

*Do you have questions about your child's learning? Want to connect with other families? Need information about special education?*

## **Helpful Connecticut RESOURCES for FAMILIES**

The groups listed here can connect families to local community-based resources and provide information about the rights of parents and students as included in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA). These groups represent some of the organizations/agencies that can be responsive to broad-based service needs statewide. This Family Resource Guide was developed in collaboration with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC), the Parent Work Group, and the State Education Resource Center. (Spanish speaking persons are available where noted)

For suggestions or comments about this information, please call the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC), at 800-445-2722.

### **African & Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities (AFCAMP)**

60-B Weston Street, Hartford, CT 06120  
Phone: 860-548-9959 - Fax: 860-293-0557 - *English/Spanish*  
[afcampa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:afcampa@sbcglobal.net)

### **The Arc Connecticut** - [www.thearcct.org](http://www.thearcct.org)

43 Woodland St., Suite 260, Hartford, CT 06105  
Phone: 860-246-6400  
[nduncan@arcofct.org](mailto:nduncan@arcofct.org) or [lsimoes@arcofct.org](mailto:lsimoes@arcofct.org)

### **Autism Services & Resources Connecticut (ASRC)** - [www.autismconnecticut.org](http://www.autismconnecticut.org)

101 N. Plains Industrial Rd., Harvest Park, Bldg. 1A  
Wallingford, CT 06492 - Phone: 203-265-7717

### **Brain Injury Alliance of CT (BIAC)** - [www.biact.org](http://www.biact.org)

200 Day Hill Road, Suite 250, Windsor, CT 06095  
Phone: 860-219-0291 - Fax: 860-219-0568 - Helpline: 800-219-0568  
[general@biact.org](mailto:general@biact.org)

### **Center for Children's Advocacy**

[www.kidscounsel.org](http://www.kidscounsel.org)  
65 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105  
Phone: 860-570-5327 - Fax: (860) 570-5256 - *English/Spanish*

### **Commission on Children**

*Parent Leadership Training Institute*  
[www.plti-ct.org](http://www.plti-ct.org), 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: 860-240-0290 - Fax: 860-240-0248 - *English/Spanish*

### **Connecticut Birth to Three System**

[www.birth23.org](http://www.birth23.org)  
460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: 800-505-7000 - Fax: 860-418-6003 - *English/Spanish*

### **Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities** - [www.ct.gov/ctcdd](http://www.ct.gov/ctcdd)

460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106-1308  
Phone: 860-418-6160; 800-653-1134 - 860-231-1960 (TTY/Voice)  
Fax: 860-418-6003 - *English/Spanish*

### **Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress (CDSC)**

[www.ctdownsyndrome.org](http://www.ctdownsyndrome.org)  
c/o Arc of Meriden/Wallingford  
200 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450  
Phone: 888-486-8537 - [manager@ctdownsyndrome.org](mailto:manager@ctdownsyndrome.org)

### **Connecticut Families for Effective Autism Treatment (CTFEAT)** (*parent volunteers*)

Phone: 860-571-3888 - [www.ctfeat.org](http://www.ctfeat.org)

### **The Connecticut Family Support Network**

(Connecticut Family Support Council) - Regional - *English/Spanish*  
[www.ctfsn.org](http://www.ctfsn.org) - Phone: 877-376-2329 - [timperati@ctfsn.org](mailto:timperati@ctfsn.org)

### **Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)**

[www.cpacinc.org](http://www.cpacinc.org)  
338 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357 - *English/Spanish*  
Phone: 800-445-2722 - Fax: 860-739-7460 - [cpac@cpacinc.org](mailto:cpac@cpacinc.org)

### **The Connecticut Parent Information and Resource Center (CT PIRC)** - [www.ctpirc.org](http://www.ctpirc.org)

25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1516  
Phone: 800-842-8678; 860-632-1485 - Fax: 860-632-8870  
[info@ctpirc.org](mailto:info@ctpirc.org) - *English/Spanish (x394)*

### **Connecticut Parent Power**

(CT Assoc. Human Services) - [www.ctparentpower.org](http://www.ctparentpower.org)  
110 Bartholomew Ave., Suite 4030, Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: 860-951-2212 x 273 - [info@ctparentpower.org](mailto:info@ctparentpower.org)  
- *English/Spanish*

### **Connecticut Special Education PTO Alliance**

P.O. Box 1221, Bristol, CT 06011-1221  
Phone: 860-888-3420 - Fax: 860-582-0022  
[kevin@septoalliance.org](mailto:kevin@septoalliance.org) or [info@septoalliance.org](mailto:info@septoalliance.org)

### **Connecticut Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)**

[www.ctpta.org](http://www.ctpta.org)  
60 Connolly Parkway, Hamden, CT 06514  
Phone: 203-281-6617 - Fax: 203-281-6749  
[office@ctpta.org](mailto:office@ctpta.org)

### **Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Bureau of Special Education**

[www.sde.ct.gov](http://www.sde.ct.gov)  
165 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 2219, Hartford, CT 06145-2219  
Phone: 860-713-6910 (English)/860-713-6932 (Spanish)  
Fax: 860-713-7051 - *English/Spanish*

### **CT Lifespan Respite Coalition (CLRC)**

[www.ctrespite.org](http://www.ctrespite.org)  
1845 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
Phone: 860-513-0172; 877-737-1966 - Fax: 860-247-2572

## Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Voluntary Services Program - [www.ct.gov/dcf](http://www.ct.gov/dcf)

505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Careline: 800-842-2288 - *English/Spanish*

## Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

[www.ct.gov/dds](http://www.ct.gov/dds)

460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-418-6000; - *English/Spanish*

860-418-6079 (TDD) - [ddsct.co@ct.gov](mailto:ddsct.co@ct.gov)

### Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services

860-418-6078

## Department of Mental Health & Addiction

### Services (DMHAS) - [www.ct.gov/dmhas](http://www.ct.gov/dmhas)

410 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 341431, Hartford, CT 06134

Phone: 860-418-7000 - 800-446-7348 - *English/Spanish*

## Department of Public Health - [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph)

Connecticut Medical Home Initiative for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

[www.ct.gov/dph/medicalhome](http://www.ct.gov/dph/medicalhome)

P.O. Box 340308, MS#11 MAT, Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Phone: 860-509-8074 Fax: 860-509-7720

Infoline: 800-505-7000 - *English/Spanish*

## Department of Rehabilitation Services

[www.ct.gov/dors](http://www.ct.gov/dors)

### Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)

<http://www.ct.gov/brs>

55 Farmington Avenue, 12th Floor, Hartford CT 06105

Phone: 800-537-2549 - *English/Spanish*; 860-424-4844

Fax: 860-424-4850; 860-920-7163 (Video Ph.) - [brs.dss@ct.gov](mailto:brs.dss@ct.gov)

### Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind

(BESB) - [www.ct.gov/besb](http://www.ct.gov/besb)

184 Windsor Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095

Phone: 860-602-4000; 800-842-4510; 860-602-4221 (TDD)

Fax: 860-602-4020 - [brian.sigman@ct.gov](mailto:brian.sigman@ct.gov) - *English/Spanish*

### Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHOH)

[www.ct.gov/cdhi](http://www.ct.gov/cdhi)

67 Prospect Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, West Hartford, CT 06133

Phone: 860-231-1690 (voice only); TTY: 860-231-8169

Fax: 860-231-8746 - Counseling Unit Video Phone(s):

(860) 899-1648 or (860) 899-1818 - Interpreter Services Video

Phone: (860) 899-1647 - [CDHIInterpreting@ct.gov](mailto:CDHIInterpreting@ct.gov)

## Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

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

386 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457 Phone: 800-899-3745;

860-346-1924 - [efct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:efct@sbcglobal.net) - *English/Spanish*

## FAVOR - [www.favor-ct.org](http://www.favor-ct.org)

(A family support organization for children's mental health)

185 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109 - *English/Spanish*

Phone: 860-563-3232 - Fax: 860-563-3961 - [jhawke@favor-ct.org](mailto:jhawke@favor-ct.org)

## Infoline (United Way 2-1-1) - [www.infoline.org](http://www.infoline.org)

1344 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 - Phone: 211 -

*English/Spanish*

## National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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

576 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Phone: 860-882-0236; 800-215-3021-Fax: 860 882-0240

[membership@namict.org](mailto:membership@namict.org) - *English/Spanish*

## NEAT at Oak Hill - [www.neatmarketplace.org](http://www.neatmarketplace.org)

(The New England Assistive Technology Center)

120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, CT 06112

Phone: 860-243-2869; 860-286-3113 (TTY) - *English/Spanish*

Fax: 860-286-3111 - [info@neatmarketplace.org](mailto:info@neatmarketplace.org)

## Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons

### with Disabilities - [www.ct.gov/opapd](http://www.ct.gov/opapd)

60-B Weston Street, Hartford, CT 06120

Phone: 860-297-4300; 800-842-7303 (V/TTY) toll free ;

860-297-4380 (TTY) Fax: 860-566-8714 - [opa-information@ct.gov](mailto:opa-information@ct.gov)

- *English/Spanish*

## Padres Abriendo Puertas (PAP)

(Parents Opening Doors)

60-B Weston Street, Hartford, CT 06120

Phone: 860-297-4391/4392 - *English/Spanish*

## PATH (Parent to Parent/Family Voices of CT)

(Parents Available to Help, Inc.) - [www.pathct.org](http://www.pathct.org)

P.O. Box 117, Northford, CT 06472

Phone: 800-399-PATH (7284) (CT only); 203-234-9554

[nanfi@aol.com](mailto:nanfi@aol.com) or [accirioli@att.net](mailto:accirioli@att.net) - *English/Spanish* -

## SERC (State Education Resource Center) - [www.ctserc.org](http://www.ctserc.org)

25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1516

Phone: 800-842-8678; 860-632-1485 - Fax: 860-632-8870

[info@ctserc.org](mailto:info@ctserc.org) - *English/Spanish*

## SpEd Connecticut, Inc - [www.spedconnecticut.org](http://www.spedconnecticut.org)

999 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Phone: 860-560-1711 - Fax: 860-560-1750

[info@spedconnecticut.org](mailto:info@spedconnecticut.org)

## Statewide Legal Services - [www.ctlawhelp.org](http://www.ctlawhelp.org)

Entry point for accessing legal services through CT Legal Services, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, and New Haven Legal Assistance.

Phone: 800-453-3320 - *English/Spanish*

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

[www.ghla.org](http://www.ghla.org) - [www.nhlegal.org](http://www.nhlegal.org) - [www.slsct.org](http://www.slsct.org)

## Telecommunication Relay Services

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

34 Jerome Avenue, Suite 220, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Voicemail: 860-986-7234; Fax: 860-242-7989; Captel: 860-243-0351;

Videophone: 1-866-857-3242; [michelle.sangster@sprint.com](mailto:michelle.sangster@sprint.com)

## University of Connecticut Center for

### Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

A.J. Papanikou Center for Developmental Disabilities

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

263 Farmington Avenue, MC-6222, Farmington, CT 06030-6222

Phone: 866-623-1315; 860-679-1500

860-679-1502 (TTY); Fax: 860-679-1571