



Web Resources for Assisting College Students with Disabilities



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ABLEDATA

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

ABLEDATA is a division of NARIC that maintains a database of more than 20,000 assistive devices ranging from eating utensils to wheelchairs. ABLEDATA has the capacity to conduct product searches based on a variety of key words or phrases such as architectural elements, communication, education management, sensory disabilities, etc. Searches can also be constrained by such factors as price and manufacturer.

ADA Watch

<http://www.adawatch.org>

The ADA WATCH campaign is a nonprofit informational online network designed to activate the disability community's grassroots in response to threats to civil rights protections for people with disabilities.

Adaptive Environments, Inc.

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

A non-profit organization founded in 1978 to address the environmental issues that confront people with disabilities and elderly people. Adaptive Environments promotes accessibility as well as universal design through education programs, technical assistance, training, consulting, publications and design advocacy. Its mission is to promote, facilitate, and advocate for international adoption of policies and designs that enable every individual, regardless of disability or age, to participate fully in all aspects of society.

Alliance for Technology Access

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

The Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is a network of community-based resource centers, developers and vendors dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities, and increasing their use of standard, assistive, and information technologies.

Alzheimer's Association

<http://www.alz.org>

The Alzheimer's Association provides education and support for people diagnosed with the condition, their families, and caregivers.

American Association on Mental Retardation

<http://www.aamr.org>

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

American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association

<http://www.aarda.org>

American Cancer Society

<http://www.cancer.org>

American Council for the Blind

<http://www.acb.org>

American Diabetes Association

<http://www.diabetes.org>

American Foundation for the Blind

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

A national information clearing-house serving the needs of individuals who are blind. Offers access to an extensive publication network.

American Lung Association

<http://www.lungusa.org>

American Parkinson's Disease Association

<http://www.apdaparkinson.com>

American Printing House for the Blind

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

Materials, alternative media, tools, and resources for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

<http://www.asha.org>

Americans with Disabilities Act Document Center

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/links/adalinks.htm>

A comprehensive site with extensive links to ADA documents and disability-related web sites.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association

<http://www.alsa.org>

Apple Education Disability Resources

<http://www.apple.com/disability>

The Worldwide Disability Solutions Group has a long history of providing technology and learning resources for people with special needs. Also includes a catalog of Apple products and computer software designed to make computers more accessible.

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

<http://www.ahead.org>

AHEAD is an international organization promoting excellence through education, communication and training. Founded in 1977, AHEAD addresses the need and concern for upgrading the quality of services and support available to persons with disabilities in higher education.

Autism Society of America

<http://autism-society.org/>

Serving the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy, education, public awareness, and research.

Bobby

<http://www.cast.org/bobby/>

This site provides a free service to web page authors by helping them identify and repair significant barriers to access by individuals with disabilities.

Brain Injury Association

<http://www.biausa.org>

The mission of the Brain Injury Association of America is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy.

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)

<http://www.chadd.org>

Closing the Gap

<http://closingthegap.com/>

Closing The Gap, Inc. is an organization that focuses on computer technology for people with special needs through its bi-monthly newspaper, annual international conference and extensive web site. Search the annual resource directory online.

Complete Disability Network/ Disability Grapevine Online Newspaper

www.disabilitygrapevine.com

A network run by and operated by people with disabilities. To say this site is comprehensive is an understatement! An umbrella composed of twenty

different web sites, more than 1000 web pages, and over 500 links.

Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE)

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/>

The web site of a federally funded project whose mission is to provide technical assistance and information dissemination concerning techniques for preventing and resolving disagreements related to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Cornucopia of Disability Information

<http://codi.buffalo.edu/>

A comprehensive collection of links to disability web sites. Well-organized.

Council for Exceptional Children

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

A professional organization devoted to all areas of special education.

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

<http://www.ccfa.org>

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

<http://www.cff.org>

Dave's ESL Café on the Web

<http://www.pacificnet.net/~sperling/>

A resource for teaching and learning English. Features homework help, links, forums, discussion, and more.

Disability Related Issues: Web Pathfinder for Student Research

<http://www.disrights.org/guide/research.html>

This site focuses on researching disability related issues on the World Wide Web and organizes resource links by search strategy and topic.

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

<http://bapd.org/gdiand-1.html>

DREDF does advocacy at local, state, and national levels through policy reform, legal representation, and education.

Don Johnston, Inc.

<http://www.donjohnston.com>

Provides intervention products that struggling students and students with disabilities may need to achieve literacy. Offering reading, writing, word-study and computer access products, as well as professional development services for education teachers on using technology in the classroom to teach reading and writing.

EdLaw

<http://www.edlaw.net>

This site is maintained by EdLaw, Inc. and contains links and briefing papers on many timely legal issues in special education.

Education World: Where Teachers go to Learn

<http://www.education-world.com/>

Search a database of over 100,000 web sites to locate information most relevant for your work and interests.

Epilepsy Foundation of America

<http://www.efa.org>

Family and Advocates Partnership for Education

<http://www.fape.org>

Provides information to educate families and advocates about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Family Village

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

A global community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with mental retardation and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support. Offers informational resources on specific diagnoses, communication connections, adaptive products and technology, adaptive recreational activities, education, worship, health issues, disability related media and literature, and so much more.

Heath Resource Center - National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities

<http://www.heath.gwu.edu>

serves as an information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities at American campuses, vocational-technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities.

Huntington's Disease Society of America

<http://www.hdsa.org>

IBM Accessibility Center

<http://www-3.ibm.com/able/index.html>

List of IBM products designed to make computers and software more accessible.

IDEA Practices

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

A technical assistance site to support the efforts of administrators and service providers who are implementing IDEA.

Immune Deficiency Foundation

<http://www.primaryimmune.org>

Independent Living Resource Utilization (ILRU)

<http://public.bcm.tmc.edu/ilru>

The ILRU program is a national center for information, training, research, and technical assistance in independent living. Its goal is to expand the body of knowledge in independent living and to improve utilization of results of research programs and demonstration projects in this field.

Info Grip Options Catalog

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

Lists a variety of products designed to make all aspects of computer use accessible to people with disabilities.

Inspiration

<http://www.inspiration.com>

This extremely unique site provides students with a tool for brainstorming and outlining.

Intellitools Activity Exchange

<http://www.intellitools.com>

Search for ready-to-use teacher-made materials for use with Intellitools products. Download the files and you are ready to go! Materials are also modifiable to meet individual student needs.

International Disability News Ticker

<http://www.abilityinfo.com/ticker.html>

This site provides up-to-date news reports about

issues relating to all types of disabilities. These easy to access reports are divided into three searchable areas of interest.

International Dyslexia Association

<http://www.interdys.org>

Intervention Techniques

<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/cise/ose/information/interventions.html>

Valuable information about effective instructional practices in special education.

Job Accommodation Network

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is not a job placement service, but an international toll-free (1-800-526-7234) consulting service that provides information about job accommodations and the employability of people with disabilities.

Learning Disabilities Association of America

<http://www.ldanatl.org>

Legal and Advocacy Resources

<http://www.makoa.org/legal.htm>

An extensive list of links, concerning disability, legal issues, and advocacy.

Lupus Foundation of America

<http://www.lupus.org>

MedWeb

<http://www.medweb.emory.edu/MedWeb/>
Search or browse for information on children, disabilities, and medical conditions.

Microphones.Com

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

Offers comparative information about microphone technology such as voice recognition, computer/telephone microphones and computer transcription microphones.

Microsoft Accessibility

<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/>

Catalog of innovative products designed to make computers accessible to all.

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

<http://www.msfacts.org>

Muscular Dystrophy Association

<http://www.mdaua.org>

National Association of People with AIDS

<http://www.napwa.org>

NAPWA is dedicated to improving lives of people with HIV disease at home, in the workplace, and in the community.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

<http://www.nami.org>

National Attention Deficit Disorder Association

<http://www.add.org>

National Center for Disability Services

<http://www.ncds.org>

A center dedicated to the advancement of people with disabilities. Works to create environments that are inclusive of all people and where people with disabilities live simply as people, with the same benefits and opportunities as everyone else.

National Center for Stuttering

<http://www.stuttering.com>

National Center on Accessing the General Curriculum

<http://www.cast.org/ncac>

A not-for-profit organization using technology to expand opportunities for all people including those with disabilities. The site includes information, products, and software.

National Center on Educational Outcomes

<http://education.umn.edu/nceo>

The NCEO provides national leadership in the identification of outcomes and indicators to monitor educational results for all students, including students with disabilities. Specific topics include the participation of students with disabilities in national and state assessments, standard-setting efforts and graduation requirements.

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

<http://www.health.org>

National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education

<http://www.ncbe.gwu.edu>

National Down Syndrome Congress

<http://www.ndscenter.org>

National Down Syndrome Society

<http://www.ndss.org>

National Easter Seal Society

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

National Federation of the Blind

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

National Health Information Center

<http://www.health.gov/nhic/>

The National Health Information Center is a health information referral service. NHIC puts health professionals and consumers who have health questions in touch with those organizations that are best able to provide answers. They maintain an extensive database of resources on virtually all disabling health conditions.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

<http://www.nichcy.org>

NICHCY is a national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators,

and other professionals focusing on children and youth, birth to age 22.

National Institute of Mental Health Information Line

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

National Institute on Neurological Disorders & Stroke

<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>

Resources, information, and links from this government funded research center.

National Kidney Foundation

<http://www.kidney.org>

National Mental Health Association

<http://www.nmha.org>

National Neurofibromatosis Foundation

<http://www.nf.org>

National Organization for Rare Diseases

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

NORD is a clearinghouse of information and resources on rare diseases.

National Parent Information Network

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

A national organization designed to provide research-based parenting information in the form of articles, links, and newsletters.

National Rehabilitation Information Center

<http://www.naric.com>

Complete literature collection, including commercially published books, journal articles, and audiovisuals- averages about 200 new documents per month. Serves anyone, professional or lay person, who is interested in disability and rehabilitation, including consumers, family members, health professionals, educators, rehabilitation counselors, students, librarians, administrators and researchers.

National STD Hotline

<http://www.ashastd.org>

National Stroke Association

<http://www.stroke.org>

Net Connections for Communication Disorders and Sciences

<http://www.mankato.msus.edu/dept/comdis/kuster2/welcome.html>

A well-organized Internet guide to speech and language resources on the net.

On-line Books Page

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

A directory of over 9,000 books that can be read for free online.

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER)

<http://www.pacer.org>

Provides information about the coalition and their mission. Users can sign up to receive newsletters and other publications. This site also includes a set of informative links.

Publications for Parents from the United States Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents>

Extensive library of articles and publications for all parents on a variety of educational issues. Especially helpful for parents of children with disabilities who want to learn more about disability-related governmental education issues.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

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

Books on tape national library.

Regional Technical Assistance Project Policy Information Pipeline

Request your region's web site by calling (800) 949-4232.

Regional offices provide individuals, businesses and government entities with information, materials and technical assistance regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

RESNA Technical Assistance Project Policy Information Pipeline

<http://www.resna.org/taproject/policy/policypipe.html>

Provides resources and assistance in all major policy areas including, community living, education, employment, health care, telecommunication and information technology.

Special Education Resources in Spanish

<http://paidos.rediris.es/needirectorio/>

Spina Bifida Association of America

<http://www.sbaa.org>

Tourette's Syndrome Association

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

United Cerebral Palsy

<http://www.ucp.org>

Virtual Field Trip Site

<http://www.field-guides.com>

This site provides an alternative form of resending information. Students can go on virtual field trips without ever leaving the classroom!

WebAble

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

This site is dedicated to making the Internet accessible to people with disabilities. Extensive information is provided on accessibility software.

Yahoo! Education/Special Education

http://dir.yahoo.com/education/special_education/

A directory of special education web sites.

Yahoo! Society and Culture/Disability

http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Disabilities

Comprehensive site of links to informative web sites. The links are divided up into 31 categories, which include a brief description of the site.

