

ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE DISABILITY SERVICE SYSTEM

Advancing Independence Modernizing Medicare and Medicaid (AIMMM)

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

AIMMM is a policy forum that identifies and advances responsible reforms in Medicare and Medicaid needed to increase the health, independence, and self-sufficiency of persons with disabilities. It brings people with disabilities, families, Federal and State officials, the media and others around a common table to identify effective ways to advance needed change in policy and real people's lives. Toward this end, AIMMM is committed to working to identify, better understand and highlight effective reforms and best practices.

The Bubel/Aiken Foundation

P.O. Box 90307, Raleigh, North Carolina 27675

Phone: (312) 346-0544 Fax: (312) 346-0534

<http://www.bubelaikenfoundation.org>

The Foundation will create awareness about the diversity of individuals with disabilities and the possibilities inclusion can bring. Through collaborations with the disability, education, entertainment, and media communities, the Foundation will recognize those whose commitment to breaking the stereotypes attendant to the developmentally disabled has broken barriers and extended the boundaries of the human experience for all.

American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD)

110 N. Washington Street, Suite 340, Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 545-6140 (office) (301) 545-6144 (fax)

www.aahd.us

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) mission is to support health promotion and wellness initiatives for people with disabilities at the federal, state and local level, reduce the incidence of secondary conditions in people with disabilities, as well as reduce health disparities between people with disabilities and the general population. AAHD achieves its mission through research, education, public awareness and advocacy.

American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)

1629 K St., NW Suite 503, Washington, DC 20006

(202) 457-0046 (office) V/TTY (202) 457-0473 (fax)

<http://www.aapd-dc.org>

The largest national nonprofit cross-disability member organization in the United States, dedicated to ensuring economic self-sufficiency and political empowerment for the more than 56 million Americans with disabilities. AAPD works in coalition with other disability organizations for the full implementation and enforcement of disability nondiscrimination laws, particularly the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR)

444 North Capitol Street, NW, Ste. 846, Washington, DC 20001-1512
(202) 387-1968 (office) (202) 387-2193 (fax)
<http://www.aamr.org>

AAMR promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**American Bar Association
Commission on Mental Disability**

740 15th St., NW, 9th Fl., Washington, DC 20005
202-662-1570 202-662-1032 (Fax)

The ABA's Commission on Mental and Physical Disability has been the primary entity within the ABA that focuses on the law-related concerns of persons with mental and physical disabilities. The Commission's members include lawyers and other professionals, many of whom have disabilities.

American Congress of Community Supports and Employment Services (ACCSES)

1875 Eye Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-5409
(202) 466-3355 (office) (202) 466-7571 (fax)
www.accses.org

The American Congress of Community Supports and Employment Services (ACCSES) is a national, nonprofit organization of vocational rehabilitation service and community supports committed to maximizing employment opportunities and independent living for individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

American Council of the Blind (ACB)

1155 15th Street, NW, Ste. 1004, Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081 (office) (202) 467-5085 (fax)
<http://www.acb.org>

The Council strives to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people by: serving as a representative national organization of blind people; elevating the social, economic and cultural levels of blind people; improving educational and rehabilitation facilities and opportunities; cooperating with the public and private institutions and organizations concerned with blind services; encouraging and assisting all blind persons to develop their abilities and conducting a public education program to promote greater understanding of blindness and the capabilities of blind people.

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

820 First Street, NE, Ste. 400, Washington, DC 20002
(202) 408-0200 (office/TDD) (202) 289-7880 (fax)
<http://www.afb.org>

The American Foundation for the Blind is a national nonprofit whose mission is to ensure that the ten million Americans who are blind or visually impaired enjoy the same rights and opportunities as other citizens. The Foundation promotes wide-ranging, systemic change by addressing the most critical issues facing the growing blind and visually impaired population—employment, independent living, literacy, and technology. In addition to its New York City headquarters, the American Foundation for the Blind maintains four National Centers in cities across the United States, and a Governmental Relations office in Washington, DC.

American Network of Community Options And Resources (ANCOR)

1101 King Street, #380, Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 535-7850 (office) (703) 535-7660 (fax)
<http://www.ancor.org>

ANCOR is a nonprofit trade association representing private providers who provide supports and services to people with disabilities. ANCOR is distinguished in this industry by its balance of leading practices resources and advocacy for member agencies and the people and families they serve and support.

ANCOR's efforts in the area of public policy, federal legislative and regulatory initiatives, judicial results, state-level initiatives and the culling of leading practices have uniquely positioned it as the national presence for private providers. Congress and federal agencies turn to ANCOR as the authority in our profession. ANCOR has always been and will continue to be your eyes, ears, and voice in Washington, DC.

American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA)

1414 Prince Street, Ste. 204, Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 683-9420 (office) (703) 683-9431 (fax)
<http://www.atra-tr.org>

The American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) is the largest, national membership organization representing the interests and need of recreational therapists. Recreational therapists are health care providers using recreational therapy interventions for improved functioning of individuals with illness or disabling conditions.

The Arc of the United States

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 565-3842 (301) 565-3843 - Fax
www.thearc.org

The Arc Disability Policy Collaboration

1660 L Street, NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20036
(202) 783-2229 (202) 783-8250 - Fax
info@thedpc.org

The Arc is the national organization of and for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities and their families. It is devoted to promoting and improving supports and services for people with mental retardation and their families. The association also fosters research and education regarding the prevention of mental retardation in infants and young children.

**Association of University Centers on Disabilities
(formerly American Association of University Affiliated Programs)**

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 920, Silver Spring, MD 20910
PH: 301-588-8252 FAX: 301-588-2842
www.aucd.org

A network of interdisciplinary Centers advancing policy and practice for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and communities

Autism Society of America (ASA)

7910 Woodmont Ave., #300, Bethesda, MD 20814-3015
(301) 657-0881 (office) (301) 657-0869 (fax)
<http://www.autism-society.org>

The mission of the **Autism Society of America** is to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum, and their families, to be fully participating, included members of their community. Education, advocacy at state and federal levels, active public awareness and the promotion of research form the cornerstones of ASA's efforts to carry forth its mission.

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law (BCMHL)

1101 15th Street, NW, Ste. 1212, Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5730 (office) **(202) 223-0409 (fax)**
<http://www.bazelon.org>

The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a national legal advocate for people with mental disabilities. Through precedent-setting litigation and in the public policy arena, the Bazelon Center works to advance and preserve the rights of people with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities.

Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA)

8201 Greensboro Drive, Suite 611, McLean, VA 22102
(703) 761-0750 (office) (703) 761-0755 (fax)
www.biausa.org

The Brain Injury Association of America encompasses a national network of more than 40 chartered state affiliates across the country, as well as hundreds of local chapters and support groups. By acting as a clearinghouse of community service information and resources, participating in legislative advocacy, facilitating prevention awareness, hosting educational programs and encouraging research, the Brain Injury Association of America and its affiliates work to reach the millions of individuals living with the "silent epidemic" of brain injury.

Campaign for Mental Health Reform

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

The Campaign for Mental Health Reform is a national partnership of organizations representing millions of people with mental or emotional disorders, their families, service providers, administrators, and other concerned Americans. The Campaign for Mental Health Reform has been organized as the mental health community's united voice on federal policy. A collaboration of leading national mental health advocacy groups, founded by the Bazelon Center, NZAMI, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors and the National Mental Health Association.

Center for Health Care Strategies

P.O. Box 3469, Princeton, NJ 08543-3469

(609) 895-8101, Fax: (609) 895-9648

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

Since 1995, the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) has strived to continuously improve the quality of health and health related services for beneficiaries of our nation's health coverage safety net—Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. With resources from the nation's leading philanthropies--The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, The Commonwealth Fund, The California HealthCare Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and others--CHCS works with state officials, health plan leaders, and consumer organizations across the country to improve health services for low-income families and for people with severe illnesses and disabilities whose needs cross over from the routine to the highly specialized.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

8181 Professional Place, Ste. 150, Landover, MD 20785

(301) 306-7070 (office) (301) 306-7090 (fax)

<http://www.chadd.org>

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), is a national non-profit, tax-exempt (Section 501 (c) (3)) organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with AD/HD. CHADD's primary objectives are: to provide a support network for parents and caregivers; to provide a forum for continuing education; to be a community resource and disseminate accurate, evidence-based information about AD/HD to parents, educators, adults, professionals, and the media;

to promote ongoing research; and to be an advocate on behalf of the AD/HD community.

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

1660 L Street, NW, Ste. 700, Washington, DC 20036
(202) 783-2229 phone (202) 783-8250 fax
www.c-c-d.org

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a coalition of approximately 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

Council for Disability Rights

30 East Adams, Suite 1130, Chicago, IL 60603
312.444.9484 TDD 312.444.1967 fax 312.444.1977
<http://www.disabilityrights.org>

On national, state, and local levels, the Council for Disability Rights advances the rights of people with disabilities. The Council promotes public policy and legislation, public awareness through education, and provides information and referral services.

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

1110 North Glebe Road, Ste. 300, Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 264-9406 (office) (703) 243-0410 (fax)
<http://www.cec.sped.org>

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates

7484 Candlewood Road, Suite R, Hanover, Maryland 21076
<http://www.copaa.org>

The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc. (COPAA) is an independent, nonprofit, §501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization of attorneys, advocates and parents. Our primary mission is to secure high quality educational services for children with disabilities. COPAA is premised on the belief that the key to effective educational

programs for children with disabilities is collaboration -as equals- by parents and educators.

Easter Seals (ES)

700 13th Street, NW, Ste. 200, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 347-3066 (office) (202) 737-7914 (fax)

<http://www.easter-seals.org>

Easter Seals assists more than one million individuals with disabilities each year at more than 450 service sites in the United States and Puerto Rico. Easter Seals national headquarters in Chicago provides assistance to more than 90 affiliates through management training, implementation of best practices and consultation services. Easter Seals actively supports people with disabilities and their families by appealing to Congress and federal agencies in Washington, DC to create and support programs that help people with disabilities gain greater independence.

Epilepsy Foundation (EF)

4351 Garden City Drive, Landover, MD 20785-2267

(301) 459-3700 (office) (301) 577-2684 (fax)

<http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org>

The Epilepsy Foundation is the national voluntary agency solely dedicated to the welfare of the 2.7 million people with epilepsy in the U.S. and their families. The organization works to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy and services. In addition to programs conducted at the national level, epilepsy clients throughout the United States are served by affiliated Epilepsy Foundation offices in nearly 100 communities.

Families USA

1201 New York Ave , Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005

202-628-3030 Fax: 202 347-2417

<http://www.familiesusa.org>

Families USA is a national nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans. Working at the national, state, and community levels, we have earned a national reputation as an effective voice for health care consumers for over 20 years.

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

1101 King Street, Suite 420, Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 684-7710 (office) (703) 836-1040 (fax)

<http://www.ffcmh.org>

The National family-run organization dedicated exclusively to helping children with mental health needs and their families achieve a better quality of life. We: Provide leadership to develop and sustain a nationwide network of family-run organizations. Focus the passion and cultural diversity of our membership to be a potent force for changing how systems respond to children with mental health needs and their families. Help policy-makers, agencies, and providers become more effective in delivering services and supports that foster healthy emotional development for all children.

Human Services Research Institute

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Human Services Research Institute

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phone: (503) 924-3783 fax: (503) 924-3789
www.hsri.org

The Institute's mission continues to focus on improving the lives of people with disabilities. Through the Core Indicators project, staff are exploring the application of national performance standards. As a center for technical assistance in family support, the Institute is assisting in the dissemination of best practices. As a continuing technical assistance center for evaluation of system's change in mental health, the Institute is leading the way in the application of practical strategies to assess and improve services and supports to persons with mental illness. Finally, as a coordinating center for the evaluation of managed care for vulnerable populations, the Institute is assisting in the dissemination of valuable research necessary to ensure that public systems continue to be responsive to the needs of those they serve.

Learning Disabilities Association (LDA)

4156 Library Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234
(412) 341-1515 (office) (412) 344-0224 (fax)
<http://www.ldaamerica.org>

LDA is the largest non-profit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities and has over 200 state and local affiliates in 42 states and Puerto Rico. LDA's international membership of over 40,000 includes members from 27 countries around the world. The membership, composed of individuals with learning disabilities, family members and concerned professionals, advocates for the almost three million students of school age with learning disabilities and for adults affected with learning disabilities. Among other things the organization works to: improve regular and special education through collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the State Departments of Education in each state; develop and disseminate an annual legislative agenda; disseminate information widely; and provide advocacy information and training.

NISH

8401 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna, VA 22182
(571) 571-226-4660 (office) (571) 288-9146 (fax)
<http://www.nish.org>

NISH-Creating Employment Opportunities for People with Severe Disabilities, is the national nonprofit agency designated by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled to provide technical assistance to Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) interested in obtaining federal contracts under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. NISH has expertise in providing contract management services to the government. By remaining responsive and sensitive to our customers' needs and concerns, we form strong, long-term business partnerships with individuals and organizations in every sector of the federal government.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

2107 Wilson Boulevard, Ste. 300, Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 516-7222 (office) (703) 516-0694 (fax)
<http://www.nami.org>

NAMI is a nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with severe mental illnesses. NAMI today works to achieve equitable services and treatment for more than 15 million Americans living with severe mental illnesses and their families. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers participate in more than one thousand local affiliates and fifty state organizations to provide education and support, combat stigma, support increased funding for research, and advocate for adequate health insurance, housing, rehabilitation, and jobs for people with mental illnesses and their families. Local affiliates and state organizations identify and work on issues most important to their community and state. The national office, under the direction of an elected Board of Directors, provides strategic direction to the entire organization, support to NAMI's state and affiliate members, governs the NAMI corporation, and engages in advocacy, education and leadership development nationally.

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)

225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 650, Alexandria, VA 22314
703-739-4400 703-739-6030 (fax)
<http://www.nacdd.org>

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) is a national, member-driven organization consisting of 55 State and Territorial Councils. NACDD advocates and continually works towards positive system change on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Councils on Developmental Disabilities are located in every State and Territory. Council members are appointed by governors to represent and advocate for people with developmental disabilities. Council Members serve in a volunteer capacity. The Developmental Disabilities Act charges Councils to identify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their State or Territory and to develop innovative and cost-effective ways to meet these

needs in a manner that upholds the human and civil value of people with developmental disabilities. NACDD has a Legislative Action Center which provides national and state information about the current status of legislation of interest to our members.

National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems (NAPAS)

900 2nd Street, NE, Ste. 211, Washington, DC 20002

(202) 408-9514 (office) (202) 408-9520 (fax)

<http://www.napas.org>

The Protection and Advocacy (P&As) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAPs) comprise the nationwide network of congressionally mandated, legally based disability rights agencies. The National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NAPAS) is the voluntary national membership association of the P&As and CAPs and it assumes leadership in promoting and strengthening the role and performance of its members in providing quality legally based advocacy services.

National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy

PO Box 40585, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

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

NARPA is dedicated to promoting those policies and pursuing those strategies that represent the preferred options of people who have been labeled mentally disabled. NARPA is committed to advocating the abolishing of all forced treatment laws. NARPA believes the recipients of mental health services are capable of and entitled to make their own choices, and they are, above all, equal citizens under the law. To the extent that the recipients and former recipients may need assistance to support or express or achieving their preferences, NARPA is committed to promoting rights protection and advocacy which focuses upon both the right to choose and the specific choices of those who request assistance. Therefore, NARPA's fundamental mission is to help empower people who have been labeled mentally disabled so that they may learn to independently exercise their rights.

The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)

113 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Tel: 703-683-4202

Fax: 703-683-8773 or 703-684-1395

<http://www.nasddds.org>

NASDDDS is a nonprofit organization, established in 1964, to improve and expand public services to people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. The Association's goal is to promote and assist state agencies in developing effective,

efficient service delivery systems that furnish high-quality supports to people with developmental disabilities. In pursuit of this goal, NASDDDS strives to provide member state agencies with timely analyses of federal statutory and regulatory policies that affect people with disabilities; disseminate cutting edge information on state-of-the-art programs and service delivery practices; provide technical assistance and support to member states; and offer a forum for the development of state and national policy initiatives.

National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)

1800 Diagonal Road, Ste. 320, Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 519-3800 (office) (703) 519-3808 (fax)

<http://www.nasdse.org>

NASDSE is a not-for-profit organization established in 1938 to promote and support education programs and related services for children and youth with disabilities in the United States and outlying areas. NASDSE accomplishes its goals by establishing and maintaining relations between those responsible for the development of statewide and federal special education programs and those responsible for general curriculum planning at the local, state and national levels. NASDSE provides support to all states and territories in the delivery of quality education to children and youth with disabilities through training, technical assistance, research, policy development and powerful collaborative relationships with other organizations and all constituencies. Through our Government Relations unit, NASDSE tracks and comments on legislative and regulatory initiatives that impact students with disabilities and their families.

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA)

4330 East West Highway, Suite 301, Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 656-3236 (office) (301) 656-3530 (fax)

www.nashia.org

Since 1990, the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) has been the source of information and education for state agency employees who are responsible for public brain injury policies, programs and services. NASHIA has also been the voice of state government in federal TBI policy issues. NASHIA reaches out to all state agency employees who interact with individuals with brain injury and welcomes membership by advocates, professionals, and organizations with an interest in state and local policy and service delivery. The Association facilitates member involvement in public policy and programs that foster professional growth.

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)

66 Canal Center Plaza, Ste. 302, Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 739-9333 (office) (703) 548-9517 (fax)

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

The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), a non-profit organization dedicated to Serving the Needs of the Nation's Public Mental Health System through policy development, information dissemination, and technical assistance.

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)

418 C Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002
(202) 546-2663 (office) (202) 546-0057 (fax)
<http://www.nclد.org/>

NCLD provides essential information to parents, professionals and individuals with learning disabilities, promotes research and programs to foster effective learning, and advocates for policies to protect and strengthen educational rights and opportunities.

The National Coalition of Mental Health Professionals and Consumers, Inc.

P.O. Box 438, Commack, New York, 11725
1-866-826-2548 or 1-631-979-5307 Fax: 1-631-979-5293
<http://www.thenationalcoalition.org/>

The National Coalition is an interdisciplinary professional and consumer organization that advocates for mental health and substance abuse treatment. We are committed to the preservation of confidentiality, integrity, and quality care for all. The focus of the Coalition is on education and political and legal action to preserve the highest standards of treatment and medical privacy.

National Council on Disability

1331 F Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004
202-272-2004 Voice 202-272-2074 TTY 202-272-2022 Fax
<http://www.ncd.gov/>

The National Council on Disability (NCD) is an independent federal agency making recommendations to the President and Congress to enhance the quality of life for all Americans with disabilities and their families. NCD's overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability; and to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

1916 Wilson Blvd, Suite 209, Arlington, VA 22201
Voice: (703) 525-3406 TTY: (703) 525-4153
Fax: (703) 525-3409 Toll Free: (877) 525-3400 (V/TTY)
<http://www.ncil.org>

NCIL is a membership organization that advances the independent living philosophy and advocates for the human rights of, and services for, people with disabilities to further their full integration and participation in society

National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)

8650 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(800) 743-5657 (office) (301) 563-6896 (fax)
<http://www.NDSS.org>

NDSS has worked since 1979 to benefit people with Down syndrome and their families through national leadership in education, research and advocacy

National Fragile X Foundation (Fragile X)

P.O. Box 190488, San Francisco, CA 94119-0488
(800) 688-8765 (office) (925) 938-9315
<http://fragilex.org/>

The National Fragile X Foundation unites the Fragile X community to enrich lives through educational and emotional support, promote public and professional awareness, and advance research toward improved treatments and a cure for Fragile X. The Foundation has a division on Public Policy and Legislative Advocacy.

National Health Law Program Office

2639 South La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90034-2675
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1101 14th Street, NW Suite 405, Washington, DC 20005
ph: (202) 289-7661 FAX: (202) 289-7724

211 North Columbia Street, 2nd Floor, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-3503
ph: (919) 968-6308 FAX: (919) 968-8855
<http://www.healthlaw.org/>

The National Health Law Program is a national public interest law firm that seeks to improve health care for America's working and unemployed poor, minorities, the elderly and people with disabilities. NHeLP serves legal services programs, community-based organizations, the private bar, providers and individuals who work to preserve a health care safety net for the millions of uninsured or underinsured low-income people.

National Mental Health Association

2001 N. Beauregard Street, 12th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311
Phone 703-684-7722 Fax 703-684-5968
<http://www.nmha.org/>

The National Mental Health Association is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 340 affiliates nationwide, NMHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans, especially the 54 million people with mental disorders, through advocacy, education, research and service.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)

1100 New York Ave., NW, #1015, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 408-1500 (office) (202) 408-0696 (fax)

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

The center for Advocacy at the National MS Society represents the interests of people with MS as important policy decisions are made in both the public and private sectors. Our advocacy is focused on: federal funding for MS research, quality health care, long-term care, disability rights, and health insurance and prescription drug coverage. The MS Action Network works on these important issues at the federal, state, and local levels.

National Organization on Disability

910 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Suite 600 \ Washington, DC 20006

Phone: (202) 293-5960 \ Fax: (202) 293-7999 \ TTY: (202) 293-5968 \

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

The mission of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is to expand the participation and contribution of America's 54 million men, women and children with disabilities in all aspects of life. By raising disability awareness through programs and information, together we can work toward closing the participation gaps.

National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR)

1101 Vermont Ave., NW, #1001, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 216-0030 (office) (202) 216-0031 (fax)

<http://www.nosscr.org>

Established in 1979, the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives is an association of over 3,300 attorneys and paralegals who represent Social Security and Supplemental Security Income claimants. Our members are committed to providing high quality representation for claimants, to maintaining a system of full and fair adjudication for every claimant, and to advocating for beneficial change in the disability determination and adjudication process.

National Rehabilitation Association (NRA)

633 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-4109

(703) 836-0850 (office) (703) 836-0848 (fax)

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

The National Rehabilitation Association (NRA) is a member organization whose mission is to promote ethical and excellent practice in rehabilitation. As the oldest and strongest advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities, our mission is to provide advocacy, awareness and career advancement for professionals in the fields of rehabilitation. Our members include rehab counselors, physical, speech and occupational therapists, job trainers, consultants, independent living instructors and other professionals involved in the advocacy of programs and services for people with disabilities.

National Structured Settlements Trade Association (NSSTA)

1800 K Street, NW, Suite 718, Washington, DC 20006

(202) 466-2714 (office) (202) 466-7414 (fax)

<http://www.nssta.com/>

The National Structured Settlements Trade Association advances the use of structured settlements as a means of using periodic payments to resolve personal injury claims, workers compensation, and other types of claims. Our more than 600 members negotiate and implement structured settlements of cases involving persons with physical injuries.

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

801 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

(202) 872-1300 (office) (202) 416-7706 (fax)

<http://www.pva.org>

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members—veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Aerospace Center, Suite 701, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW - Washington, DC 20447

Phone: (202) 619-0634 - Fax: (202) 205-9519

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/pcpid>

The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID), formerly The President's Committee on Mental Retardation (PCMR), is a federal advisory committee, established by presidential executive order to advise the President of the United States and the Secretary of The Department of Health and Human Services on issues concerning citizens with intellectual disabilities, coordinate activities between different federal agencies and assess the impact of their policies upon the lives of citizens with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Spina Bifida Association of America (SBAA)

4590 McArthur Blvd., NW, Ste. 250, Washington, DC 20007

(202) 944-3285 (office) (202) 944-3295 (fax)

<http://www.sbaa.org>

Since 1973, SBAA has served as the nation's only voluntary health agency dedicated to enhancing the lives of those with spina bifida and those whose lives they touch. Through its network of 57 chapters, SBAA has a presence in more than 125 communities nationwide and serves thousands of people each year.

TASH

29 West Susquehanna, Ste. 210, Baltimore, MD 21204

(410) 828-8274

(410) 828-6706

<http://www.tash.org>

TASH is an international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals fighting for a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm. TASH operates as a non-profit [501(c)(3)] organization under the direction of a eighteen member Executive Board. TASH's annual action agenda is developed through the work of twenty-six committees. This structure assures action planning that is responsive to the priorities of members and chapters. TASH is a civil rights organization for, and of, people with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, physical disabilities and other conditions that make full integration a challenge.

**The Arc of the United States (The Arc)
via The Arc and UCP Public Policy Collaboration**

1331 H Street, NW, Suite 301, Washington, DC 20005

202) 783-2229 (office)

(202) 783-5433 (TDD)

(202) 783-8250 (fax)

http://www.Thearc.org/ga/Governmental_Affairs.html

A national organization advocating for people with mental retardation. There are also state associations in most states.

Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc. (TSA)

1301 K Street, NW, #600 East, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 408-6443 (phone)

(202) 408-3260 (fax)

<http://www.tsa-usa.org>

Founded in 1972 in Bayside New York, TSA is the only national voluntary non-profit membership organization in this field. Our mission is to identify the cause of, find the cure for and control the effects of Tourette Syndrome. We offer resources and referrals to help people and their families cope with the problems that occur with TS. We raise public awareness and counter media stereotypes about TS. Our membership includes individuals, families, relatives, and medical and allied professionals working in the field. Today, TSA has grown into a major national health-related organization with 35 U. S. Chapters, 300 support groups, and International Contacts around the world.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)

1660 L Street, NW, Ste. 700, Washington, DC 20036

(202) 776-0406 (office)

(202) 776-0414 (fax)

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) is the leading source of information on cerebral palsy and is a pivotal advocate for the rights of persons with any disability. As one of the largest health charities in America, the UCP mission is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network. The national organization and its nationwide network of affiliates strive to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in every facet of society—from the Web to the

workplace, from the classroom to the community. The national office, located in Washington, DC, provides key services for its affiliates. UCP's national office also serves people with disabilities and others through the development of forward-thinking programs, information and referral service, legislative advocacy, technology initiatives and research. Direct service provision for people with disabilities and their families is offered through UCP affiliates.

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UCP has joined forces with The Arc of the United States in establishing the Disability Policy Collaboration. This Collaboration focuses on legislative and legal supports to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. The Public Policy Collaboration staff interact with Congress and the Administration to meet the goal of improving the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families.

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The Law, Health Policy, and Disability Center is an emerging leader in law, technology, education and research. We are focused on improving the quality of life for persons living with disabilities. Based at the University of Iowa College of Law, with offices in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, the center concentrates on public policy and its impact on persons with disabilities, with an emphasis on employment, self-determination and self-sufficiency.

