

Resources

For Patients with Disabilities and their Families

The Arc of Massachusetts – www.arcmass.org – Its mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. It provides information, advocacy, and concrete services which include early intervention, in-home support, employment, housing, transportation and recreation. (781) 891-6270

Mass Family Ties Resource Guide – www.massfamilyties.org/info/directory.php – This organization offers information and networking resources for parents and clinicians including parent to parent support, parent workshops, conferences, and useful links. For contact information for Early Intervention programs by city go to www.massfamilyties.org/ei/eicity.php. Call (781) 774-6736 for general information.

New England Index – www.disabilityinfo.org – Contained within this site is a wealth of information for people with disabilities, their friends, families and the people who serve them. Information within this site focuses on Massachusetts. (800) 642-0249

Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change – www.mfofc.org – A Grassroots coalition of individuals with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses and their families that fosters empowerment and leadership for families statewide. Members of MFOFC have written and passed legislation to create statewide policy and practice for individual and family support, sponsored various conferences, workshops, and forums to inform and educate individuals, families and community members about advocacy, services and local, state and federal resources. (508) 824-6946

Massachusetts Aging and Disability Information Locator (MADIL) – www.madil.org – A public service of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services. The MADIL is designed to help find information on services and programs that support seniors and people with disabilities in Massachusetts. (617) 573-1600

Federation for Children with Special Needs – www.fcsn.org – Provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. (617) 236-7210

Signing Savvy – www.signingsavvy.com – This is the largest site for sign language on line. It has a sign language dictionary where you type the word and it shows you how to do the sign. It also lists common sign words for infants/toddlers.

Signing Time – www.signingtime.com – Excellent videos, DVDs, flash cards, and songs teaching sign language.

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress – www.mdsc.org – Established in 1983 as a non profit organization made up of parents, professionals and others to provide parents with support and resources, promote inclusion, social policy, and research on behalf of DS patients. This site has many resources for families including new parent information, tips for navigating developmental services, many links to other excellent resources, and tips for clinicians as well. (800) 664-MDSC

National Down Syndrome Society – www.ndss.org – The National Down Syndrome Society is a non profit founded in 1973 to promote the interest of people with DS and their families with advocacy, public awareness, information, and support. Excellent, credible resources for parents including health guidelines, resources for new parents, navigating developmental services, early intervention, language services, FAQ, and links to many other helpful resources. (800) 221-4602