

TIPS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS

BOOKMARKS

Disabilities Defined – E-Ready resources (including definitions, characteristics, educational implications, special topics, references, national organizations, and detailed guides with information for professionals and parents regarding autism, deafness, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, mental retardation, Down's Syndrome, multiple disabilities, OHI – ADHD, specific learning disabilities, speech impairment, traumatic brain injury, and visual impairment) can be found at:

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/getsource.cfm?id=1144>

General Resources – Here you will find organizations that can provide additional information, services, or assistance for parents of children with disabilities.

It is important that you are knowledgeable about specific resources. This knowledge will make you the go-to person and contribute to your professional appearance.

Family Village - This website from the University of Wisconsin is a global community of disability-related resources.

The Family Village is a web site for children and adults with disabilities, their families, and their friends and allies. Family Village brings together thousands of online resources in a organized, easy-to-use directory.

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/>

Family Voices - This website is a national coalition speaking for children with special health care needs.

Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through their national network, they provide families tools to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among professionals and families, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

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

Fathers' Network - The Fathers Network provides current information and resources to assist all families and care providers involved in the lives of children with special needs. This information is up-to-date, helpful, and designed to promote the resilience of all family members.

Their mission is to celebrate and support fathers and families raising children with special health care needs and developmental disabilities. You, or the parents of your students, can utilize the superb resources on this site. In addition, this website has an excellent newsletter and each section can be viewed in Spanish.

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

Parents Helping Parents - PHP is a 33-year-old nonprofit 501(c)(3) public benefit agency that meets the needs of one of our community's most vulnerable populations - children with any special need and their families. This includes children of all ages and all backgrounds who have a need for special services due to any special need, including but not limited to illness, cancer, accidents, birth defects, neurological conditions, premature birth, learning or physical disabilities, mental health issues, and attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder, to name a few.

PHP's mission is to help children and adults with special needs receive the support and services they need to reach their full potential by providing information, training, and resources to build strong families and improve systems of care.

In addition, this site has a resource filter that allows the user to find resources based upon entering a zip code and/or specific education needs.

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

Specific Resources – Here you will find resources that can provide additional information, services, or assistance for parents of children with disabilities.

National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) - is the only national membership organization dedicated solely to meeting the needs of special education teachers and those preparing for the field of special education teaching.

Their motto is "Exceptional Teachers Teaching Exceptional Children"

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

Teacher Created Resources - is an excellent site to visit for collection of links. Their Special Education Resources page is a great collection of links for general resources, ADD, autism, behavior disorders, gifted and talented, learning disabilities, mental retardation, physical disorders, inclusion resources, transition resources, and technology.

<http://www.theteachersguide.com/SpecialEducation.html>

Do2Learn - a resource website that ...is dedicated to those individuals who may see the world in ways we do not yet understand.

Their goal as parents, educators and health professionals is to help each person communicate, survive and adapt to the bigger world around him, while respecting that all perceptions are valuable. In addition their hope is that the site will provide tools and solutions based on scientific research and clinical experience to help those with special learning and treatment needs.

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

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) - is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides professional development, advocates for individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>