

***Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot***

***Brit Tikvah***

***"Covenant of Hope"***

**RESOURCE  
GUIDE**

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# ***BRIT TIKVAH RESOURCE GUIDE***

**The Brit Tikvah Resource Guide can be invaluable for finding services, professionals and support for families of children with special needs. However, it is NOT a comprehensive listing of these services, and inclusion of a listing does not represent an endorsement by Brit Tikvah, nor does it represent any testimony by Brit Tikvah as to the quality of the services listed.**

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## **ATTORNEYS AND ADVOCATES**

### **Adams and Associates, Santa Ana, CA**

Contact: Tim Adams

714-698-0239

[www.californiaspeciallaw.com](http://www.californiaspeciallaw.com)

Disability and special education law, and appellate advocacy.

### **Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Los Angeles, CA**

323-939-0506

[www.bettzedek.org](http://www.bettzedek.org)

Provides free legal representation for people with low incomes in the areas of housing, health care, consumer protection and government benefits. Not able to provide legal assistance with special education issues.

### **Fay Blix, Laguna Hills, CA**

Contact: Fran Solmor

949-544-7211

[www.fayblix.com](http://www.fayblix.com)

Provides services for families with special needs in the areas of wills and trusts, limited conservatorships, special needs trusts, and Medi-Cal planning.

### **California Special Needs Law Group, Costa Mesa, CA**

Contact: Richard Isaacs

888-900-0744

[www.csnlg.com](http://www.csnlg.com)

### **Crockett Law Corporation, Newport Beach, CA**

Contact: David Crockett

949-851-1771

[www.crockettlawcorp.com](http://www.crockettlawcorp.com)

### **Patricia Cromer, Encinitas, CA**

760-632-1748

### **Disability Rights California (formerly Protection & Advocacy), Los Angeles, CA**

800-776-5746

TTY 800-719-5798

[www.disabilityrightsca.org](http://www.disabilityrightsca.org)

Free legal support for Californians with disabilities.

**Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF), Berkeley, CA**

510-644-2555; TTY 510-841-8645

<http://dredf.org>

National law and policy center dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, technical assistance, and education and training of attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities.

**Disability Rights Legal Center, Los Angeles, CA**

866-999-3752; TTY (213) 736-8310

[www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org)

The mission of the Disability Rights Legal Center is to promote the rights of people with disabilities and the public interest in and awareness of those rights by providing legal and related services. Provides education and outreach on disability rights, has an education advocacy program for low-income/non-English speaking clients and a disability mediation center for issues outside of education.

**Maureen Graves, Fountain Valley, CA**

714-378-5100

**Dina C. Kaplan, Calabasas, CA**

818-222-8118

[www.specialkidslaw.com](http://www.specialkidslaw.com)

Represents families at IEP meetings, due process, mediation and hearings with school districts, fair hearings with Regional Center.

**Kathleen Loyer, San Clemente, CA**

949-369-1082

Practice focuses primarily on education law, special education (IDEA and Section 504 eligibility), general education, expulsions and suspensions.

**Elizabeth McCoy, Temecula, CA**

760-723-8906

[www.ca-specialneedstrusts.com](http://www.ca-specialneedstrusts.com)

Specializing in Special Needs Trusts and Conservatorship.

**Newman, Aaronson, and Vanaman, Sherman Oaks, CA**

Contact: Valerie Vanaman

818-990-7722

[www.navlaw.net](http://www.navlaw.net)

Specializing in educational law, special education advocacy, conservatorships and estate planning.

**Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA**

Contact: Richard M. Peterson

310-506-4611

<http://law.pepperdine.edu/experiential-learning/clinical-education/clinics/special-education-advocacy-clinic/>

Special Education Advocacy Clinic

**Leejanice Toback, Palos Verdes Estates, CA**

310-465-0202

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

**We Are Kids First, Inc., Irvine, CA**

Contact: Debra Borden, Michael Borden

949-653-2696

Advocacy services for children and adults with special needs; assistance with school districts and Regional Center.

**Whittier Law School – Center for Children’s Rights, Costa Mesa, CA**

714-444-4141

<https://www.law.whittier.edu/index/build/centers-programs/ccr/>

**CLOTHING**

**Able Apparel, New Hyde Park, NY**

516-873-6552

[www.ableapparel.com](http://www.ableapparel.com)

**Salt of the Earth, Henderson, NE**

402-366-5883

[www.saltoftheearthweightedgear.com](http://www.saltoftheearthweightedgear.com)

Weighted blankets, vests, and lap pads for children and adults who are sensory challenged.

**Silvert’s Adaptive Clothing & Footwear, Concord, Ontario, Canada**

800-387-7088

[www.silverts.com](http://www.silverts.com)

**EDUCATION**

**Blind Children’s Learning Center, Santa Ana, CA**

714-573-8888

[www.blindkids.org](http://www.blindkids.org)

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**Carousel Schools, Los Angeles, CA**

310-645-9222

<http://carouselschool.com>

Specializing in children with autism. Also offers an adult day program for ages 18-55.

**Cleta Harder Developmental School, La Habra, CA**

562-694-5655

[www.hbic.org](http://www.hbic.org)

School for children with brain injuries and autism.

**E.C.E. 4 Autism, Orange, CA**

714-637-1489

[www.ece4autism.com](http://www.ece4autism.com)

**Kids Institute for Development and Advancement (KiDA), Irvine, CA**

949-222-2214

[www.kida.com](http://www.kida.com)

For children in grades K-7.

**Mardan School, Irvine, CA**

949-733-1500

[www.mardanschool.org](http://www.mardanschool.org)

Specializing in children with emotional, social or behavioral issues.

**New Vista School, Laguna Hills, CA**

949-455-1270

[www.newvistaschool.org](http://www.newvistaschool.org)

Serves students with Asperger Syndrome, high-functioning autism, and language learning disabilities. For children in grades 6-12+.

**The Prentice School, Santa Ana, CA**

714-538-4511

[www.prentice.org](http://www.prentice.org)

Specializing in children with learning disabilities in grades K-8.

**Pride Learning Center, Newport Beach, CA (also in Mission Viejo, San Clemente & Yorba Linda)**

866-774-3342

[www.pridelearningcenter.com](http://www.pridelearningcenter.com)

**Providence Speech and Hearing Center, Orange, CA**

714-923-1525

[www.pshc.org](http://www.pshc.org)

Offers a preschool program that for children with autism (TEIPA) and speech/language deficits.

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**Pyramid Autism Center, Orange, CA**

714-637-1292

[www.pyramidautismcenter.com](http://www.pyramidautismcenter.com)

Specializing in children with autism.

**Shir Ha-Ma'alot, Irvine, CA**

Contact: Heather Rosenthal, Religious School Principal

949-857-2226, ext. 201

[www.shmtemple.org](http://www.shmtemple.org)

Individual accommodations in Jewish education available to all children.

**Speech and Language Development Center, Buena Park, CA**

714-821-3620

[www.sldc.net](http://www.sldc.net)

Specializing in children with speech/language deficits, autism.

**Temple Bat Yahm, Newport Beach, CA**

Contact: Laura Gramling, Director

949-644-6563

[www.tby.org](http://www.tby.org)

Full inclusion pre-school for children ages 2-6.

**Temple Beth El of South Orange County, Aliso Viejo, CA**

Contact: Terry Fierle, Director

949-362-3999, ext. 317

[www.tbesoc.org](http://www.tbesoc.org)

Full inclusion pre-school for children ages 2-5.

**U.C.I. Child Development Center, Irvine, CA**

949-824-2343

[www.cdc.uci.edu](http://www.cdc.uci.edu)

Specializing in children with ADHD and related behavioral and learning challenges.

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

**- CARDIOLOGISTS -**

**Pediatrics Cardiology of Orange County, Orange, CA**

714-547-0900

<https://pcoc.pediatrics.com>

**- DENTISTS -**

**John A. Guijon, Huntington Beach, CA**

714-847-2566

[www.surfcitykidsdds.com](http://www.surfcitykidsdds.com)

**Lonnie Lovingier, Mission Viejo, CA**

949-581-5800

[www.wheresmilesstart.com](http://www.wheresmilesstart.com)

**Douglas McGavin, Yorba Linda, CA**

714-996-2200

[www.pediatricdentistyorbalinda.com/our\\_team.html](http://www.pediatricdentistyorbalinda.com/our_team.html)

**Richard P. Mungo, Huntington Beach, CA**

714-841-4990

[www.drmlungo.com](http://www.drmlungo.com)

**David Okawachi, Anaheim, CA**

714-635-1170

[www.anaheimchildrensdentist.com](http://www.anaheimchildrensdentist.com)

**Eugene Schmidt, Fountain Valley, CA**

714-963-8934, 800-4AMOLAR (800-426-6527)

[www.4amolar.com](http://www.4amolar.com)

**Shaul Yehezkel, Irvine, CA**

949-559-0674

[www.irvinepdo.com](http://www.irvinepdo.com)

**- EARS, NOSE, AND THROAT (E.N.T.) -**

**Felizardo S. Camilon, Jr., Orange, CA (also in Newport Beach)**

714-836-6607

**- FACILITIES –**

**Center for Discovery, Los Alamitos, CA**

866-246-5856

Mental health residential treatment center.

[www.centerfordiscovery.com](http://www.centerfordiscovery.com)



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**Changing Options, Ramona, CA**

760-789-7299

Community based residential care and treatment programs for mental health disorders.

[www.changingoptions.org](http://www.changingoptions.org)

**Hanbleycea Treatment Center, La Mesa, CA**

619-466-0547

Specializing in the treatment of mental health disorders.

<http://hanbleceya.com>

**HealthBridge Children's Hospital, Orange, CA**

714-289-2400

[www.healthbridgeorange.com](http://www.healthbridgeorange.com)

Pediatric medical care and rehabilitation. Acute, chronic and outpatient services, newborns-age 21.

**Sovereign Health Group, San Clemente, CA**

949-369-1300

Specializing in treatment of mental health needs.

<http://www.sovcal.com>

**The Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, Santa Ana, CA**

949-267-0400

[www.forockids.org](http://www.forockids.org)

**- GASTROENTEROLOGISTS -**

**Phyllis F. Agran, Orange, CA**

714-744-0776

<http://phyllisagranmd.com/main/about>

**Kenneth E. Grant, Orange, CA**

714-509-4099

**Shaheen I. Idries, Orange, CA**

714-509-4099

**Mitchell H. Katz, Orange, CA**

714-509-4099

**- NEUROLOGISTS -**

**Dr. Joseph Donnelly, Orange, CA**

949-267-0400

[www.forockids.org](http://www.forockids.org)

**Dr. Rebecca Garfinkle, Laguna Niguel, CA**

949-495-9600

[www.ocpedneuro.com](http://www.ocpedneuro.com)

**Dr. Ira Lott, Orange, CA**

714-532-7601

**Dr. Diane Stein, Irvine, CA**

949-743-5678

<http://askdrstein.com>

**Dr. Anne Tournay, Orange, CA**

714-509-7601

**- NEUROPSYCHOLOGISTS -**

**Scott Larson, PhD., Newport Beach, CA**

949-689-6047

[www.newportpsychology.com](http://www.newportpsychology.com)

**Christine Majors, Psy.D., Newport Beach, CA**

949-222-0540

**- NEUROSURGEONS -**

**J. Gordon McComb, Los Angeles, CA**

323-668-1870

**Michael G. Muhonen, Orange, CA**

714-835-2724

**Bradley D. Noblett, Orange, CA**

714-835-2724

**- NUTRITIONISTS -**

**Evelyn Tribole, Newport Beach, CA**

949-478-5016

[www.evelyntribole.com](http://www.evelyntribole.com)

**- OPHTHAMOLOGISTS -**

**Stephen Prepas, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-644-7026  
[www.stephenprepasmd.com](http://www.stephenprepasmd.com)

**David Sami, Orange, CA**  
714-289-2389

**Jennifer L. Simpson, Irvine, CA**  
949-824-2020

**- OPTICIANS -**

**A Child's View, Laguna Hills, CA (also in Huntington Beach, Brea, Riverside)**  
949-586-4211  
[www.achildsview.net](http://www.achildsview.net)

**- OPTOMETRISTS -**

**Patricia Atie, Santa Ana**  
714-557-9492  
[www.pajeoptometric.com](http://www.pajeoptometric.com)

**Beth Ballinger, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-642-0292  
[www.optometrists.org/California](http://www.optometrists.org/California)

**Eric Ikeda, Bellflower, CA**  
562-925-6591  
[www.optometricvision.com](http://www.optometricvision.com)

**David Kirschen, Brea, CA**  
714-529-2470  
[www.kirschen.net](http://www.kirschen.net)

**Robyn Rakov, Laguna Hills, CA**  
949-768-7225  
[www.visiondevelopmentcenter.com](http://www.visiondevelopmentcenter.com)

**Julie Berg Ryan, Irvine, CA**  
949-733-1400  
[www.drjulieryan.com](http://www.drjulieryan.com)

**Southern CA College of Optometry, Fullerton, CA**  
714-449-7401  
<https://sccoeyecare.com>

**- ORAL SURGEONS -**

**Daniel Miller, Huntington Beach, CA**  
714-842-7729  
[www.beachoralsurgery.com](http://www.beachoralsurgery.com)

**- ORTHODONTISTS -**

**Gregory P. Johnson, Irvine, CA**  
714-544-5544  
[www.irvinevillagesmiles.com](http://www.irvinevillagesmiles.com)

**Shaul Yehezkel, Irvine, CA**  
949-559-0674  
[www.irvinepdo.com/meet.html](http://www.irvinepdo.com/meet.html)

**- ORTHOPAEDISTS -**

**Robert M. Kay, Los Angeles, CA**  
323-361-2322

**Carl R. Weinert, Jr., Orange, CA (also in Mission Viejo and Irvine)**  
714-633-2111; 949-600-8800  
[www.aposortho.com](http://www.aposortho.com)

**- PEDIATRICIANS -**

**Brad Curtis, Irvine, CA**  
949-551-1090

**Meigan Everts, Irvine, CA**  
949-654-2800  
[www.dococ.com](http://www.dococ.com)

**Gary S. Feldman, Long Beach, CA**  
562-728-5034

**Geeta Grover, Santa Ana, CA**  
949-267-0400

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**Mark Lerner, Santa Ana, CA**  
949-267-0400

**Robin Steinberg-Epstein, Santa Ana, CA**  
949-267-0400

**- PSYCHIATRISTS -**

**Dwight Berquist, Huntington Beach, CA**  
714-898-0362  
[www.associatedtherapists.com](http://www.associatedtherapists.com)

**Lawrence Budner, Santa Ana, CA**  
714-558-8010

**Cat Dang, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-270-2902  
[www.insightfulminds.com](http://www.insightfulminds.com)

**Amor Del Mundo, Tustin, CA**  
714-310-0798; 714-508-6791

**Laurence Greenberg, Irvine, CA**  
949-222-6662

**Matthew Koury, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-891-0307  
<http://mhi-nb.com>

**Susan Schmidt-Lackner, Los Angeles, CA**  
310-836-1223

**Ihab Solimon, Irvine, CA**  
949-863-1254

**Dan R. Tzuang, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-725-2205  
<http://cardinalchildpsych.com>

**Genevieve Yu, Irvine, CA**  
949-333-0446  
[www.genevieveyumd.com](http://www.genevieveyumd.com)

**- PSYCHOLOGISTS -**

**Nathan Hunter, PhD., Lake Forest, CA**  
949-540-4010

**Kristen Iverson, Psy.D., Newport Beach, CA**  
949-833-1234  
[www.newportpsychology.com](http://www.newportpsychology.com)

**Jodie Knott, Ph.D., Newport Beach, CA (also in Los Alamitos)**  
714-490-3428  
<http://drjodieknott.com>

**Phyllis Larkin, Psy.D., Newport Beach, CA (also in San Juan Capistrano)**  
714-606-6401  
[drphyllislarkin.com](http://drphyllislarkin.com)

**Jacqui C. Lewis, PhD., Newport Beach, CA**  
714-962-2073  
[www.drjlewis.com](http://www.drjlewis.com)

**Sylvia Mende, Psy.D., Carlsbad, CA**  
760-438-3300  
[www.it4k.com](http://www.it4k.com)

**David Monkarsh, PhD., Orange, CA**  
714-771-1404

**Robert Patterson, Psy.D., Santa Ana, CA**  
714-541-5326

**Deeann Peterson, MFT, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-439-3880  
[www.petersontherapy.com](http://www.petersontherapy.com)

**- UROLOGISTS -**

**Joseph L. Raffel, Loma Linda, CA**  
909-558-2799

**HOUSING/RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES/  
SUPPORTIVE LIVING AGENCIES**

**Ability First, Pasadena, CA**

626-396-1010; 877-768-4600

[www.abilityfirst.org](http://www.abilityfirst.org)

**Chesed Home, Escondido, CA**

**A project of Hope Village and supported by Jewish Federation of San Diego County**

760-743-4673

[www.chesedhome.org](http://www.chesedhome.org)

Provides a safe and nurturing environment with Jewish values for adults with mental illness.

**College Living Experience (CLE), Costa Mesa, CA**

Contact: Jennifer Griffith, Regional Director

800-486-5058

<http://experiencecle.com>

For college-age students who have diverse learning needs but desire to prepare for life as independent adults.

**Council for Jews with Special Needs, Scottsdale, AZ**

480-629-5343

[www.cjsn.org](http://www.cjsn.org)

**Etta Israel Center, North Hollywood, CA (also in Los Angeles)**

818-985-3882; 424-249-3300

[www.etta.org](http://www.etta.org)

Operates three residential group homes for Jewish adults with developmental disabilities.

**Home of Guiding Hands, El Cajon, CA**

619-938-2850

[www.guidinghands.org](http://www.guidinghands.org)

**Jewish Community Center, Los Gatos, CA**

**(Hatikvah House)**

408-379-0106

Jewish group home for adults with developmental disabilities.

**Jewish Family Services, Milwaukee, WI**

**(Habash House, Bradley Crossing, Lieberman Apts.)**

414-390-5800

[www.jfsmilw.org](http://www.jfsmilw.org)

**John Henry Foundation, Santa Ana, CA**

714-480-0028

[www.johnhenry.org](http://www.johnhenry.org)

Residential care facility for adults with schizophrenia spectrum illness.

**Judith Creed Homes for Adult Independence (JCHAI), Bryn Mawr, PA**

610-667-7875

[www.jchai.org](http://www.jchai.org)

**Jewish Federation and Family Services of Orange County (JFFS), Irvine, CA  
Mandel House**

949-435-3460

<http://familyservicesoc.org/services/jewish-life/jewish-residential-home>

**Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH), Rockville, MD**

240-283-6000

[www.jfgh.org](http://www.jfgh.org)

Operates 23 homes in Montgomery and Fairfax Counties.

**Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled (JSDD), West Orange, NJ**

973-272-7148

[www.jsddmetrowest.org](http://www.jsddmetrowest.org)

Operates 11 residential programs in 3 counties.

**MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

**Angel Flight West, Santa Monica, CA**

310-390-2958

[www.angelflightwest.org](http://www.angelflightwest.org)

Arranges free non-emergency air travel for children and adults with serious medical conditions and other compelling needs.

**National Patient Travel Center, Virginia Beach, VA**

800-296-1217

[www.patienttravel.org](http://www.patienttravel.org)

Provides free air transportation to patients with limited financial means to access distant specialized medical evaluations, diagnoses or treatment.

**Wings for Children, Myrtle Beach, SC**

800-868-9464

[www.wingsforchildren.org/pilot.htm](http://www.wingsforchildren.org/pilot.htm)

Provides free air transportation to children (infant-age 18) with chronic and life threatening illnesses.



**Wings of Mercy, Zeeland, MI**

888-786-3729; 616-396-1077

[www.wingsofmercy.org](http://www.wingsofmercy.org)

Provides free air transportation for people with limited financial means who need treatment at distant medical facilities.

**ORGANIZATIONS/SUPPORT GROUPS**

**American Society for Deaf Children, Washington, DC**

800-942-2732

[www.deafchildren.org](http://www.deafchildren.org)

**Autism By The Sea, Newport Beach, CA**

[www.meetup.com/autismbythesea/](http://www.meetup.com/autismbythesea/)

Private group of moms who have children with autism spectrum disorder.

**Autism Society of California, Glendora, CA**

800-869-7069

[www.autismsocietyca.org](http://www.autismsocietyca.org)

**Autism Speaks, Los Angeles, CA**

323-549-0500

[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)

**Brit Tikvah (Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot), Irvine, CA**

949-857-2226

[www.shmtemple.org](http://www.shmtemple.org)

Support group held at Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot for parents or guardians of children (birth through adulthood) with special needs.

**Celiac Disease Foundation, Southern California Chapter**

Contact: Janelle Smith, President

323-487-1233

<http://celiac.org/chapters/california>

**Chai Lifeline, Beverly Hills, CA**

310-274-6331

[www.chailifeline.org/westcoast](http://www.chailifeline.org/westcoast)

Support for families with medical crises.

**Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (C.H.A.D.D.), Orange County Chapter**

714-490-7022

<http://greaterocchadd.org>

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**Comfort Connection/Family Resource Center, Santa Ana, CA**

714-558-5400; 888-372-2229

[www.rocdd.com/frc/ccfrc](http://www.rocdd.com/frc/ccfrc)

Connects families who have children with special needs to resources and support.

**Council for Jews with Special Needs, Scottsdale, AZ**

480-629-5343

[www.cjsn.org](http://www.cjsn.org)

**Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program, Stockton, CA**

800-806-1191

<http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/homepage.aspx>

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of CA (DSBA-CA), Riverside, CA**

951-780-3366

[www.dbsatoday.com](http://www.dbsatoday.com)

Support groups in Irvine, Orange, Huntington Beach, Fullerton, Laguna Beach, and Laguna Hills.

**Down Syndrome Association of Orange County, Costa Mesa, CA**

714-540-5794

[www.dsaoc.org](http://www.dsaoc.org)

**Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA**

800-564-0445; 310-670-2870

[www.end-epilepsy.org](http://www.end-epilepsy.org)

**Epilepsy Support Network of Orange County, Costa Mesa, CA**

714-916-0456

[www.epilepsy.supportnet.org](http://www.epilepsy.supportnet.org)

**Family, Adult & Child Therapies (F.A.C.T.), Los Angeles, CA**

310-475-9620

[www.factfamily.org](http://www.factfamily.org)

Conducts family support/social communication groups for families of children with autism, Asperger Syndrome and related disabilities.

**Family Autism Network, Tustin, CA**

714-573-1500, ext. 3

[www.faninfo.org](http://www.faninfo.org)

Provides an online Orange County autism event calendar and other family resources.

**Fragile X Association of Southern California, Burbank, CA**

818-754-4227

[www.fraxsocal.org](http://www.fraxsocal.org)

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**Friendship Circle, Newport Beach, CA**

949-721-9800

[www.friendshipcircleoc.org](http://www.friendshipcircleoc.org)

**Grandparent Autism Network, Tustin, CA**

714-573-1500

[www.ganinfo.org](http://www.ganinfo.org)

Provides support to grandparents world-wide.

**International Dyslexia Association, Tri-Counties Branch, Riverside, CA**

951-686-9837

<http://dyslexia-ca.org>

**JBI International, New York, NY**

212-889-2525; 800-433-1531

[www.jbilibrary.org](http://www.jbilibrary.org)

Provides books, magazines and cultural programs in audio, large print and Braille.

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Irvine, CA**

949-553-0363

[oc.jdrf.org](http://oc.jdrf.org)

Information and support, including online support group and mentor matchup.

**The K.E.N. Project, Calabasas, CA**

[www.kenproject.com](http://www.kenproject.com)

Offers parent training on advocating for your special needs child.

**Kinship Center, Tustin, CA**

714-957-1004

[www.kinshipcenter.org](http://www.kinshipcenter.org)

Comprehensive services for adopted foster children.

**Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic), Princeton, NJ**

800-221-4792

[www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org)

Supports people with dyslexia and print disabilities.

**MATAN, White Plains, NY**

866-410-5600

[www.matankids.org](http://www.matankids.org)

A multidisciplinary team of Jewish educators, special educators and mental health professionals committed to designing and implementing modifications that enable Jewish day schools and supplemental schools to serve all children regardless of ability.

**Muscular Dystrophy Association, Cypress, CA**

714-245-0921

[www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Santa Ana, CA**

714-991-6412

[www.namiooc.org](http://www.namiooc.org)

Conducts free educational programs, meetings and support groups addressing every aspect of mental health.

**Orange County Foundation for Oncology, Children and Families (OCF-OCF), Orange, CA**

[www.ocf-ocf.org](http://www.ocf-ocf.org)

Provides year round recreational and social activities to foster supportive relationships for pediatric cancer patients and their families.

**Orange County Learning Disabilities Association, Santa Ana, CA**

[www.oclda.org](http://www.oclda.org)

**Regional Center (Orange County office), Santa Ana, CA**

714-796-5100

[www.rcocdd.com](http://www.rcocdd.com)

Supports individuals with developmental delays and their families.

**The S.E.E. Center for the Advancement of Deaf Children, Los Alamitos, CA**

562-430-1467 voice or TDD

[www.seecenter.org](http://www.seecenter.org)

**Talk About Curing Autism (T.A.C.A.), Irvine, CA**

949-640-4401; 855-726-7810

[www.tacanow.org](http://www.tacanow.org)

Provides information, resources and support to families affected by autism.

**Team of Advocates for Special Kids (T.A.S.K.), Anaheim, CA**

714-533-8275, 866-828-8275

[www.taskca.org](http://www.taskca.org)

A parent training and information center for parents and professionals. Assistance in learning about early intervention in educational, medical or therapeutic support services for children.

**United Cerebral Palsy (Orange County location), Irvine, CA**

949-333-6400

[www.ucp-oc.org](http://www.ucp-oc.org)

Includes family support services including sibling and family support groups, respite, information.

**Yachad (The National Jewish Council for Disabilities), New York, NY**  
212-613-8229  
[www.njcd.org](http://www.njcd.org)

Addresses the needs of all individuals with disabilities and includes them in the Jewish community.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **- ADULT READING -**

**Al Pi Darco: According to Their Ways (A URJ Special Needs Manual)**

Contact: Rabbi Richard Address

[raddress@urj.org](mailto:raddress@urj.org)

Includes information for bar and bat mitzvah planning, religious school and congregational needs.

**Circles of Friends: People with Disabilities and Their Friends Enrich the Lives of One Another**

Author: Robert Perske

Pub.: Abingdon Press

A collection of stories about people with disabilities and their friends.

**Connecting Students: A Guide to Thoughtful Friendship Facilitation for Educators and Families**

Author: C. Beth Schaffner and Barbara E. Buswell

Pub.: PEAK Parent Center, Inc.

Real-life examples of how friendship facilitation can be implemented in very natural ways in schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

**Disability is Natural: Revolutionary Common Sense for Raising Successful Children with Disabilities**

Author: Kathie Snow

Pub.: BraveHeart Press

User-friendly book that discusses common sense techniques for raising successful children with disabilities.

**Gifts: Mothers Reflect on How Children with Down Syndrome Enrich Their Lives**

Author: Kathryn Lynard Soper

Pub.: Woodbine House

A collection of stories by mothers of children with Down Syndrome.

**Gravity Pulls You In**

Editors: Kyra Anderson & Vicki Forman

Pub.: Woodbine House

In 33 essays and poems, mothers and fathers raising children on the autism spectrum explore their lives in the context of autism's gravity, discovering what's important and what they find centering.

**HaSiddur HaKatan: Prayerbook for Beginners**

Author: Yehuda Agmon

Pub.: The Learning Plant

**Jewish Community Guide to Inclusion of People with Disabilities**

Author: Shelly Christensen

**Our Way – NJCE: The Hearing-Impaired Child in the Jewish Classroom**

Author: Batya Jacob

Pub.: Orthodox Union

**Raising the “Bar”: Ensuring Positive Bar and Bat Mitzvah Experiences for Special Needs Students**

Author: Erik Contzius and Flora Kupferman

**The Path to Success Derech Tzlecha!**

Author: Linda Shapiro Wolf

Pub.: EKS Publishing

**Teaching Hebrew Reading to Students with Learning Disabilities**

Author: Paula Goldman

Pub.: BJE Greater Washington

**Thicker Than Water**

Editor: Don Meyer

Pub.: Woodbine House

In this thought-provoking essay collection, thirty-nine adult siblings reflect on how their lives have been indelibly shaped by their relationship with a brother or sister with special needs.

**- CHILDREN’S BOOKS -**

**A Very Special Creature**

Author: Gina Mayer, Mercer Mayer

Pub.: Golden Books

A new student who uses a wheelchair comes to school.

**Alef Bet: A Hebrew Alphabet Book**

Author: Michelle Edwards

Pub.: Lothrop, Lee and Shephard

A book about the Hebrew alphabet which depicts a family with a child with spina bifida.

**Annie's World**

Author: Nancy Smiler Levinson

Pub.: Gallaudet Univ. Press

The adjustment of 16 year-old Annie to her family's move, which necessitates her becoming mainstreamed into a public high school.

**Are You Alone on Purpose?**

Author: Nancy Werlin

Pub.: Houghton Mifflin Co.

Focuses on the lives of two Jewish families, one including a boy with autism and his academically gifted sister, the other featuring a bully who suffers with a severe spine injury in a diving accident and is paralyzed from the waist down.

**A Thousand Lights**

Author: Hope Benton

Pub.: Open Minds, Inc.

Two brothers, one with a severe hearing impairment, climb Mt. Fuji in Japan.

**Best Friends**

Author: Hope Benton

Pub.: Open Minds, Inc.

Kathryn, who uses a wheelchair, coaches her friend in coping with a broken leg.

**Bus Girl**

Author: Gretchen Josephson

Pub.: Brookline Books

Through poetry, Gretchen describes her emotional development toward independence and adult relationships.

**Cakes and Miracles**

Author: Barbara Diamond Goldin

Pub.: Marshall Cavendish

A Purim story about a boy who is blind.

**Daniel and the Silver Flute: An Old Hassidic Tale**

Author: Gerald C. Ruthen

Pub.: United Synagogue

A boy who has trouble learning and participating in synagogue services discovers that his talent for playing the flute enables him to pray in his own way.

**Do You Remember the Color Blue?  
and Other Questions Kids Ask About Blindness**

Author: Sally Hobart Alexander

Pub.: Viking, Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers

Children ask questions of an author who lost her vision at the age of 26, including: "How did you become blind?" and "How can you read?"

**Don't Stop the Music**

Author: Robert Perske

Pub.: Abingdon Press

Typical teenage life through the eyes of teens with cerebral palsy.

**Down the Aisle**

Author: Hope Benton

Pub.: Open Minds, Inc.

The story of two sisters, one with a physical disability, as they prepare to participate in a wedding.

**Dyslexia My Life: One Man's Story of His Life with a Learning Disability**

Author: Girard J. Sagmiller

Pub.: DML

Autobiography of a man dealing with his struggles to overcome the ignorance and prejudice of his friends, family and society in order to succeed in school, business and life.

**Emily Good as Gold**

Author: Susan Goldman Rubin

Pub.: Harcourt Brace & Co.

A 13 year-old girl with mental retardation experiences adolescence.

**Emily in Love**

Author: Susan Goldman Rubin

Pub.: Hartcourt Brace & Co.

A developmentally delayed girl is included in a general high school and has to deal with her feelings of confusion, frustration, and anger towards her parents for protecting her too much; she also has to deal with herself for being unable to understand and accomplish everything she wants.



**Extraordinary People with Disabilities**

Author: Deborah Kent and Kathryn A. Quinlan

Pub.: Children's Press

Nearly 50 men and women with mental or physical disabilities are profiled in this collection including well-known figures such as: Thomas Edison, Ludwig van Beethoven, Harriet Tubman, Tom Cruise, Chris Burke, and Robert Dole. In addition to those mentioned are: a champion wheelchair marathoner with spina bifida, a partially blind ballet dancer, a photographer with polio, a deaf author and book reviewer, an Indian chief with muscular dystrophy, and an activist and psychotherapist with cerebral palsy.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt: Gallant President**

Author: Barbara Feinberg

Pub.: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard

Biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

**Friends at School**

Author: Rochelle Bunnett

Pub.: Star Bright Books

Presents a portrait of children with different abilities busily working together at school. Illustrates the true meaning of the word inclusion showing that, given the opportunity, children readily accept each other's differences.

**Friends in the Park**

Author: Rochelle Bunnett

Pub.: Checkerboard Press

Young children with all abilities spend a typical day at the park.

**Gabriel's Ark**

Author: Sandra R. Curtis

Pub.: Alef Design Group

A chapter book about a family's dedication to passing on their Jewish heritage to their son including preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.

**Golden Daffodils**

Author: Marilyn Gould

Pub.: Addison Wesley

A story about a girl with cerebral palsy who thinks of daffodils whenever she needs a happy thought.

**I Can, Can You?**

Author: Marjorie W. Pitzer

Pub.: Woodbine House

A board book with color photos of children and variations of "I Can...Can You?"

**I Wish I Could Fly Like a Bird!**

Author: Katherine Denison

Pub.: Wildwood Creative Enterprises

A boy bird with learning disabilities befriends a human boy and learns that relationships must make room for differences.

**Idea Man**

Author: Karen Mulberry Schwa

Pub.: Diverse City Press

A girl doesn't want to be seen with a family friend's older son, who has Down Syndrome.

**Iron Horse: Lou Gehrig in His Time**

Author: Ray Robinson

Pub.: Norton

Lou Gehrig, nicknamed the Iron Horse for the number of consecutive games he played for the N.Y. Yankees baseball team, died in 1941 after a two-year struggle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

**Jeremy's Dreidl**

Author: Ellie Gellman

Pub.: Kar-Ben

A boy makes a Braille dreidl for his father, who is blind.

**Let's Talk About It: Extraordinary Friends**

Author: Fred Rogers

Pub.: G.P. Putnam's Sons, Publishers

Focuses on people who have disabilities, who might use equipment such as wheelchairs or special computers, and are more like you than you might think. Suggests ways for successful interactions.

**My Friend Isabelle**

Author: Eliza Woloson

Pub.: Woodbine House

Teacher about difference and acceptance with simplicity and grace.

**My Special Friend**

Author: Floreva Cohen

Pub.: B.J.E. New York

Two boys, one with Down Syndrome and one without Down Syndrome, lead a prayer at Shabbat services.

**My Up and Down and All Around Book**

Author: Marjorie W. Pitzer

Pub.: Woodbine House

Board book with color photos that helps to introduce words describing location or time.

**Nathan Blows Out the Hanukkah Candles**

Author: Tami Lehman-Wilzig with Nicole Katzman

Pub.: Kar Ben

A boy is worried that his brother, who has autism, will blow out the Hanukkah candles.

**Probably Still Nick Swansen**

Author: Virginia Euwer Wolff

Pub.: Holt

A 16 year-old boy is in special education classes with students with Down Syndrome and hyperactivity.

**Reach for the Moon**

Author: Samantha Abeel

Pub.: Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers

A 13 year-old girl with a learning disability in understanding mathematical concepts, writes about her difficulties in middle school, coping with her disability and the accompanying emotional challenges, and the encouragement received by her English teacher to develop her writing talent.

**Retarded Isn't Stupid Mom!**

Author: Sandra Z. Kaufman

Pub.: Brookes Publishing Co.

The mother of a child diagnosed as mildly retarded at the age of two recounts experiences of the child's growing up into an adult.

**Someone Special, Just Like You**

Author: Tricia Brown

Pub.: Square Fish

Focus is on all children being accepted for themselves, regardless of whether or not they have a disability.

**Something Different**

Author: Rachael Konigsberg and the Children of Gan Harmony

Pub.: Gan Harmony Productions

The whole grove of fruit trees is upset when a new and different fruit tree appears.

**Stevie Wonder**

Author: John Swenson

Pub.: Harper & Row

Stevie Wonder's life from his birth in Saginaw, Michigan in 1950, through his rapid rise as a Motown artist in the early 1960s and up to his present-day work.

**Tell Me How the Wind Sounds**

Author: Leslie D. Guccione

Pub.: Scholastic

A 15 year-old girl meets a boy who is deaf.

**The Nautilus**

Author: Wanda Gilberts Kachur

Pub.: Peytral Publications

An adolescent who longs to be a professional ballet dancer is seriously injured in a car accident and must face her disabilities.

**The Safe Place**

Author: Tehila Peterseil

Pub.: Pittsopany

The story of a 9 year-old girl with a learning disability.

**The Twelfth of June**

Author: Marilyn Gould

Pub.: Lippincott

The story of a 12 year-old girl with cerebral palsy and her changing feelings for her friend, Barney, as he approaches his Bar Mitzvah.

**The Worst Speller in Jr. High**

Author: Caroline Janover

Pub.: Free Spirit Publishing

An adolescent girl with dyslexia describes her struggles with issues of peer acceptance, dating, and academic achievement, all of which are complicated by her disability.

**Turning Around the Upside-Down Kids: Helping Dyslexic Kids Overcome Their Disorder**

Author: Harold Levinson and Addie Meyer Sanders

Pub.: M. Evans and Company, Inc.

Continuing with the eight characters from **The Upside-Down Kids**, these students and their compassionate teacher examine the various successful treatments for each child's unique symptoms in a way that is both comprehensive and simple to understand.

**Unjust Cause**

Author: Tehila Peterseil

Pub.: Pittsopany

A father, who is a world-class mathematician, can't understand his son's learning problems.

**Views from Our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs**

Author: Donald Meyer, Ed.

Pub.: Woodbine House

Forty-five siblings share their experiences. The children whose essays are featured range in age from 4-18 with a variety of special needs including autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, attention deficit disorder, hydrocephalus, visual and hearing impairments, Down Syndrome, and Tourette Syndrome.

**Waiting for Johnny Miracle**

Author: Alice Hendricks Bach

Pub.: Harper & Row

Seventeen year-old twins find out that one has a malignant tumor.

**We'll Paint the Octopus Red**

Author: Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Pub.: Woodbine House

A big sister adjusts to her new baby brother with Down Syndrome.

**Whoa, Nellie!**

Author: Hope Benton

Pub.: Open Minds, Inc.

A young girl with a physical disability and uses a wheelchair, shares her experiences with her friends at summer camp as they search for a favorite horse.

**Wish on a Unicorn**

Author: Karen Hesse

Pub.: Penguin Books

A sixth grade girl lives in a trailer with her younger sister who has mental retardation. She finds an old stuffed unicorn and believes it is magical when strange things start to happen.

**Yossi and Laibel on the Ball**

Author: Dina Rosenfeld

Pub.: Hachai Publishing

Two brothers meet a boy in a wheelchair who plays baseball with them.

**- VIDEOS -**

**A Guide to the Shabbat Morning Torah Service**

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

Video with open captioning and audio descriptions explaining how to open the Ark, how and when to recite blessings, where to stand, how to lift and dress the Torah, etc.

**A Mother's Courage: Talking Back to Autism**

HBO

A mother's journey to get answers about her son's autism.

**Autism: The Musical**

HBO

Follows 5 children with autism as they work together to create and perform a live musical production.

**Best Boy**

National Center for Jewish Film

About elderly immigrant Jewish parents and the struggle for independence of their 52 year-old developmentally disabled son.

**Boy Interrupted**

HBO

Parents tell the story about their teenage son with a mood disorder who ends his life by suicide.

**Diagnosis Bipolar**

HBO

Stories of families who have children diagnosed with pediatric bipolar mood disorder.

**Eugene**

JTSA

A boy with cerebral palsy overcomes many challenges as he prepares for his Bar Mitzvah.

**Films from the Ma'ale School, Compilation III: Graduate Films**

Ergo Media, Inc.

The synagogue will be short the tenth man for the communal prayers for Yom Kippur. Can a 30 year-old developmentally delayed man fill in?

**Hands and Heart**

Dream Catchers, Inc.

Sign language is used to teach Hebrew prayer.

**How Difficult Can This Be?**

The F.A.T. City Workshop

Public Broadcasting System

Simulations designed to emulate the daily experience of children with learning disabilities.

**My Flesh and Blood**

HBO

A documentary about a single mother and her 11 adopted children, all of whom are physically challenged or living with a long-term illness.

**Praying with Lior**

Ilana Trachtman

Documentary about a Jewish boy with Down syndrome.

**Regular Lives**

Public Broadcasting System

Mainstreaming of people with disabilities in schools, jobs and the community.

**Someone is Listening**

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
Signed video about a boy learning signing for his Bar Mitzvah.

**Temple Grandin**

HBO  
A biopic of Temple Grandin, an autistic woman who has become one of the top scientists in the humane livestock handling industry.

**White Cane and Wheels**

HBO  
A documentary of a husband (with muscular dystrophy) and wife (with retinitis pigmentosa) and their day to day challenges.

**REALTORS**

**Jeff Dreyer**

**(Coldwell Banker Platinum Properties, Irvine, CA)**

949-285-1146

Supporting and working with families with special needs for over 25 years.

**RECREATION**

**- ANIMALS -**

**Danny's Farm, Altadena, CA**

626-788-7539

<http://dannysfarm.org>

Petting zoo and events facility designed for children with autism and other special needs. Visits by appointment only. Staff is fluent in sign language.

**- CAMPS -**

**Ascendigo Extreme Sports Camp, Carbondale, CO**

970-927-3143

<http://ascendigo.org>

Winter and summer camps for athletes with autism ages 5 and up; parents are invited to stay in the cabins at night with their child during some sessions. Counselor-camper ratio is 1:1.

**Asthma Camps (multiple listings)**

[www.asthmacamps.org](http://www.asthmacamps.org)

**Camp A Lot and Camp A Little (ARC), San Diego, CA**

619-685-1175

[www.arc-sd.com](http://www.arc-sd.com)

Camps for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

**Camp Chesed/Camp Dora Hauser, Northridge, CA**

818-349-3932; 888-952-9273

[www.campchesed.com](http://www.campchesed.com)

Two-week free day camp held at the beginning of each summer for Jewish children with special needs.

**Camp del Corazon, North Hollywood, CA**

818-754-0312

[www.campdelcorazon.org](http://www.campdelcorazon.org)

Residential summer camp for children ages 7-17 with heart disease.

**Camp Gilboa (Habonim Dror), Los Angeles, CA**

323-653-6772

[www.campgilboa.org](http://www.campgilboa.org)

Provides a Zionist summer camp experience to children 9-17. Also offers a 1 week winter camp.

**Camp Hess Kramer Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps), Malibu, CA**

310-457-7861

[www.wbtcamps.org](http://www.wbtcamps.org)

Summer camp programs from 8-26 days for children grades 3-10.

**Camp I CAN, San Diego, CA**

858-715-0678

[www.autismsocietysandiego.org/Camp\\_I\\_CAN.html](http://www.autismsocietysandiego.org/Camp_I_CAN.html)

YMCA day camp for children on the autistic spectrum.

**Camp JCA Shalom (Shalom Institute), Malibu, CA**

818-889-5500

[www.campjcashalom.com](http://www.campjcashalom.com)

**Camp Lee Mar, Lackawaxen, PA (Dresher, PA in winter)**

570-685-7188 (summer); 215-658-1708 (winter)

[www.leemar.com](http://www.leemar.com)

For children with special needs, ages 5-21. Activities include swimming, baseball, football, basketball, drama, hikes, nature study, arts and crafts, dancing, movies, campfires, painting, and music.



**Camp Nugget (CSULB), Long Beach, CA**

Contact: Dr. Barry Lavay

562-895-7969

[www.csulb.edu/programs/apa](http://www.csulb.edu/programs/apa)

Low cost summer day camp for children with special needs, ages 5-12.

**Camp Oakes (Easter Seals), Big Bear, CA**

909-585-2020

Week-long residential camp sessions for children and adults with disabilities.

**Camp Paivika (Ability First), Cedarpines Park, CA**

909-338-1102

<http://camppaivika.org>

Residential camp of 7-8 days for children and adults ages 7-70 with all disabilities. Camp offers arts and crafts, swimming, and horseback riding. Also offers year-round programs.

**Camp Ramah's Tikvah Program, Encino, CA**

310-476-8571

[www.ramah.org](http://www.ramah.org)

Tikvah Program is a summer camp program in Ojai, CA for Jewish adolescents (11-18 yrs.) with learning, emotional and developmental disabilities. Inclusion with non-disabled peers happens throughout the day. The Ezra program (18-21 yrs.) is a 7-week summer vocational training program focusing on vocational skills, independent living abilities, self-image, social functioning and Jewish Community skills.

**Camp Silver Gan Israel, Huntington Beach, CA**

949-381-5610

[www.campsgi.com](http://www.campsgi.com)

Jewish day camp for children preschool-9th grade.

**Camp SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized), Balsam, NC**

828-456-3435

[www.soarnc.org](http://www.soarnc.org)

Summer camp for children with learning disabilities and ADD/ADHD. Locations in North Carolina, Wyoming, Florida and California.

**Camp Surfers Healing, San Juan Capistrano, CA**

877-966-SURF (7873)

[www.surfershealing.org](http://www.surfershealing.org)

A free surf camp for children with autism.

**Happy Adventure Camp (Cornerstone House of Santa Barbara), Carpinteria, CA**  
805-684-5840

[www.cornerstonehouse.org](http://www.cornerstonehouse.org)

Provides children and adults (ages 5 and up) with developmental disabilities the opportunity to enjoy camp. Staff is specially trained to work with G-tubes, seizures and medication administration.

**Kris' Camp, Idyllwild, CA**

Contact: Kathy Berger  
850-445-4821

[www.kriscamp.org](http://www.kriscamp.org)

A therapy intensive/respite camp for children with autism (ages 4-15) and their families in California and Arizona.

**Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children, Knightsen, CA**

[www.lionswildcamp.org](http://www.lionswildcamp.org)

One week residential camp for children ages 7-15 who are deaf or hard of hearing. California residents can attend at no cost.

**The Painted Turtle, Santa Monica, CA**

310-451-1353; 866-451-5367

[www.thepaintedturtle.org](http://www.thepaintedturtle.org)

Welcomes children 7-16 with serious medical conditions for 5-7 day camp sessions.

**Quest Therapeutic Camp, Los Alamitos, CA**

Contact: Jodie Knott, Ph.D.  
714-490-3428

<http://drjodieknott.com>

Therapeutic 7 week summer day camp for children 6-18 years old.

**Rad Camp, Irvine, CA**

Contact: Meghan or Katie  
949-387-5219

<http://www.radcamp.org>

Week-long residential camp for adults and children with developmental disabilities.

**Special Camp for Special Kids (St. Margaret's Episcopal School), San Juan Capistrano, CA**

949-661-0108, ext. 699

[www.specialcamp.org](http://www.specialcamp.org)

Provides an educational and recreational summer day camp for youth with disabilities in one-to-one peer relationships with volunteer counselors.

**World's Greatest Camp/World's Coolest Camp, San Bernardino, CA**

[www.ocf-ocf.org/](http://www.ocf-ocf.org/)

Summer camp for children who are cancer patients.

**- DANCE -**

**CF Dance Academy, Fullerton, CA**

714-870-5742

<http://www.cfdance.net/special-needs-program>

**Pacific Dance, Irvine, CA**

714-731-1108

<http://pacificdance.net>

**- MUSEUMS –**

**Disability History Museum**

[www.disabilitymuseum.org](http://www.disabilitymuseum.org)

The on-line museum's mission is to foster a deeper understanding about how changing cultural values, notions of identity, laws and policies have shaped and influenced the experience of people with disabilities, their families and their communities over time.

**Museum of disABILITY History, Buffalo, NY**

716-629-3626

<http://museumofdisability.org>

Dedicated to advancing the understanding, acceptance, and independence of people with disabilities.

**Pretend City, Irvine, CA**

949-428-3900

[www.pretendcity.org](http://www.pretendcity.org)

For children 0-10 years. Has special accommodations on the last Monday of each month for children with autism.

**- MUSIC -**

**Talent Education Center, Irvine, CA**

949-261-2822

[www.got2twinkle.com](http://www.got2twinkle.com)

Suzuki violin and kindermusik classes (adapted for kids with special needs).

**- SPORTS -**

**Achilles International, New York, NY**

212-354-0300

[www.achillesinternational.org](http://www.achillesinternational.org)

Worldwide organization that encourages people with all kinds of disabilities, ages 2-21, to participate in mainstream athletics, to promote personal achievement and enhance self-esteem.

**Big Fun Gymnastics, Culver City, CA**

310-837-7849

[www.bigfungymnastics.com](http://www.bigfungymnastics.com)

Gymnastics and therapy services offered to children of all ages with any disability. Other Big Fun programs include indoor soccer, martial arts, roller blading and biking. Various locations in Orange County.

**Blind Sailing International, Newton, MA**

[www.blindsailinginternational.com](http://www.blindsailinginternational.com)

Sailing for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

**Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation Outdoor Adventures, Pomona, CA**

909-596-7733; 866-724-4127

[www.casacolina.org/community-services/outdoor-adventures.aspx](http://www.casacolina.org/community-services/outdoor-adventures.aspx)

Outdoor recreational activities for individuals with disabilities. Age depends on specific trip and ability level. Activities include hand cycling, scuba diving, skydiving, fishing, surfing, kayaking, water skiing, jet skiing, camping, and rock climbing.

**Challenge Air For Kids and Friends, Dallas, TX**

214-351-3353

[www.challengeair.com](http://www.challengeair.com)

A not-for-profit organization that offers motivational, inspirational and life-changing experiences to physically challenged children and youth through aviation.

**Challenger Pop Warner Football and Cheer (locations throughout Orange County)**

714-284-8614

[www.cypresspopwarner.com/challengers.aspx](http://www.cypresspopwarner.com/challengers.aspx)

Flag football and cheerleading for children ages 5-16 with developmental disabilities. Participating cities include Cypress, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Lakewood, Long Beach, Pasadena, Tustin, Santa Ana, Santa Margarita, and San Clemente.

**Cheerleading, Huntington Beach, CA**

Contact: Nicole Fusaro

714-874-7099

Open to everyone with disabilities, ages 9 to adult.

**Heart of Sailing Foundation, Bloomington, IN (various harbors around the U.S.)**  
949-236-7245

[www.heartofsailing.org](http://www.heartofsailing.org)

A nonprofit organization that introduces sailing for free to children and adults with developmental disabilities such as Autism and Down Syndrome.

**HoopStars Basketball, Fullerton, CA (also in Anaheim, CA)**

[www.hoopstarsbb.com](http://www.hoopstarsbb.com)

Created to provide a social environment for children and adults with disabilities to participate on basketball teams in a way that instills a sense of accomplishment, teamwork, and competition; provides an opportunity to learn the game, increase physical activity and enhance self-esteem.

**Karate for All, Tustin, CA (also in Mission Viejo)**

Contact: Wayne Centra, MOTR/L

714-731-4668

[www.karateforall.org](http://www.karateforall.org)

Program developed specifically for children and adults with special needs. Basics of self-defensive techniques are taught including kicking, punching, and blocking, providing benefits in gross motor, sensory motor, cognitive and psychosocial functioning. Instructor has over 20 years of martial arts experience and a black belt degree.

**Kingpin Bowling League at Irvine Lanes, Irvine, CA**

949-724-6637

**Laguna Niguel Girls “Champs” Softball Program, Laguna Niguel**

949-415-6471

[www.lngs.org](http://www.lngs.org)

For girls ages 10-21 with cognitive disabilities. Games are played on Saturdays.

**Miracle League of Orange County, Westminster, CA**

714-713-2512

<http://ocmiracleleague.com>

Baseball for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities.

**Rehabilitation Institute of Southern California (RIO), Orange, CA**

714-633-7400

<http://riorehab.org>

Private and semi-private swimming lessons for adults with disabilities.

**Special Olympics, Santa Ana, CA**

714-564-8374

[www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org)

**Spirit League, Mission Viejo, CA**

714-417-9553

[www.spiritleague.org](http://www.spiritleague.org)

Basketball, soccer, and baseball leagues for ambulatory, developmentally challenged boys and girls, ages 6-20.

**TOPSoccer (U.S. Youth Soccer), Fullerton, CA**

714-778-2972

[www.calsouth.com/en/topsoccer](http://www.calsouth.com/en/topsoccer)

National soccer program for children ages 4-14 without significant physical disability as games are played on regular soccer fields.

**U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center, Big Bear Lake, CA**

909-584-0269

[www.usarc.org](http://www.usarc.org)

Enjoy snow skiing, water skiing, kayaking, sailing, fishing, off road wheelchair and camping, using a variety of modified and standard equipment; skilled staff of recreation therapists, lifeguards, licensed boat operators and expertly trained volunteers; for ages 5 and older with cognitive and/or physical disabilities.

**Us Too Gymnastics, Lake Forest, CA**

949-716-1970

[www.ustooocenter.org](http://www.ustooocenter.org)

A nonprofit, recreational organization that teaches basic gymnastics to children, nineteen and younger, with high-functioning disabilities such as autism, Asperger's Syndrome, ADD/ADHD, Down Syndrome, and Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

**VIP Soccer, Lake Forest, CA**

<http://www.ayso41.org/players/vip-special-players/>

AYSO Division for children with special needs.

**Waterworks Aquatics, Irvine, CA**

949-450-0777

[www.waterworksswim.com](http://www.waterworksswim.com)

Swimming lessons for children and adults.

**Wheelchair Tennis (at Biola University Tennis Center), La Mirada, CA**

Contact: Dee Henry

562-944-0351, ext. 5931

Appropriate for ages 10 and up.

**Yoga (Children's Therapy Center), Garden Grove, CA**

714-892-6828

[www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com](http://www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com)

Inclusive yoga classes promote flexibility, strength, balance, posture and concentration for ages 5 and older.

**- TRAVEL -**

**Autism on the Seas, Shelton, CT**

888-286-2792

[www.autismontheseas.com](http://www.autismontheseas.com)

In collaboration with Royal Caribbean International, provides services to address the cruising travel needs of families and individuals with Autism and Asperger Syndrome, and all cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities including but not limited to Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome. Can provide for special dietary accommodations such as gluten/casein free diets and lactose-free diets.

**New Directions Holiday and Vacation Travel, Santa Barbara, CA**

805-967-2841; 888-967-2841

[www.newdirectionstravel.org](http://www.newdirectionstravel.org)

Holiday and vacation travel for teenagers, adults and seniors with disabilities.

**SAFETY**

**Get Safe, Tustin, CA**

714-834-0050

[www.getsafeusa.com](http://www.getsafeusa.com)

Teaches safety awareness and strategies to children and adults with disabilities.

**SOCIAL**

**Best Buddies International, Los Angeles, CA**

310-642-2620; 888-682-8339

[www.bestbuddiescalifornia.org](http://www.bestbuddiescalifornia.org)

International organization designed to enhance the lives of people with cognitive disabilities, ages 12 and older; provides opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and various recreational activities.

**4-H Youth Development Program (Orange County Chapter), Irvine, CA**

949-653-1803

[www.oc4h.org](http://www.oc4h.org)

Outdoor activities, animal science, arts and crafts, cooking and woodworking activities are offered to children ages 5-19 of any disability.

**Friendship Circle, Newport Beach, CA**

949-721-9800, ext. 100

[www.friendshipcircleoc.org](http://www.friendshipcircleoc.org)

Extends a helping hand to families who have children with special needs, involving them in a full range of social and Jewish experiences. The Circle's unique formula introduces teenage volunteers to the children, and through shared encounters, both are enriched.

**The Jeremiah Society, Newport Beach, CA**

Contact: Sheldon Lacher

562-221-1785

[www.thejeremiahsociety.org](http://www.thejeremiahsociety.org)

Meets monthly at Temple Bat Yahm for recreational activities. For Jewish teens and adults with special needs.

**TELEPHONES/TELEPHONE SERVICES**

**California LifeLine Program**

[www.californialifeline.com](http://www.californialifeline.com)

Provides discounted home phone and cell phone services (one per household) to help eligible consumers lower the cost of phone bills. Can qualify if a household member is a recipient of Medicaid/Medi-Cal or Supplementary Security Income (SSI).

**California Phones (aka California Telephone Access Program)**

800-806-1191

[www.californiaphones.org](http://www.californiaphones.org)

A free state program. Offers specialized phones to California residents who have difficulty hearing, moving, seeing, remembering, or speaking.

**THERAPIES**

**- AQUATIC THERAPY -**

**Aquatic Rehab and Consulting, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (also in Irvine)**

949-216-9300

[www.aquaticrehabandconsulting.com](http://www.aquaticrehabandconsulting.com)

**California Aquatic Therapy and Wellness Center, Long Beach**

310-537-2224

[www.caaquatictherapy.com/pool-programs.php](http://www.caaquatictherapy.com/pool-programs.php)



**Function Junction, Irvine, CA**

Contact: Mark Klem  
949-677-5029

**Rehabilitation Institute of Southern California (R.I.O.), Orange, CA**

714-633-7400, ext. 241

[www.riorehab.com](http://www.riorehab.com)

The RIO Aquatics Program offers the Persistence Class as a general exercise program for people who have had a stroke, head injury or other brain injury resulting in hemiparesis or hemiplegia.

**Watertime for Kids (PT for Kids), Laguna Beach, CA**

Contact: Julie Appel

714-227-6282

[www.ptforkids.net](http://www.ptforkids.net)

**- ART THERAPY -**

**Coastal Educational Services, Costa Mesa, CA**

714-662-5772

<http://www.coastaleducationalservices.com/what-is-art-therapy.html>

**Orange County Children's Therapeutic Art Center, Santa Ana, CA**

714-547-5468

[www.occtac.org](http://www.occtac.org)

**- ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT -**

**Aero Mobility, Anaheim, CA**

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

714-973-8600

Wheelchair accessible vans, medical equipment and supplies.

**A TEC (Assistive Technology Exchange Center), Santa Ana, CA**

714-361-6200

[www.ocgoodwill.org/changing-lives/assistive-technology-exchange-center](http://www.ocgoodwill.org/changing-lives/assistive-technology-exchange-center)

**Fountain Valley Orthotics and Prosthetics, Fountain Valley, CA (also in Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Orange and Westminster)**

714-210-1298

[www.fountainop.com](http://www.fountainop.com)

Provides upper and lower extremity orthotics and prosthetics.

**The Mobility Specialist, Inc., Brea, CA**

877-777-5438

[www.mobilityspecialists.com](http://www.mobilityspecialists.com)

Adaptive equipment for children and adults with physical disabilities.

**Numotion (formerly ATG Rehab), Cerritos, CA**

562-921-0258

[www.numotion.com](http://www.numotion.com)

Nationwide company providing a comprehensive range of mobility and seating equipment.

**Orthopliance Group, North Hollywood, CA**

818-753-1316

<http://www.opgkids.com>

**United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County, Irvine, CA**

949-333-6400

[www.ucp-oc.org](http://www.ucp-oc.org)

**- AUDIOLOGY -**

**Abramson Audiology (aka Hear Now), Laguna Niguel, CA**

Contact: Maria Abramson

949-495-3327

[www.abramsonaudiology.com](http://www.abramsonaudiology.com)

**Providence Speech and Hearing Center, Orange, CA**

714-923-1521

[www.pshc.org](http://www.pshc.org)

**- AUDITORY INTEGRATION THERAPY -**

**The Listening Center, Santa Rosa, CA**

925-952-4724

[www.thelisteningcenter.net](http://www.thelisteningcenter.net)

**- BEHAVIORAL THERAPY -**

**ACES, Inc., Irvine, CA**

949-833-2237

<http://www.acesaba.com>

**Autism Behavior Services, Santa Ana**

855-581-0100

[www.autismbehaviorservices.com](http://www.autismbehaviorservices.com)

**Autism Interventions and Resources (A.I.R.), Laguna Hills, CA**

949-457-9203

[www.hopeisintheair.com](http://www.hopeisintheair.com)

**Autism Partnership, Inc., Seal Beach, CA**

562-431-9293

[www.autismpartnership.com](http://www.autismpartnership.com)

**Autism Spectrum Consultants (A.S.C.), Inc., Irvine, CA**

949-474-5577

[www.autismconsultants.com](http://www.autismconsultants.com)

**Autism Spectrum Therapies (A.S.T.), Santa Ana, CA**

866-727-8274

[www.autismtherapies.com](http://www.autismtherapies.com)

**Center for Autism and Related Disorders (C.A.R.D.), Garden Grove, CA**

714-750-0575

[www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com)

**Center for Behavioral Sciences, Inc., Costa Mesa, CA**

714-724-7262

[www.behavioralsciencesinc.com](http://www.behavioralsciencesinc.com)

**Center for Learning and Behavioral Solutions, Irvine, CA**

949-654-2424

[www.c4l.net](http://www.c4l.net)

**Children's Learning Connection, Fountain Valley, CA (also in Orange and Laguna Hills)**

714-965-2324

[www.childrenslearningconnection.com](http://www.childrenslearningconnection.com)

Can provide in-home services.

**Coastal Educational Services, Costa Mesa, CA**

714-662-5772; 800-820-8829

[www.specialeducationtesting.com](http://www.specialeducationtesting.com)

**E.C.E. 4 Autism, Orange, CA**

714-637-1489

[www.ece4autism.com](http://www.ece4autism.com)

**Footprints Behavioral Interventions, Irvine, CA**

800-ASD-4292

[www.autismfootprints.com](http://www.autismfootprints.com)

**Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis (I.A.B.A.), Santa Ana, CA**

714-543-8540

[www.iaba.com](http://www.iaba.com)

**Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention, Culver City, CA**

310-410-4450

[www.lovaas.com](http://www.lovaas.com)

**Pacific Child and Family Associates, Glendale, CA**

888-805-0759

[www.pacificchildandfamily.com](http://www.pacificchildandfamily.com)

**Sage Behavior Services, Fullerton, CA**

714-773-0077

[www.sagebehavioral.com](http://www.sagebehavioral.com)

**Vista Behavior Consulting, Cypress, CA**

714-828-6400

<http://vistabehavior.com>

**- FEEDING -**

**Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA**

714-997-3000

Evaluates and treats children with significant feeding problems.

**United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County, Irvine, CA**

949-333-6400

[www.ucp-oc.org](http://www.ucp-oc.org)

Play-based therapeutic feeding program for children with a variety of feeding challenges.

**- HIPPO THERAPY (AKA THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING) -**

**Queen of Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center, Jurupa Valley, CA**

951-734-6300

[www.queenofheartsranch.org](http://www.queenofheartsranch.org)

**Ride Your Horse, Cerritos, CA**

714-292-3563

[www.rideyourhorse.com](http://www.rideyourhorse.com)

Therapeutic riding program for children and adults with disabilities, minimum age of 3 years.

**The Shea Center (formerly known as the Joswick Center), San Juan Capistrano, CA**

949-240-8441

[www.sheacenter.org](http://www.sheacenter.org)

Must be a minimum age of 2 years for hippotherapy program, minimum age of 4 years for therapeutic riding classes.

**Therapeutic Riding Center, Huntington Beach, CA**

714-848-0966

[www.trchb.org](http://www.trchb.org)

Provides services to children and adults with all disabilities.

**- HYPERBARIC (OXYGEN) THERAPY -**

**California Integrative Hyperbaric Center, Irvine, CA**

949-428-8878

[www.californiahyperbarics.com](http://www.californiahyperbarics.com)

**- MUSIC THERAPY -**

**Creative Identity, Anaheim, CA**

714-527-2508

<http://www.creativeidentity-oc.org>

A creative-arts therapy-based day program that serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Anaheim.

**McKee Music Therapy Services, Irvine, CA**

949-797-9007

[www.mckeemusictherapy.com](http://www.mckeemusictherapy.com)

**- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY -**

**Children's Learning Connection, Fountain Valley, CA (also in Orange and Laguna Hills)**

714-965-2324

[www.childrenslearningconnection.com](http://www.childrenslearningconnection.com)

Can provide in-home services

**Children's Therapy Center, Garden Grove, CA**  
714-892-6828  
[www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com](http://www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com)

**Cornerstone Therapies, Huntington Beach, CA**  
714-962-6760  
[www.cornerstonetherapies.net](http://www.cornerstonetherapies.net)  
**Gallagher Pediatric Therapy, Fullerton, CA**  
714-870-6116  
[www.gptkids.com](http://www.gptkids.com)

**Irvine Therapy Services, Irvine, CA**  
949 252-9946  
[www.irvinetherapyservices.com](http://www.irvinetherapyservices.com)

**Orange County Therapy Services, Laguna Hills, CA**  
949-770-5843  
[www.octherapy.com](http://www.octherapy.com)

**Russo, Fleck & Associates, Orange, CA**  
714-836-7886  
[www.russofleck.com](http://www.russofleck.com)

**Saddleback Pediatrics Therapy, Aliso Viejo, CA**  
949-643-3311  
[www.saddlebackpediatrictherapy.com](http://www.saddlebackpediatrictherapy.com)

**Sky Pediatric Therapy, Irvine, CA**  
949-797-9007  
[www.skypediatric.com](http://www.skypediatric.com)

**Tustin Speech and Language Center, Tustin, CA**  
714-838-2853  
[www.tustinspeech.com](http://www.tustinspeech.com)

**United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County, Irvine, CA**  
949-333-6400  
[www.ucp-oc.org](http://www.ucp-oc.org)

**- PHYSICAL THERAPY -**

**Children's Learning Connection, Fountain Valley, CA (Locations also in Orange and Laguna Hills)**

714-965-2324

[www.childrenslearningconnection.com](http://www.childrenslearningconnection.com)

Can provide in-home services.

**Children's Therapy Center, Garden Grove, CA**

714-892-6828

[www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com](http://www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com)

**Cornerstone Therapies, Huntington Beach, CA**

714-962-6760

[www.cornerstonetherapies.net](http://www.cornerstonetherapies.net)

**Function Junction, Irvine, CA**

Contact: Mark Klem

949-677-5029

**Gallagher Pediatric Therapy, Fullerton, CA**

714-870-6116

[www.gptkids.com](http://www.gptkids.com)

**Orange County Therapy Services, Laguna Hills, CA**

949-770-5843

[www.octherapy.com](http://www.octherapy.com)

**Russo, Fleck & Associates, Orange, CA**

714-836-7886

[www.russofleck.com](http://www.russofleck.com)

**Sky Pediatric Therapy, Irvine, CA**

949-797-9007

[www.skypediatic.com](http://www.skypediatic.com)

**United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County, Irvine, CA**

949-333-6400

[www.ucp-oc.org](http://www.ucp-oc.org)

**- SOCIAL SKILLS -**

**Autism Behavior Services, Santa Ana, CA**

[www.autismbehaviorservices.com](http://www.autismbehaviorservices.com)

855-581-0100

**Kelly McKinnon and Associates, San Juan Capistrano, CA**

949-481-7630

[www.kellymckinnonassociates.com](http://www.kellymckinnonassociates.com)

**Stepping Stones Therapy, Newport Beach, CA**

949-955-0010

[www.steppingstonestherapy.org](http://www.steppingstonestherapy.org)

**- SPEECH THERAPY -**

**Anaheim Hills Speech and Language Center, Anaheim Hills, CA**

714-282-8852

<http://www.anaheimhillsspeechandlanguagecenter.com>

**Aspire TLC Services, Irvine, CA**

949-529-8610

**Ruth W. Bass, Newport Beach, CA**

949-422-0730

**Children's Learning Connection, Fountain Valley, CA (Also in Orange and Laguna Hills)**

714-965-2324

[www.childrenslearningconnection.com](http://www.childrenslearningconnection.com)

Can provide in-home services.

**Children's Therapy Center, Garden Grove, CA**

714-892-6828

[www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com](http://www.thechildrenstherapycenter.com)

**Cornerstone Therapies, Huntington Beach, CA**

714-962-6760

[www.cornerstonetherapies.net](http://www.cornerstonetherapies.net)

**Pincus Speech and Language**

Contact: Andrea Pincus

949-229-SLP-1

In-home speech/language evaluations and treatment.

**Providence Speech and Language Center, Orange, CA**

714-639-4990

[www.pshc.org](http://www.pshc.org)



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**Rainbow Connection, Lake Forest, CA**  
949-458-1113

**Abby Rozenberg, Costa Mesa, CA**  
714-478-1141  
Assessment and treatment of speech and language, swallowing, and voice disorders.

**Laurisa Schwer, Irvine, CA**  
949-333-6400

**Judy M. Segal, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-752-0204

**Sky Pediatric Therapy, Irvine, CA**  
949-797-9007  
[www.skypediatric.com](http://www.skypediatric.com)

**South County Pediatric Speech, Mission Viejo, CA**  
949-367-8150  
[www.southcountypediatricspeech.com](http://www.southcountypediatricspeech.com)

**Speech Language Pathology Services, Tustin, CA**  
714-544-1860  
[www.speechlanguagepathologyservices.com](http://www.speechlanguagepathologyservices.com)

**Speech Pathology Associates, Irvine, CA**  
949-857-6051  
[www.speechpathologyassociates.com](http://www.speechpathologyassociates.com)

**Stepping Stones Therapy, Newport Beach, CA**  
949-955-0010  
[www.steppingstonetherapy.org](http://www.steppingstonetherapy.org)

**Tustin Speech and Language Center, Tustin, CA**  
714-838-2853  
[www.tustinspeech.com](http://www.tustinspeech.com)

**United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County, Irvine, CA**  
949-333-6400  
[www.ucp-oc.org](http://www.ucp-oc.org)

**- VISION THERAPY-**

**Patricia Atie, Santa Ana, CA**

714-557-9492

[www.pajeoptometric.com](http://www.pajeoptometric.com)

**Beth Ballinger, Newport Beach, CA**

949-642-0292

[www.optometrists.org/California](http://www.optometrists.org/California)

**Eric Ikeda, Bellflower, CA**

562-925-6591

[www.optometricvision.com/ourpractice.htm](http://www.optometricvision.com/ourpractice.htm)

**Robyn Rakov, Laguna Hills, CA**

949-768-7225

[www.visiondevelopmentcenter.com](http://www.visiondevelopmentcenter.com)

**Julie Berg Ryan, Irvine, CA**

949-733-1400

[www.drjulieryan.com](http://www.drjulieryan.com)

**Southern California College of Optometry, Fullerton, CA**

714-449-7401