</p>	<p>The overall purpose of Michigan's Integrated Technology Supports (MiTS) is to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information services • support materials • technical assistance • training to local and intermediate school districts in Michigan in order to increase the capacity to address the needs of students with disabilities for assistive technology.
 <p>MPAS MICHIGAN PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SERVICE, INC.</p> <p>Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service</p>	<p>800.288.5923 in Michigan, voice/TTY</p> <p>or</p> <p>517.487.1755 in Lansing, voice/TTY</p>	<p>www.mpas.org</p>	<p>People with disabilities have to deal with a wide variety of issues. We try to answer any questions you may have relating to disability. We have experience in the following areas: discrimination in education, employment, housing, and public places; abuse and neglect; Social Security benefits; Medicaid, Medicare and other insurance; housing; Vocational Rehabilitation; HIV/AIDS issues; and many other disability-related topics.</p>
 <p>NICHCY National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities</p> <p>National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities</p>		<p>www.nichcy.org</p>	<p>NICHCY serves the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth. Here, you'll also find easy-to-read information on IDEA, the law authorizing early intervention services and special education. Our State Resource Sheets will help you connect with the disability agencies and organizations in your state.</p>



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www.michigan.gov/lara

MRS partners with individuals and employers to achieve quality employment outcomes and independence for persons with disabilities.



Oakland Mediation Center

248.338.4280

www.mediation-omc.org

Provides free mediation services for issues related to special education for parents and districts

 <p>Oakland Schools</p>	<p>Main: 248.209.2314</p> <p>Compliance Support: Michelle Gulley Compliance Consultant 248.209.2089 michelle.gulley@oakland.k12.mi.us</p> <p>Matthew Korolden Compliance Consultant 248.209.2552 matt.korolden@oakland.k12.mi.us</p> <p>Lydia Moore Early Childhood Special Education Consultant 248.209.2308 lydia.moore@oakland.k12.mi.us</p> <p>Cathy Schmidt Transition/Post-High Consultant 248.209.2504 cathy.schmidt@oakland.k12.mi.us</p>	<p>Special Education www.oakland.k12.mi.us/Departments/SpecialEducation</p> <p>Compliance Support www.oakland.k12.mi.us/Services/SpecialEducation/Services/ComplianceSupportServices</p> <p>Parent Advisory Committee www.oakland.k12.mi.us/Departments/SpecialEducation/ParentAdvisoryCommittee</p> <p>Professional Development</p>	<p>The Oakland Schools Department of Special Education provides staff and services to the constituent school districts within Oakland County to support the identification and education of students with disabilities. Services include, but are not limited to, teacher consultants for evaluating and instructing students with low incidence disabilities, audiological evaluations regulatory technical assistance, access to assistive technology and a range of professional learning opportunities for educators, parents, and administration.</p> <p>The Oakland County Parent Advisory Committee represents each LEA/PSA within Oakland County. Parent representatives have a child/children with a disability(ies) and are appointed by the LEA/PSA and Oakland County School Boards. The committee participates in the development and review of the Oakland Schools County Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services. The PAC also provides advisory input on matters regarding improvement of Special Education services within the ISD.</p>
 <p>OCR Office for Civil Rights Office of Civil Rights</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>www2.ed.gov</p>	<p>The mission of the Office for Civil Rights is to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights.</p>
 <p>United Cerebral Palsy</p>	<p>248.557.5070</p>	<p>www.ucpdetroit.org</p>	<p>The mission of United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit (UCP/Detroit) is to advance the independence of all people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities while supporting their right to self-determination and inclusion through programs that focus on person centered advocacy, employment, assistive technology and independence.</p>