Denver Community Resources for Youth with Disabilities

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Job Search and Job Placement

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Hotline
Phone: 1-800-949-4232
Website: www.adainformation.org
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: Provide technical assistance related to the application of the federal legislation that protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination in the workplace. Training is provided free of charge on issues related to ADA.

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
2211 W. Evans, Denver, CO 80223
303-866-2500       FAX 303-866-3419
Website: www.cdhs.state.co.us/DVR
Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Must be determined at time of application. Services are restricted to people with disabilities. Testing may be provided to determine whether client is disabled before services can be rendered.
Description: Provide job search and development services for people with documented disabilities to help secure and maintain employment. Employment is the key issue addressed by vocational rehabilitation but DVR also refers client for independent living support. Educational needs related to employment are secondary. Youth in special education can be enrolled in vocational rehabilitation before they graduate from high school.

Denver Office of Economic Development - Youth Services
1391 N. Speer Boulevard, Suite 520, Denver, CO 80204
720-865-5700, Option 1     FAX 720-865-5681
Website: www.milehigh.com
Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8:00am-5pm
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Varies according to the program. Usually income based and requires student have a barrier to employment such as lack of basic skills, a documented disability or teen parent.
Description: Agencies contract with the Office of Economic Development to provide youth development services. Call this office for the contact information for these agencies.

Denver Workforce Centers
Speer: 1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204  720-865-5619
Westside: 1200 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80204  720-944-1615
Stapleton: 3401 Quebec St., Suite 7700, Denver, CO 80205  720-865-0060
DIA: 8500 Pena Blvd., Main Terminal W. Side, Denver, CO 80249  303-342-2590
Website: www.milehigh.com/employment/locations
Contact: Workforce Center nearest you
Hours: Vary
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to customers registered with the Workforce Center or existing clients of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).
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**Description:** The Workforce Centers listed are equipped with various assistive technologies that assist with the job search process. Staff is available to help with the use of equipment. Disability navigators are available at the Speer workforce site to provide additional job search and placement assistance.

**Employment Works – CP of Colorado**
801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230
303-691-9339       FAX 303-691-0846
**Website:** [www.employmentworks.org](http://www.employmentworks.org)  **Contact:** Jerry Phillips
jphillips@cpco.org

**Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm  **Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Services are provided to youth and adults with disabilities that have employment challenges.

**Description:** Provides a variety of employment related services and programs including Ticket to Work, Social Security Incentive Planning and others.

**Goodwill Industries- Deaf Services Program**
6850 North Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80221
303-650-7700, TTY 303-427-9394   FAX 303-650-7782
**Website:** [www.goodwilldenver.org](http://www.goodwilldenver.org)  **Contact:** Cathy Noble Hornsby
Video Phone 303-457-3646; Toll free – 1-866-759-3661
cnoble@goodwilldenver.org

**Hours:** M–Th, 8-4

**Eligibility:** Job training for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, must be referred through DVR or CCB for training. Consultation and Resource exploration offered.

**Description:** Provides job readiness skills training; taught by deaf professionals and peers.

**Job Accommodations Network**
800-526-7234, TTY 877-781-9403
**Website:** [janweb.icdi.wvu.edu](http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu)

**Description:** Provides job accommodation and entrepreneurship information for employers and people with disabilities.

**MHCD 2 Succeed Program**
456 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204
303-504-1700
**Website:** [www.mhcd.org/Services/2SucceedInEmployment/index.html](http://www.mhcd.org/Services/2SucceedInEmployment/index.html)

**Contact:** Staff

**Eligibility:** Must be an MHVD client or enroll in MHCD services.

**Description:** Provides employment services, training and post-secondary education support for people with mental illness.

**School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP)**
2211 W. Evans Avenue, Building A, Room 01, Denver, CO 80223
303-866-3869       FAX 303-866-3419
**Contact:** Jamie Konecny
**Hours:** Vary  **Fees:** NO

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**Eligibility:** Youth must be 17-25 years old, attending Denver Public Schools (DPS) or out of school living within the DPS catchment area. Must qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation services to enroll in the program.

**Description:** SWAP provides job readiness training, job search assistance, job development, placement and coaching and social skills training.

**SSI Benefits Planners**
Office hours are held at Denver Workforce Centers. Call for hours.
**Contact:** Amelia Anderson
**Phone:** 303-636-1256  
**Email:** aanderson2@co.arapahoe.co.us

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Provides information on how employment can affect SSI and SSDI benefits and the work incentives that are available. Also provides information on the Eligibility Criteria and Application Process for SSI and SSDI benefits.

**SSI/SSDI (Social Security Insurance/Social Security Disability Insurance)**  
**Website:** www.ssa.gov/disability

**Ticket to Work – Employment Works – CP of Colorado**
801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230
303-691-9339  
**FAX** 303-691-0846
**Website:** www.employmentworks.org  
**Contact:** Rose Compton
rcompton@cpco.org

**Eligibility:** Serve people with mild to moderate disabilities 18 years old and older that hold a Ticket to Work or request one.

**Description:** Partner with customers to provide job search assistance, job development and other strategies to assist them to obtain employment. Offer post employment support.

**Job Support for People with Developmental Disabilities**

**Bayaud Enterprises**
333 W. Bayaud Avenue, Denver, CO 80223
303-830-6885  
**FAX** 303-830-6653
**Website:** www.bayaudindustries.org  
**Contact:** Mary Page, ext 203
mary.page@bayaudenterprises.org  
**Fees:** NO

**Hours:** Regular

**Eligibility:** Must be referred by DVR or TANF. Serves individuals with a variety of disabilities.

**Description:** Provides vocational evaluation, work adjustment, general office skill training and job search assistance and job coaching.

**Easter Seals- Employment Services**
5755 W. Alameda Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80226
303-937-7713, ext. 256  
**FAX** 303-233-1028
**Website:** co.easterseals.com  
**Contact:** Donna Schulte  
**Fees:** NO

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**Eligibility:** Serves people with disabilities over 18 years of age. Must be referred through DVR or Community Center Boards (ex. Denver Options).

**Description:** Serves primarily people with developmental disabilities. Provides job coaching, placement and work crew opportunities.

**Goodwill Industries**  
6850 Federal Boulevard, Denver CO, 80221  
303-650-7700  
**Contact:** Kathy Hill  
**Website:** [www.goodwilldenver.org](http://www.goodwilldenver.org)  
**khill@goodwilldenver.org**  
**Hours:** Vary  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Program provides services to people with disabilities eligible for their services.

**Description:** Goodwill services include Deaf Services, Work Activity Day Programs, Enclaves (group work program), Community Integrated Employment and Supported Living Services.

**Shalom Denver**  
2498 W. 2nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80223  
303-623-0251  
**Contact:** Arnie Kover  
**Website:** [www.shalomdenver.com](http://www.shalomdenver.com)  
**akover@jewishfamilyservice.org**  
**FAX 303-620-9584**  
**Hours:** M-Th 8am–4pm, F 7am–3pm  
**Eligibility:** Must have an IQ of 70 or less and have acquired a disability prior to 21 years of age. Services are geared toward people who have developmental disabilities.

**Description:** Shalom provides a sheltered workshop, community supported employment, and DVR assessments, job coaching and job search.
Section 2: Summer Employment/Internships

Colorado Center for the Blind- Earn and Learn
2233 W. Shepperd Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120
303-778-1130      FAX 303-778-1598
Website: www.cocenter.org   Contact: Brent Batron (ext 222)
bbatron@cocenter.org

Hours: Summer only; youth live in an apartment during 8 week program
Fees: $3500 per month; funding assistance may be available through schools or DVR.
Eligibility: Program is designed for high school students that are blind.
Description: Youth have the opportunity to learn independent living skills and to
participate in a paid work experience.

Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition - Summer Internships
655 Broadway, Suite 775, Denver, CO 80203
303-839-1775, TTY 303-839-0015   FAX 303-839-1782
Website: www.ccdconline.org   Contact: Jamie Lewis
303-777-0797

Hours: Vary
Fees: YES
Eligibility: Youth ages 14-18 who have a disability. Requires an application and interview.
Description: Through interactive class instruction and individual/group projects, teens
will learn about self and community advocacy as well as history related to the disability
movement. Internships provided through partnership with Access Gallery.

Denver Office of Economic Development- Youth Services
1391 N. Speer Boulevard, Suite 520, Denver, CO 80204
720-865-5700      FAX 720-865-5681
Website: www.milehigh.com/employment/youthservices
Contact: Staff

Hours: M-F 8:30am–5:30pm
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students with disabilities may be eligible for a variety of programs (including
WIA, TANF and others) based on income, barriers to employment and motivation to
work and advance their education.
Description: Youth Services offers year round programming for youth ages 14-21,
including those with disabilities, which help support engagement in employment, career
development and secondary and post-secondary education. Contractors across the city
provide these services; call the main office for the closest service agency.

Earn and Learn - Goodwill Industries
6850 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80221
303-650-7700 X 279
Website: www.goodwilldenver.org   Contact: Allison Yeager or Yelena
Nemoy

Hours: Vary
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be an in-school junior or senior. Applications are due early spring.
Description: Provide paid, professional summer internships in local businesses. No
disability specific services are available.
Governor’s Summer Job Hunt  
1391 N. Speer Boulevard, Suite 520, Denver, CO 80204  
720-865-5700 FAX 720-865-5681  
Website: www.connectingcolorado.com Contact: Staff  
Hours: Vary Fees: NO  
Eligibility: Open to all Denver youth ages 16 and older. Must provide proof of age and citizenship.  
Description: Provide youth with job referrals for summer positions.

Mile High Youth Corps  
1801 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204  
303-433-1206 FAX 303-433-5997  
Website: www.milehighyouthcorps.org Contact: Brigid McRaith brigidm@mhyc.net  
Hours: Call for schedule Fees: NO  
Eligibility: Must be 16-24 years old.  
Description: Provide outdoor, labor-intensive jobs. Programs include YouthBuild for out of school youth, Water Conservation Program and Summer Program for 17-18 year olds. Hours can be long and work is physical in nature. No disability specific services are offered.

Summer Scholars  
3401 Quebec Street, Suite 5010, Denver, CO 80207  
303-355-0290 FAX 303-355-0883  
Website: www.summerscholars.org Contact: Ed Edwards eedwards@summerscholars.org  
Hours: Vary Fees: NO  
Eligibility: Summer Scholars seeks teens with strong academic skills, who are friendly, self-motivated, and who enjoy children. All three sections of the Summer Scholars Classroom Assistant application must be submitted in order to be considered. The three sections include: Classroom Assistant Application; English Teacher’s Recommendation; Personal Recommendation. Applications can be downloaded from the Summer Scholars website.  
Description: Youth are paid to provide tutoring and academic support to elementary school youth for an 8-week period.

VSA Arts of Colorado/ Access Gallery  
909 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204  
303-777-0797  
Website: www.accessgallery.org Contact: Cris Ciani cris@accessgallery.org  
Gallery Hours: W-F 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm Fees: YES, In some cases  
Eligibility: Serves youth with disabilities and at risk youth.  
Description: VSA provides summer and year round art based programming for youth and adults with disabilities. Stipends and wages may be available on a limited basis. Access Gallery also displays the work of local artists with disabilities.
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**YouthBiz**  
3280 Downing Street, Suite C, Denver, CO 80205  
303-297-0212  
**Website:** [www.youthbiz.org](http://www.youthbiz.org)  
**FAX** 303-297-0228  
**Contact:** Jason Torrez  
jason@youthbiz.org

**Hours:** 9am-5:30pm  
**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be in middle or high school and have adequate transportation to participate in the program.

**Description:** YouthBiz offers a two-tiered program with incentive pay based on a variety of criteria. Tier 1 offers job readiness, computer and study skills training. Tier 2 offers entrepreneurial training and advanced job readiness and career development experiences. Sessions last 12 weeks during the school year and 8 weeks during the summer. Have accommodated youth with disabilities in the past.
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Section 3: Education

High School/ GED/ Transitions

College in Colorado (Website)
1560 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, CO 80202
720-264-8560 En Español: 720-264-8580 FAX 303-296-1637
Website: www.collegeincolorado.org Contact: Staff
Hours: N/A Fees: NO
Eligibility: Free and open to the public
Description: CollegeInColorado.org is a free, comprehensive college and career planning tool for Colorado families and is part of the Department of Higher Education. Website features for planning, applying and paying for college include: career exploration and planning for individuals of all ages; scholarship search engines; financial aid information and calculators; high school coursework planner; ACT/SAT and GRE test preparation; virtual campus tours and college comparisons; information about the College Opportunity Fund (COF); and a free lifelong portfolio for your ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan).

Denver Human Services – Learning Lab/ Basic Skills Program
1200 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204
720-944-2498 (Main Number) FAX 720-944-1719
Contact: Marsha Pittleman Learning Lab) 720-865-2355
Michelle Muniz (Basic Skills) 720-865-2273
Hours: 8:45am-4pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth must be 17 or older and TANF, Food Stamp recipient. If student scores below 7.0 on TABE test, he/she qualifies for Basic Skills Program. If student scores 7.0 or higher, they are referred to GED prep classes.
Description: Offers GED prep, basic skills assessment and referral for learning disability evaluation if needed.

Denver Public Schools Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE) Program
(Also known as Work Experience Study)
1330 Fox Street, 2nd Floor South, Denver, CO 80204
720-423-8097 FAX 720-423-8024
Website: www.dpsk12.org Contact: Marta Osuna marta_osuna@dpsk12.org
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to all DPS students receiving special education services including those who attend Emily Griffith Opportunity School. ACE is geared toward youth who are at risk and/or are in special education.
Description: Provides job readiness, internships, apprenticeships, work experience and job placement and bus training.
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Denver Interagency Transition Team
720-423-8028
Website: www.dittcolorado.ning.com
Email: mon.schultz@gmail.com
Contact: Monica Schultz     Hours: Vary     Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Collaborative group that works to address gaps in transition services for youth with disabilities ages 14-25 who wish to obtain employment or pursue higher education.

GED Accommodations - Colorado Department of Education
201 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 100, Denver, CO 80203
303-866-6613       FAX 303-866-6947
Website: www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/GEDindex.htm#AccForms
Contact: Chalmer Naugle     Email: naugle_c@cde.state.co.us
Hours: M-F 9am-Noon, 1pm-3pm
Eligibility: Must have documented disability in order to qualify for GED accommodations. To apply, student must fill out form for his or her particular disability (see options on website) and submit to the Chief Examiner at the local GED testing center.
Description: Provide GED accommodations forms and ultimately, approve accommodations requests. Accommodations can include extra time, oral presentation of questions, use of a scribe for writing, etc.

Job Corps
800-733-5627
Website: recruiting.jobcorps.gov     Contact: Staff
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to youth who are 16-24, US citizens, and meet the program’s income requirements. Must call 800 number listed above to obtain an application.
Description: Provides help with GED or diploma as well as job training in a residential program. A disability coordinator is available to help youth with disabilities receive the services and accommodations they need to be successful.

Lifelong Adult Education Services, Inc.
1175 Osage Street, Suite 201, Denver, CO 80204
303-573-0839       FAX 303-573-0849
Website: www.lifelongaes.com
Contact: Mary Costa     Email: mary@lifelongaes.com
Hours: Vary
Fees: YES, but may be covered if youth is eligible for certain government funded programs
Eligibility: Serves people with mild to severe disabilities.
Description: Lifelong Adult Education Services, Inc. specialized GED instruction for students with disabilities.
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**College Prep Programs and Resources**

★ For a complete listing of all Colorado college preparation programs, please go to the College in Colorado website at:

secure.collegeincolorado.org/College_Planning/_default.aspx

**AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination)**
Offered in a variety of high schools in the Denver area
Website: www.avidonline.org  Contact: School counselor
Hours: N/A  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Eligible students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and have the potential to take on rigorous coursework. Students should meet one or more of the following criteria: first in family to attend college, historically underserved in four-year colleges, low-income, special circumstances.
Description: AVID assists and supports students to take on more challenging coursework and provides training in study skills, critical thinking and enrichment activities. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.

**College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)**
AIMS Community College, 260 College Avenue, Fort Lupton, CO 80621
303-857-4022 ext 4317  FAX 970-352-5443
Website: www.colorado.edu/education/bueno/html/programs_html/camp/html/camppage.html
Contact: Tammy Molinar-LeBlanc  molinar@colorado.edu
Hours: M-F 9am-5pm  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Any migrant or seasonal employed agricultural worker or their children who: within the last 24 months have worked a minimum of 75 days in farm work, been eligible to participate or have participated in a migrant education program under Chapter 1 - Migrant Education, or participated in a WIA section 167 program. Students must be full-time, first year freshmen with a permanent US residency.
Description: The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is a federally funded program that assists migrant and seasonal farm workers and persons working in agriculturally related activities pursue higher education. Have worked with youth with learning disabilities in the past.

**Colorado UpLift**
3914 King Street, Denver, CO 80211
303-830-6615  FAX: 303-830-6763
Website: www.coloradouplift.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: Varies  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth must be previously enrolled in Colorado UpLift or apply to the program. UpLift operates out of North, West, East, Lincoln and Manual High Schools.
Description: UpLift assists students with the college application process, scholarships and provide support once youth are enrolled in college. Serve some youth with disabilities.
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1560 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, CO 80202
720-264-8560 En Español: 720-264-8580 FAX 303-296-1637
Website: www.collegeincolorado.org Contact: Staff
Hours: N/A Fees: NO
Eligibility: Free and open to the public.
Description: CollegeInColorado.org is a free, comprehensive college and career planning tool for Colorado families and is part of the Department of Higher Education. Website features for planning, applying and paying for college include: career exploration and planning for individuals of all ages; scholarship search engines; financial aid information and calculators; high school coursework planner; ACT/SAT and GRE test preparation; virtual campus tours and college comparisons; information about the College Opportunity Fund (COF); and a free lifelong portfolio for your ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan). Other free services provided by College In Colorado include: trainings on www.CollegeInColorado.org for students, parents, and educators; motivational presentations by Team CIC; www.cicpartnernetwork.org - a complementary wiki-style site; and materials for career and college planning. Much of the Website is available in Spanish.

**College Summit**
1201 E. Colfax Avenue, Suite 301, Denver, CO 80218
303-832-7174 FAX 303-832-9032
Website: www.collegesummit.org Contact: Heather Riley
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Low income students in high schools where College Summit is offered are eligible.
Description: Students get a head start on their college applications through College Summit’s 4-day transformational Summer Workshop and school year follow up program. Students learn lifelong self-advocacy skills that they are trained to share with their peers. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

**Colorado Center for the Blind Earn and Learn Program**
2233 W. Shepperd Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120
303-778-1130 FAX 303-778-1598
Website: www.cocenter.org Contact: Brent Batron bbatron@cocenter.org
Hours: 8 week full time summer program Fees: YES, $3500 per month, but funding assistance may be available through schools or DVR.
Eligibility: Program is designed for high school students who are blind.
Description: This program prepares youth to apply independent living skills in a college setting. They learn how to access disability services on campus and use adaptive technology. Participants live in apartments with a roommate during the 8 week program. Program provides one to one counseling and mentorship, college preparation, tutoring and classes on the college campus.
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**Educational Opportunity Center**
Auraria Campus, 1201 5th Street, Suite 325, Denver, CO 80204
303-629-9226 FAX 303-620-4805  
Website: [www.ccd.edu/eoc](http://www.ccd.edu/eoc)  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm  
Eligibility: Adults ages 19 and older unless Educational Talent Search is not available in a young person’s school.  
Description: The center offers assistance with financial aid, including loans, scholarships and FAFSA. They also provide career and education planning, assistance with the college application process and support for youth who have dropped out of school and want to further their education. Office is located at 1205 5th Street, Suite 325 (Auraria Campus Administration Building). The building is wheelchair accessible.

**Educational Talent Search**
Auraria Campus, 1201 5th Street, Suite 325, Denver, CO 80204
303-629-9226 FAX 303-620-4805  
Website: [www.ccd.edu/ETS/ETS.aspx](http://www.ccd.edu/ETS/ETS.aspx)  
Contact: Ryan Ross ryan.ross@ccd.edu  
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm  
Fees: NO  
Eligibility: The program is open to youth who are in middle or high school or 11-18 years old and out of school. They must be first generation students with a limited family income. Intensive services are available at particular schools within Denver.  
Description: The program helps middle and high school students stay in school, graduate and enroll in higher education programs. Students who have dropped out of school are provided assistance to re-enroll and plan for higher education. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.

**Future Centers: Denver Scholarship Foundation**
303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 200, Denver CO 80203  
303-951-4140 FAX 303-951-4143  
Website: [www.denverscholarship.org](http://www.denverscholarship.org)  
Contact: Staff at each school  
Hours: Vary  
Fees: NO  
Eligibility: Open to students enrolled at participating high school. See website for listing of Future Centers in Denver.  
Description: Provides career exploration, college prep and scholarship application assistance to high school students interested in pursuing college. Denver Scholarship Fund scholarships are also available to qualifying students.

**GEAR UP**
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80202  
303-866-2723 FAX 303-866-4266  
Website: [www.coloradogearup.com](http://www.coloradogearup.com)  
Contact: Advisor in your area (see website)  
Hours: Vary  
Fees: NO  
Eligibility: Student must regularly attend school where GEAR UP is offered (Lincoln, MLK Early College, Montbello and North). Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident of the United States and qualify for free or reduced lunch.

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**Description:** A follow up program helping to orient youth toward college. Students begin in the 7th grade and continue in GEAR UP until 12th grade. Students who complete the program are eligible for a scholarship. GEAR also works with the community in various capacities to ensure that low-income youth are able to successfully prepare for college.

**Minds Matter**
P.O. Box 48162, Denver, CO 80204
Website: [www.mindsmatter.org](http://www.mindsmatter.org)
Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be sophomore, junior, or senior with 3.5 GPA, active in extracurricular activities and eligible for free/reduced lunch program. Applications due by September 17, 2010 for 10-11 school year.
Description: Academic mentoring program with a focus on college preparation during the school year on Mondays and during the summer.

**Pre-Collegiate Development Program**
University of Colorado at Boulder, 107 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309
303-492-8243      FAX 303-492-3035
Website: [www.colorado.edu/odece/pcdp.html](http://www.colorado.edu/odece/pcdp.html)
Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students must be first generation in their family to go to college, maintain a 2.75 GPA and be enrolled at East High School or Denver School of Science and Technology.
Description: PCDP is structured to ensure that students are academically prepared to enroll and be successful at the University of Colorado or any postsecondary institution of the student's choice. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

**Upward Bound**
Metro State College of Denver, Campus Box 66, PO Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217
303-556-2812      FAX 303-556-2516
Website: [www.mscd.edu/~hsub](http://www.mscd.edu/~hsub)
Contact: Paulette McIntosh
Hours: 9am-5:30pm
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students must attend East, Lincoln, Manual, North, and West High Schools. They must enroll in their freshman or sophomore year. Participants are low income and/or first generation college-bound students.
Description: This program assists students to gain the skills and motivation necessary to complete high school and go on to college. Services include tutoring, academic and career planning and college visits. An eight-week summer program is also offered. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.

**Upward Bound for Veterans**
Metro State College of Denver, Campus Box 89, PO Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217
303-556-3305      FAX 303-556-6245
Website: [www.mscd.edu/~vub](http://www.mscd.edu/~vub)
Contact: Leroy Chavez
chavezl@mscd.edu
Hours: 8am-4:30pm
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Veterans who have served 180 consecutive days of active duty are eligible.
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**Description:** This program prepares veterans to enter college. They provide free GED preparation and testing and pre-collegiate basic skill classes. Once a veteran is enrolled in college, support and tutoring are provided. Staff are experienced in working with people with disabilities.

**Post-Secondary Education - Disability Support Services (Denver Area)**

*For links to Disability Service Offices websites for Colorado colleges, please go to the College in Colorado website at:*

secure.collegeincolorado.org/Home/Search/Search.aspx?search=disabilities

**ACCESS Center for Disability Accommodations and Adaptive Technology**
Metropolitan State College of Denver, Auraria Library, Suite 116
303-556-8387
**Website:** www.mscd.edu/~access
**Contact:** Brei Hamilton
besser1@mscd.edu
**Fees:** NO
**Eligibility:** Must have documentation substantiating a diagnosed disability.
**Description:** The ACCESS CENTER assists students with documented disabilities in reaching their academic potential by providing qualified students with disabilities reasonable academic accommodations as mandated under ADA and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The ACCESS CENTER offers some of the latest adaptive technology. Approved students will receive training and access to a variety of hardware and software products in the computer lab area. Software on site includes, but is not limited to, JAWS, Dragon Naturally Speaking and ZoomText. Access to media in alternative formats is also available including: E-Text, Enlarged Print and Braille.

**Center for Persons with Disabilities**
Community College of Denver, Auraria Campus, S. Classroom Building, Room 134
PO Box 173363, Campus Box 400, Denver, Colorado 80217
303-556-3300
**Website:** www.ccd.edu/Disabilities/Disabilities.aspx
**Contact:** Glenda Nash-Buscarello
Glenda.Nash-Buscarello@ccd.edu
**Fee:** NO
**Eligibility:** Students must have a documented disability.
**Description:** Provides screening, support and accommodations for students with disabilities.

**College In Colorado (Website)**
1560 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, CO 80202
720-264-8560
**Website:** www.collegeincolorado.org
**Contact:** Staff
**Fees:** NO
**Eligibility:** Free and open to the public.
**Description:** College In Colorado is a free service of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, providing Colorado’s only comprehensive online Career and Postsecondary Planning tool. Several resources for students with disabilities and their
families are available on the site. Much of the Career/College website is available in Spanish. There is a pre-recorded Webinar available on the site that previews the website’s features specific to students with disabilities.

**College Living Experience**  
1391 Speer Boulevard, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80204  
303-825-2533  
**Website:** www.experiencecle.com  
**Contact:** Judy Stein Stutman  
jsteinstutman@experiencecle.com  
**Hours:** Vary  
**Fees:** YES ($35,000/yr for full services)  
**Eligibility:** Youth must have a documented disability. Some students that qualify for vocational rehabilitation may have some of the cost of CLE paid for through DVR.  
**Description:** Youth can receive support for enrollment in post secondary education, independent living skills training (including social skills, financial management, etc.) and tutoring. Services are tailored to each youth’s specific needs. Youth live in apartments located in central Denver (apartment rental fee not included in contract).

**Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind – Transition Program**  
33 N. Institute Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
719-578-2100  
**Website:** www.csdb.org  
**Contact:** Lou Tutt  
lutt@csdb.org  
**Hours:** Vary  
**Fees:** YES  
**Eligibility:** Open to any student who is deaf/hard of hearing or visually impaired/blind, has completed high school but not earned a diploma and has an active IEP.  
**Description:** The Transition Program provides outreach services, community-based services, and residential services. Involvement in the Transition Program may include classes on the CSDB campus or at the local community college, employment, and/or on-the-job training in the Transition students’ home districts. In addition, some students attend 4-year colleges throughout the country.

**Emily Griffith Opportunity School – Special Needs Counseling**  
1250 Welton Street, Room 215B, Denver, CO 80205  
720-423-4742  
**Website:** www.egos-school.com  
**Contact:** Eileen Ashford  
Eileen_Ashford@dpsk12.org  
**Hours:** Regular  
**Fees:** YES, for classes but not for advising  
**Eligibility:** Must have a documented disability to request accommodations.  
**Description:** The Special Needs Counselor provides assistance to prospective students to determine necessary accommodations, schedule classes and provide general advising. Call ahead to schedule an appointment.
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**Lifelong Adult Education Services, Inc.**
1175 Osage Street, Suite 201, Denver, CO 80204
303-573-0839  
**Website:** [www.Lifelongaes.com](http://www.Lifelongaes.com)  
**Contact:** Mary Costa  
**Hours:** Vary
**Fees:** YES, but may be covered if youth qualifies for certain government funded programs  
**Eligibility:** Serve people with mild to severe disabilities.  
**Description:** Provides support services to youth attending college.

**Office of Disability Resources and Services**
University of Colorado at Denver Downtown Campus, N. Classroom 2514  
Campus Box 118, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217
303-556-3450  
**Website:** [hschealth.uchsc.edu/disabilityresources](http://hschealth.uchsc.edu/disabilityresources)  
**Contact:** Lisa McGill
**Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Students must have a documented disability.  
**Description:** Provides assistance to students needing academic accommodations.
Section 4: Learning Disabilities

Alternative Schools That Can Accommodate Students with L.D.

Denver Academy
4400 E. Iliff Avenue, Denver, CO 80222
303-777-5870 FAX 303-777-5893
Website: www.denveracademy.org Contact: Staff
Hours: 7:45am-4:45pm Fees: YES, private school with some financial aid available

Eligibility: School serves 1st thru 12th grade and specializes in serving students with learning disabilities.
Description: School provides education and support for students with learning differences.

Denver Area Youth Services- Bryant Street Academy
688 Bryant St, Denver, CO 80207
303-302-3297 FAX 303-302-3519
Website: www.denveryouth.org Contact: Angie Smith
Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth must be 16-21 and referred by public agency.
Description: Licensed day treatment program for youth providing GED preparation classes and referral for testing. All staff are certified special education teachers. Students must participate in full day program.

Denver Human Services – Learning Lab/Basic Skills Program
1200 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204
720-944-2498 (Main Number) FAX 720-944-1719
Contact: Marsha Pittleman Learning Lab) 720-865-2355 Michelle Muniz (Basic Skills) 720-865-2273
Hours: 8:45am-4pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth must be 17 or older and TANF, Food Stamp or Denver Employment First (DEF) recipient. If student scores below 7.0 on TABE test, he/she qualifies for Basic Skills Program. If student scores 9.0, they are referred to GED prep classes and can qualify for Basic Skills.
Description: Offers GED prep, basic skills assessment and referral for learning disability evaluation if needed.

Life Skills Academy
1000 Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80204
720-889-2898 FAX 720-889-2897
Website: www.lifeskillcenters.com Contact: Joanna Perez (ext 202)
Hours: Classes 7:30am-12:30pm, 1pm-6pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be 16-21 years old. Need to provide school transcripts at time of enrollment.
Description: Instruction is primarily computer based. Teachers help to facilitate learning. School is able to accommodate special education students.
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Red Rocks Community College - Learning and Resource Center
13300 W. 6th Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228
303-914-6705
Website: www.rrcc.edu/larc

Hours: Vary each semester
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Provides GED pre-testing and preparation. Offers an audio version of GED pre-tests.

Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL)
1700 S. Holly Street, Denver, Colorado, 80222
303-759-2076
Website: www.rmsel.org

Hours: Regular
Fees: YES, $717 in fieldwork fees
Eligibility: Students must live within the boundaries of Denver, Cherry Creek, Littleton or Douglas County public schools. Once application is submitted, students are selected by random lottery.
Description: The Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) is a public school of choice. RMSEL is able to accept students who are enrolled in special education. A copy of the IEP is required at time of enrollment.

Low Cost LD Testing
Child Find
1330 Fox Street, Denver, CO 80204
Phone: 720-423-8073
Website: None
Hours: M-F 8am-4:30pm
Fees: None

Eligibility: Children age 3-21 who live in the city and county of Denver are eligible for services.
Description: Provide assessment of the learning pattern of children with special needs.

The Children’s Hospital
13123 E. 16th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80045
720-777-6630
Website: www.thechildrenshospital.org

Hours: M-F 8am-5pm
Fees: YES

Eligibility: Serving children 0-5 and older youth with “complicated” cases.
Description: Clinic provides psychological testing, review of child’s history through parents and school, learning evaluation and forms a diagnosis. Will take Medicaid and other public and private insurance.

Clinic for Child and Family Psychology
DU Campus, Frontier Hall, 2155 S. Race Street, Denver, CO 80208
303-871-3306
Website: www.du.edu/psychology/child_and_family_clinic

Website: FAX 303-914-6721
Contact: Jacquelyn D. Stanton
jacquelyn.stanton@rrcc.edu

Website: FAX 303-757-7442
Contact: Staff

Website: FAX 720-423-8018
Contact: Henrietta Pazos

Website: FAX 720-777-7311
Contact: Staff

Website: FAX 303-871-4747

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Contact: Staff  
Hours: M-Th 9:30am-6pm, F 8:30am-5pm  
Fees: YES, on a sliding scale according to income

Eligibility: Open to the public; adults and children are eligible.  
Description: Provide services to assess the learning pattern of children with special needs with special clinic for children with ADHD. Provide therapy for adults, families and children.

Denver University Counseling and Education Services Clinic  
DU Campus, Katherine A. Ruffatto Hall, 1st Floor, 1999 E. Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80208  
303-871-2528  
FAX 303-871-4456  
Website: www.du.edu/education/partnerships/counsel-educ-clinic.html  
Contact: Shayna Brody-Whitehouse  
Hours: Call for hours  
Fees: YES, on a sliding scale

Eligibility: Open to public.  
Description: Provides low cost LD testing on a sliding scale. Waiting list varies depending on time of year. Closed in summer.

Denver University Professional Psychology Center  
DU Campus, Ammi Hyde Building, 2460 S. Vine Street, Denver, CO 80208  
303-871-3626  
FAX 303-871-3625  
Website: www.du.edu/gspp/ppc  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: M-Th 8:30am-8:30pm, F 8:30am-3pm  
Fees: YES, on a sliding scale

Eligibility: If under 18, parent must make referral. Otherwise, client can contact directly to set up an assessment. Must complete phone screening to determine eligibility.  
Description: Provide low cost psycho-educational assessments. 3-4 month wait list.

Lifelong Adult Education Services. Inc.  
1175 Osage Street, Suite 201, Denver, CO 80204  
303-573-0839  
FAX 303-573-0849  
Website: www.lifelongaes.com  
Contact: Mary Costa  
Hours: Vary  
Fees: YES, $725 per evaluation

Eligibility: Serve people with mild to severe disabilities.  
Description: Lifelong Adult Education Services, Inc. provides psychological and learning disability evaluations, specialized instruction (including specialized GED), and mental health/life skills counseling services for individuals with “hidden disabilities” including developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and mental health difficulties. Some services may be covered by human service agencies if individual qualifies.

Literacy Programs

Learning Source for Adults and Families  
455 S. Pierce Street, Lakewood, CO 80226  
303-922-4683  
Website: www.coloradoliteracy.org  
Contact: Andrea Martinez  
Hours: M-F 8am-4:30pm  
FAX 303-742-9929  
Andrea@ColoradoLiteracy.org  
Fees: YES, vary
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Eligibility: Youth must be 16 years and older.
Description: Adult education including ESL and GED. Work with students with 4th grade reading level or higher. Centers in Lakewood, Denver, and Aurora.

Literacy Program – McLain Community High School
13600 W. 2nd Place, Lakewood, CO 80228
303-982-7462 FAX 303-982-7494
Website: jeffcweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/high/mclain/web/cb_program_info.htm#
Contact: Ann Mezo wmezo@jeffco.k12.co.us
Hours: M-F 9am-1pm, 6pm-9pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth 21 years of age and older with low reading skills.
Description: Offers one-to-one tutoring for adults who need to improve their reading, writing, and math comprehension skills. Applicants are accepted throughout the year. There is no tuition unless the student is otherwise enrolled in McLain Community High School.

Open Book Literacy with Focus Points Family Resource Center
3532 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80205
303-757-0288 FAX 303-293-9386
Contact: Sue Reichard
Hours: Call for schedule Fees: YES
Eligibility: Must be 17 years old and have a reading level below 8th grade, not enrolled in public school, or post-secondary education. Appointment needed for assessment/intake.
Section 5: Advocacy and Support

Advocacy, Support and Information

ADAPT
201 S. Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-733-9324       FAX 303-733-6211
Website: www.adapt.org     Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary       Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open
Description: ADAPT works to help people with disabilities live in the community with real supports instead of being placed in nursing homes and other institutions.

Advocacy Denver (Formerly ARC)
1905 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203
303-831-7733       FAX 303-839-5178
Website: www.advocacydenver.org     Contact: Staff
Hours: 8am-4:30pm       Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with developmental disabilities.
Description: Advocates for persons with developmental disabilities and their families through information and referral, individual and system change advocacy legislation, program development, legal representation and community education.

Autism Society of Colorado
550 S. Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80226
720-214-0794       FAX 720-274-2744
Website: www.autismcolorado.org
Contact: Staff
gwen@autismcolorado.org
Hours: 9am-4:30pm       Fees: YES, $15 membership
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Information referral and advocacy organization for people with autism and their families and caregivers.

Brain Injury Association of Colorado
4200 W. Conejos Place, Suite 524, Denver, CO 80204
303-355-9969
Website: www.biacolorado.org     Contact: Staff
Hours: 8:30am-4pm       Fees: YES, membership fees
Eligibility: Open to people with brain injuries, their families and health professionals.
Description: Provides information, referral, support groups, self-advocacy training, and legislative support for people with brain injuries and their families. Also, accepts applications for the Colorado Brain Injury Trust which funds up to $2,000 of approved items and services for people with TBI.

CHARG Resource Center
709 E. 12th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203 (Main Office)
303-830-8805       FAX 303-830-8918
Website: www.charg.org     Contact: Staff
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**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Program is designed to serve people with mental illness over 18 years of age.

**Description:** CHARG offers a drop-in center with a variety of social and health services and advocacy support and information. Center is located at 920 Emerson Street in Denver.

**Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)**
5955 S. Holly Street, Centennial, CO 80121 (Meeting Location)
303-753-1783

**Website:** [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

**Contact:** Kim and Eric Hornak
denver-metro@chadd.net

**Description:** Offers resources and information about ADD/ADHD.

**Colorado Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**
1575 Sherman Street, 2nd Floor, Denver, CO 80203
303-866-4824, TTY 303-866-4734  FAX 303-866-4831

**Website:** [www.coloradodeafcommission.com](http://www.coloradodeafcommission.com)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 9am-5pm

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be deaf or hard of hearing.

**Description:** Works to promote public awareness, use of assistive technology for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and works to establish a state standard for communication access. Provides technical assistance and a variety of resources for people with hearing impairments.

**Colorado Cross Disability Coalition**
655 Broadway, Suite 775, Denver, CO 80203
303-839-1775, TTY 303-839-0015  FAX 303-839-1782

**Website:** [www.ccdconline.org](http://www.ccdconline.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves all people with disabilities within the state of Colorado.

**Description:** Provides advocacy services and legal resources for people with disabilities. Organization is run and directed solely by people with disabilities.

**Coloradodeaf.Com**

**Website:** [www.coloradodeaf.com](http://www.coloradodeaf.com)

**Description:** Provides public and private resources for deaf people living in Colorado including listings for interpreters, “deaf friendly” businesses, job opportunities, etc.

**CO Department of Education (CDE) - Exceptional Student Leadership Unit**
1560 Broadway, Suite 1175, Denver, CO 80202
303-866-6694  FAX 303-866-6767

**Website:** [www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp)

**Contact:** Laura Freppel
freppel_l@cde.state.co.us

**Hours:** 8am-5pm

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Website provides resources on special education law, school/district programs and community partnerships.
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Colorado Solutions (A Program of Denver Options)
10375 E. Harvard Avenue, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80231
303-636-5940       FAX 303-636-5673
Website: www.coloradosolutions.org       Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary       Fees: Vary
Eligibility: Open to Denver area school youth ages 12-21 who have disabilities.
Description: Offers mentoring consultation; safety assessment and safety skills modeling. Assists families in understanding and managing complicated health issues.

Denver Commission for People with Disabilities
201 W. Colfax Avenue, Department 1102, Denver, CO 80202
720-913-8480, TTY 720-913-8475       FAX 720-913-8470
Website: www.denvergov.org/dephome.asp?depid=468
Contact: See list on website for contact info regarding specific issues.
Hours: Regular       Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: Provides advocacy for people with disabilities within the City of Denver, deaf interpreters for city based programs, and coordinates compliance with ADA law for the city.

Denver Options
9900 East Iliff Avenue, Denver, CO 80231
303-636-5600       FAX 303-636-5603
Website: www.denveroptions.org       Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm       Fees: NO
Eligibility: Impairment of general intellectual functioning (full scale IQ 70 or less) and significant delay in adaptive behavior (motor, communication, social/emotional, daily living.
Description: Community Centered Board, serving the City and County of Denver, providing supports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental delays and disabilities. The Family Support Services Program offers service coordination to assist with accessing the program and other resources, resource pamphlet of community agencies and educational workshops. Limited financial assistance is available for such things as: respite care, professional services, medical and dental care, transportation, assistive technology, home modifications and parent and sibling support.

EMPOWER Colorado
c/o CP Colorado, 801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230
1-866-213-4631       FAX 303-691-0846
Website: www.empowercolorado.com       Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary       Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to families with children and youth who have social, emotional or mental health challenges.
Description: Offers support, education and resources to families with children or youth with social, emotional or mental health challenges.
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Family Voices Colorado
450 Lincoln Street, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80203
303-733-3000       FAX 303-733-3344
Website: www.familyvoicesco.org       Contact: Kerry Greenhill
                                      kerry@familyvoicesco.org
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm                       Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with disabilities and their families.
Description: Family Voices assists families, service providers and other advocates in navigating health care and other services necessary for people with chronic health and/or disability related issues and needs. Family Voices can assist consumers in accessing public and private health and related systems. Although the focus is on children, adults are also encouraged to call.

Federal Office of Civil Rights
1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 310, Denver, CO 80204
303-844-5695       FAX 303-844-4303
Website: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc
Contact: Staff
Hours: Regular                       Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: Works to ensure equal access to education through the enforcement of civil rights and Federal laws. Serves student populations facing discrimination and the advocates and institutions promoting systemic solutions to civil rights problems.

Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health
2950 Tennyson Street, Denver, CO 80212
303-572-0302       FAX 303-433-1605
Website: www.coloradofederation.org       Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary                        Fees: YES
Eligibility: Membership organization.
Description: Provides advocacy, family conference and training, representation at state-level policy committees, and youth leadership and support groups.

LD On-Line
Website: www.ldonline.org
Description: Free on-line resources and information for people with learning disabilities and ADHD.

Mental Health America of Colorado
1385 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 610, Denver, CO 80222
720-208-2220       FAX 720-208-2250
Website: www.mhacolorado.org       Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm                        Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to people with mental illness and their supporters.
Description: Provides education and advocacy services for people with mental illness. MHAC offers a leadership program for people with mental illness that develop organizational, advocacy and leadership skills (www.wecancolorado.org) as well as pro
bono services for community agencies that lack resources to provide mental health services to Spanish speakers.

**Mile High Down Syndrome Association**
2121 S. Oneida Street, Suite 600, Denver, CO 80224
303-797-1699  
**Website:** [www.mhdsa.org](http://www.mhdsa.org)  
**Contact:** Patrycia Hatten  
**Fees:** NO  
**Description:** Provides Down Syndrome education, resources and support in partnership with individuals, families, professionals, and the community.

**National Alliance of the Mentally Ill Colorado**
1100 Fillmore Street, Denver, CO 80206
303-321-3104  
**Website:** [www.namicolorado.org](http://www.namicolorado.org)  
**Contact:** Tammy Snow  
**Fees:** NO  
**Description:** Provides support, advocacy and resources to people with mental illness and their families.

**Rocky Mountain Dyslexia Association**
PO Box 47-1010, Glendale, CO 80230
303-721-9425  
**Website:** [www.dyslexia-rmbida.org](http://www.dyslexia-rmbida.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Fees:** YES, for membership  
**Description:** Information and referral as well as educational conferences are available to people with dyslexia/reading disorders and to the general public.

**Parent Resources**

**College in Colorado**
1560 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, CO 80202
720-264-8560  
**Website:** [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org)  
**Contact:** Gully Stanford  
**Fees:** NO  
**Description:** College In Colorado is a free service of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, providing Colorado’s only comprehensive online Career and Postsecondary Planning tool, Individual Career Planning Portfolios and Pathways, Online Test Prep for ACT/SAT and GRE, Apprenticeship/College (Technical/2-year/4-year) and Scholarship Information, Outreach, Motivational Support, Technical Assistance and Information. Parent resources and information are available on the site.
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**Colorado Families for Hands and Voices**
PO Box 3093, Boulder, CO 80307
303-492-6283  FAX 303-492-3274
Website: [www.cohandsandvoices.org](http://www.cohandsandvoices.org)
Contact: Janet DesGeorges
janet@handsandvoices.org
Fees: YES, dues for membership but scholarships available

Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Provides support and resources to parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Website offers extensive resource guide.

**Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center**
14501 E. Alameda Avenue, Suite 205, Aurora, CO 80012
303-365-CPRC (2772)  FAX 303-365-2778
Website: [www.denvermetrocprc.org](http://www.denvermetrocprc.org)
Contact: Jeanette Cordova
Hours: M-F 9am-3pm
Fees: NO

Eligibility: Parent or caregiver of a child with a disability from birth to 26 years of age as well as professionals who work with families and children with disabilities.
Description: The Denver-Metro Community Parent Resource Center informs and empowers low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse families as advocates for their children with disabilities, age birth to 26, to achieve meaningful participation in their schools and communities in the Denver Metro area. Present trainings to parents and professionals as well as provide parent advising via email, telephone or face-to-face. Spanish translation is available. All services are free of charge.

**El Grupo Vida**
PO Box 11096, Denver, CO 80211
303-904-6073  FAX 303-935-7434
Website: [www.elgrupovida.org/about.asp](http://www.elgrupovida.org/about.asp)
Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary
Fees: NO

Eligibility: Open to the public; geared toward Latino families.
Description: El Grupo Vida is a network of parents and families who have children with disabilities. They offer support, information and community events. Website in English and Spanish.

**N.O.V.A. (Nurturing Our Village Association)**
303-371-CARE (2273)
Website: [www.novalsm.org](http://www.novalsm.org)
Contact: Staff

Eligibility: Program is open to the public but is designed to serve People of Color families.
Description: NOVA is a leadership development, support and advocacy program to aid People of Color families and those with children who have “special needs” to navigate the education and healthcare systems.

**Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)**
CDE-ESLU-PEP, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1175, Denver, CO 80202
303-866-6846  FAX 303-866-6767
Website: [www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/PEP.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/PEP.asp)
Contact: Staff

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**Hours:** Vary  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** The conference is open to parents of children with disabilities residing in Colorado and professionals serving students with disabilities.  
**Description:** PEP is a two and a half day conference. The Colorado Department of Education pays for all participant meals (excluding Friday evening) and lodging. The purpose of this conference is to bring parents and other professionals together, allowing them an opportunity to share ideas, discuss concerns, celebrate successes, and obtain information relating to parenting, educating and supporting a child with a disability.

**Parent to Parent of Colorado**  
801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230  
1-877-472-7201  
**Website:** [www.p2p-co.org](http://www.p2p-co.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Eligibility:** Open to parents who have sons or daughters with special health care needs and/or disabilities.  
**Description:** Connects and empowers parents through support groups, 1-to-1 matching, information and resources.

**Peak Parent Center**  
611 N. Weber, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
719-531-9400, 800-284-0251 (Hotline)  
FAX 719-531-9452  
**Website:** [www.peakparent.org](http://www.peakparent.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** M-F 8am-5pm  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Open to parents of children with disabilities, professionals working with youth with disabilities and other supportive people.  
**Description:** Provide technical assistance, resources and training to parents and advocates who have or are working with children with disabilities. Also offer parent to parent support on a one on one basis. Spanish speaking counselor is available. Also, provide newsletter.

**Wrights Law**  
**Website:** [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)  
**Description:** Provides information for parents about special education process, law, and advocacy.
Section 6: Youth Development

Adam’s Camp
6767 S. Spruce Street, Suite 102, Centennial, CO 80112
303-563-8290 FAX 303-563-8291
Website: www.adamscamp.org Contact: Lisa Townsend
Contact: lisa@adamscamp.org
Hours: M-F 9am-5pm
Fees: YES, scholarships available
and accept insurance and funding
from CCB
Eligibility: Open to youth ages 1 to 26 with disabilities.
Description: Offers 5 day overnight camping experience for youth with disabilities ages
9-21. Also, offer intensive 5 day therapy program which provides OT, PT, Speech and
Art Therapy along with parent information groups.

Art From Ashes
853 Inca Street, Suite 1A, Denver, CO 80204
303-837-1550
Website: www.artfromashes.org Contact: Marie Verrett
Contact: marie@artfromashes.org
Hours: Vary
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to youth ages 9-24 years old.
Description: The Art from Ashes mission is to empower struggling youth through
poetry and other therapeutic workshops that facilitate expression, connection, and
transformation.

Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver
2017 West 9th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204
303-892-9200 FAX 303-892-9210
Website: www.bgcmd.org Contact: Branch Staff
Hours: After school and evenings
Fees: YES, $2 for membership
Eligibility: Open to youth ages 6-18.
Description: Clubs are located across Denver (see website for details). Clubs offer
recreational activities for youth. No special programming for youth with disabilities. Most
clubs are wheelchair accessible.

Boy Scouts Exploring Program
10455 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215
303-455-5522 FAX 303-455-4689
Website: www.denverexploring.org Contact: Charlotte Prahl
cprahl@denverboystouts.org
Hours: Vary
Fees: YES, nominal
Eligibility: Open to both boys and girls; must be 14 (completed 8th grade) to 20 years
old.
Description: Exploring is a worksite based program designed to give students hands on
opportunities to explore their career interests as they make decisions about their future.
Most posts meet once or twice a month to hear speakers, participate in activities related
to their career interests and build relationships with professionals in the given industry.
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**Boy Scouts Special Needs Program**
10455 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215
303-455-5522 FAX 303-455-4689
**Website:** [www.denverareacouncil.com](http://www.denverareacouncil.com)
**Contact:** Staff
**Hours:** Vary
**Fees:** YES, for some events
**Eligibility:** Open to all youth (male and female); program supports inclusion of youth with disabilities in all programming. Special Needs Scouting also available.
**Description:** Provides outdoor recreational events and activities.

**City Wild**
1620 E. 36th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205
303-227-6862 FAX 303-295-0482
**Website:** [www.citywild.org](http://www.citywild.org)
**Contact:** Nicole Todd
nicole@citywild.org
**Hours:** After school, weekends
**Fees:** NO
**Eligibility:** Open to middle and high school youth ages 11 and up.
**Description:** Middle school program provides experiential and environmental education program using outdoor activities such as rock climbing, skiing, hiking, etc. High school program offers leadership training, professional development, college prep and financial management. No disability specific services offered.

**Colorado Center for the Blind – Summer Youth Program**
2233 W. Shepperd Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120
303-778-1130 FAX 303-778-1598
**Website:** [www.cocenter.org](http://www.cocenter.org)
**Contact:** Brent Batron
bbatron@cocenter.org
**Hours:** Summer only
**Fees:** YES
**Eligibility:** Youth with impaired vision and 14-18 years of age. Must provide social security card.
**Description:** Provide independent living, mobility training and assistive technology training. Students live in dorms during the summer camp. Recreational activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing, etc. are included in the program.

**Colorado UpLift**
3914 King Street, Denver, CO 80211
303-830-6615 FAX 303-830-6763
**Website:** [www.coloradouplift.org](http://www.coloradouplift.org)
**Contact:** Staff
**Hours:** Vary (in and after school)
**Fees:** NO
**Eligibility:** Elementary, middle and high school youth can participate. UpLift is available at Columbine, Greenlee, Hill, Kepner, Lake, Trevista (K-8) and Skinner Middle Schools as well as Denver School for Science and Technology, East, George Washington, Lincoln, North, and West High Schools.
**Description:** Provides long-term support to youth from elementary to high school. Youth who complete their program can earn a college scholarship. Offer cultural and recreational activities. No specific services for youth with disabilities; however, the program has served youth with developmental disabilities, hearing impairments and learning disabilities in the past.
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Denver Parks and Recreation - Special Needs Programs
1849 Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80218
720-865-0820
Contact: Leah Huffer-Solomon  leah.huffer@denvergov.org
Hours: Vary per activity  Fees: YES, scholarships available
Eligibility: Open to people with disabilities.
Description: Parks and Recreation offer a variety of adapted recreational activities to people with disabilities including Special Olympics, horseback riding, skiing, etc. TRAC is also available to help people with disabilities integrate into standard recreation center programs.

Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK)
6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216
303-291-7554  FAX 303-371-3009
Website: www.elkkids.org
Contact: Kimberly Glatz  kglatz@elkkids.org
Hours: Vary  Fees: YES, $50 per youth, $75 per family per year
Eligibility: Open to youth ages 8-18 years old.
Description: Environmental education program for urban youth who would not normally seek a career in natural resources (females, youth of color). Activities are geared toward the outdoors and college prep for careers in natural resources. Do classroom-based programs and fishing activities for youth with disabilities and has an inclusion policy.

Girls Inc.
1499 Julian Street, Denver, CO 80204
303-893-4363
Website: www.girlsincdenver.org
Contact: Kristin Johnson  kjohnson@girlsincdenver.org
Hours: Vary
Eligibility: Open to girls ages 6-18 years old.
Description: Provides workshops and classes that are geared toward teenage girls health, empowerment and well-being. Programs are offered in summer and during the school year. No specific programming for youth with disabilities; work to include youth with disabilities in the program. Building is wheelchair accessible.

Metro Volunteers
1355 S. Colorado Boulevard, C-601, Denver, CO 80222
303-282-1234  FAX 303-558-4186
Website: www.metrovolunteers.org
Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Provides listings of volunteer opportunities in the community. Website offers a Volunteer Guide with special section for youth.
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National Sports Center for the Disabled
1801 Bryant Street, Suite 1500, Denver, CO 80204
303-293-5711 FAX 303-293-5448
Website: www.nscd.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary per activity Fees: YES, for some activities
Eligibility: Serves youth and adults with a broad range of disabilities.
Description: Provides a variety of outdoor and sports activities including skiing, soccer, rock climbing, etc. for children, youth and adults with disabilities.

N.O.V.A. (Nurturing Our Village Association)
303-371-CARE (2273)
Website: www.novalsm.org Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Program is open to the public but is designed to serve People of Color families.
Description: Provides a leadership program for youth with disabilities.

Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program (RAMP) – Employment Works
801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230
303-691-9339 FAX 303-691-0846
Website: www.employmentworks.org/ramp.htm Contact: Jamie Youngblood
jyoungblood@cpco.org
Hours: M-F; Vary based program location Fees: NO
Eligibility: Services are provided to youth with disabilities who are involved with or at-risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. Youth must be between the ages of 13-18 (under 18 throughout core of program).
Description: Youth participate in weekly career preparation-focused group meetings, including mentor and peer-to-peer supported goal setting and exploration of careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Youth have the opportunity to: assess and explore their own career interests; develop a plan and set goals for their transition; create a resource map of their community’s high tech industries; gain workplace soft skills; build resume-writing and interviewing skills; interact with employers and experience a variety of work settings; give and receive peer support; take advantage of group and personal leadership opportunities; and design and build a high tech-related team project.

VSA Arts of Colorado/Access Gallery
909 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204
303-777-0797
Website: www.accessgallery.org Contact: Cris Ciani
cris@accessgallery.org
Gallery Hours: W-F 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm Fees: YES, in some cases
Eligibility: Serves youth with disabilities and at risk youth.
Description: VSA provides year round art based programming for youth and adults with disabilities. Stipends and wages may be available on a limited basis. Access Gallery also displays the work of local artists with disabilities.
YouthBiz
3280 Downing Street, Suite C, Denver, CO 80205
303-297-0212                                      FAX 303-297-0228
Website:  www.youthbiz.org  Contact:  Jason Torrez
jason@youthbiz.org

Hours:  9am-5:30pm                                      Fees:  NO

Eligibility:  Must be in middle or high school and have adequate transportation to participate in the program.

Description: YouthBiz offers a two-tiered program with incentive pay based on a variety of criteria. Tier 1 offers job readiness, computer and study skills training. Tier 2 offers entrepreneurial training and advanced job readiness and career development experiences. Sessions last 12 weeks during the school year. Have accommodated youth with disabilities in the past.
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Section 7: Legal Resources

**Centro San Juan Diego**
2830 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80205
303-295-9470  
FAX 303-295-9471  
Website: [www.centrosanjuandiego.org/index.htm](http://www.centrosanjuandiego.org/index.htm)  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: First Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Fees: NO  
Eligibility: Open to the public.  
Description: Provide free legal advice. Bilingual services available.

**Colorado Citizens ID Collaboration Project**  
(A partnership between CO Legal Services, MetroCareRing, CO Coalition for the Homeless and Denver Urban Ministries)  
Website: [www.coloradoidproject.org](http://www.coloradoidproject.org)  
Contact: Staff, see website  
Eligibility: Program serves low-income, disabled, homeless and elderly citizens seeking documentation of their identity and citizenship in order to obtain health care, public benefits, housing, transportation, employment and secure other essential human rights.  
Description: Program provides legal representation, advocacy, technical assistance and management of supplemental fund for individuals to pay for document fees. Website also provides helpful resources related to regulations for obtaining legal documents.

**Colorado Legal Services**  
1905 Sherman Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80203  
303-837-1313  
FAX 303-866-9360  
Website: [www.coloradolegalservices.org](http://www.coloradolegalservices.org)  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: Walk-Ins M-F 8:30am-11:00am  
Fees: NO  
Eligibility: Must meet income requirements. Must complete an intake interview prior to receiving services.  
Description: Provide referral for low-income individuals to legal information and resources. Website has links to low cost legal help, legal clinics, self help information, etc.

**The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People**  
455 Sherman Street, Suite 130, Denver, CO 80203  
303-722-0300, TTY 303-722-3619  
FAX 303-722-0720  
Website: [www.thelegalcenter.org](http://www.thelegalcenter.org)  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5pm  
Fees: YES, on occasion  
Eligibility: Must be seeking legal services that are offered by the Legal Center and have a documented disability. No income requirements.  
Description: Provide very specific legal services for people with disabilities such as dispute resolution for cases concerning Vocational Rehabilitation (called the Client Assistance Program), assistance with ensuring children get appropriate education, representation for housing complaints, and advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities regarding assistive technology needs in partnership with Colorado Assistive Technology Project. Also, provide assistance with PABSS (Protection and Advocacy of Beneficiaries of Social Security).
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Metro Volunteer Lawyers (formerly Legal Aid)
1905 Sherman Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80203
303-830-8210
Websites: www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org Contact: 303-837-1313 (Intake)
Hours: Vary Fees: YES, Based on income level
Eligibility: Must be a resident of Denver, Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin or Jefferson counties. Must call Colorado Legal Services at 303-837-1313 for intake interview.
Description: Provides low cost or free law services for guardianship, landlord/tenant disputes, people experiencing problems with government programs such as SSI and Medicare, people with HIV/AIDS, etc. (See full listing on website.)

Mi Casa Legal Night
360 Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-573-1302 FAX 303-595-0422
Website: www.micasadenver.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Third Tuesday 5:30pm-7:30pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Provide free legal advice. Bilingual services available.

University of Denver Law Clinics
2255 E. Evans Avenue, Suite 335, Denver, Colorado 80208
303-871-6140 FAX 303-871-6847
Website: www.law.du.edu/clinics Contact: Laurie Saraceno lsaraceno@law.du.edu
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Based on income (125% of poverty level)
Description: Provide legal representation for criminal defense (misdemeanors only), civil disputes (landlord/tenant, wage and hour claims and evictions), disability civil rights, mediation and arbitration.
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Section 8: Mentoring

Big Brother Big Sisters
1391 N. Speer Boulevard, Suite 450, Denver, CO 80204
303-433-6002                              FAX 303-455-0252
 Website: [www.biglittlecolorado.org](http://www.biglittlecolorado.org)  
 Contact: Megan Bowling Phillips  
 meganb@biglittlecolorado.org  
 Fees: NO  
 Hours: Vary  
 Eligibility: Ages 7-12 for the Community Mentoring program and REACH (mentoring for youth with incarcerated parent). Must live within Denver metro area.  
 Description: Provide variety of mentoring programs including a school-based and sports based program. No specific services for people with disabilities.

Colorado Disability Mentoring Day  
c/o Speer Workforce Center, 1391 N. Speer Boulevard, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204  
 720-865-5160                              FAX 720-865-5685  
 Website: [www.disabilitymentor.net](http://www.disabilitymentor.net)  
 Contact: Tom Muniz  
 tom.muniz@denvergov.org  
 Fees: NO  
 Hours: Vary  
 Eligibility: Program is geared toward youth with disabilities in high school.  
 Description: This program helps expose young people and job seekers with disabilities to a variety of careers through job shadowing activities. In Colorado, these activities are typically offered in the month of October and coordinated by the Denver School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP).

Colorado Youth for a Change  
2931 W. 25th Avenue, Suite 201, Denver, CO 80211  
303-292-2779  
 Website: [www.cycinfo.com](http://www.cycinfo.com)  
 Contact: Steve Dobo  
 steve.dobo@comcast.net  
 Fees: NO  
 Hours: M-F 8am-5pm  
 Eligibility: Desire to return to school. Serve all out of school youth including those with disabilities.  
 Description: Outreach workers receive referrals directly from a list of dropouts generated by Denver Public Schools as well as community organizations, school personnel, parents and youth themselves. Outreach specialists build a positive, encouraging relationship with out-of-school youth, assess their motivation to return to school, work to eliminate barriers to restart their education, and help youth to find an school that appropriately fits their needs.

Colorado Youth at Risk  
1700 E. 28th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205  
303-623-9140                              FAX 303-623-9139  
 Website: [www.coloradoyouthatrisk.org](http://www.coloradoyouthatrisk.org)  
 Contact: Natasha Vollmuth  
 Natasha@ColoradoYouthatRisk.org  
 Fees: NO  
 Hours: Vary
Eligibility: Program serves highly at risk youth who are in 9th grade who are at risk of dropping out of school at Manual and George Washington. Students can self refer or be referred by parent or school staff. Recruit students in the fall.

Description: Provides mentoring as well as a follow up program that provides services geared toward graduation, tutoring and college prep. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

Denver Kids
1330 Fox Street, 2nd Floor, Denver, CO 80222
720-423-8266
FAX 720-423-8264
Website: www.denverkidsinc.org

Hours: Vary
Fees: NO

Eligibility: A teacher, counselor, nurse or other school personnel through DPS, refer youth to the program. Youth cannot be enrolled in another mentoring program such as Denver Partners, I Have a Dream, etc.

Description: Provide academic and emotional support to students in DPS. Provide counseling and mentorship as well as recreational activities. In fall 2009, Denver Kids will have specific services for youth with disabilities.

Metro Denver Partners
701 S. Logan Street, Suite 109, Denver, CO 80209
303-777-7000
FAX 303-777-0150
Website: www.metrodenverpartners.org

Hours: 8am-5pm
Fees: NO

Eligibility: Serves Adams, Douglas and Denver counties and ages 10-18. Youth must be considered at risk to qualify. Referral needs to come through an agency or school.

Description: Provides a variety of mentoring and tutoring services. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

Save Our Youth (SOY)
3443 West 23rd Avenue, Denver, CO 80211
303-455-1126
FAX 303-480-1397
Website: www.saveouryouth.org

Hours: Vary
Fees: NO

Eligibility: SOY serves 10-19 year old youth, primarily minority youth residing in low income urban Denver neighborhoods. Must be self referred.

Description: Mentoring program with a spiritual focus. Services include college prep and community service opportunities. Mentors meet with youth once a week for one to two hours and provide mentorship over 3 ½ year period. The program has served youth with learning disabilities.
Asian Pacific Development Center
1825 York Street, Denver, CO 80206
303-393-0304 FAX 303-388-1172
Website: www.apdc.org Contact: Ivy Hontz
ivyhontz@apdc.org
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Denver resident, high school youth only, usually nominated by high school counselor. Must go through an interview to enroll. Target group- Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders.
Description: Provides mental health services, youth programs and a multicultural interpreters bank. Youth programs are RELAY, which provides mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, recreation and cultural activities and “Youth Strengthening Youth” program which is a peer counseling and leadership program.

Aspen Buddy Program (formerly Aspen Youth Experience)
110 E. Hallam Street, Suite 125, Aspen, CO 81611
970-925-5717 FAX 970-925-2093
Website: www.buddyprogram.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Winter and Summer Programs Fees: NO
Eligibility: At risk youth from across the US.
Description: Provides challenging outdoor activities such as ropes course and downhill skiing coupled with intensive “rap sessions” designed to help youth take a close look at their lives and build self esteem. Follow up services are also provided.

Colorado AIDS Project
2490 W. 26th Avenue, Suite 300A, Denver, CO 80211
303-837-0166 FAX 303-962-5303
Website: www.coloradoaidsproject.org Contact: Staff
Hours: 9am-5pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be infected by or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
Description: Provide a wide variety of services including case management, counseling and support, housing, prevention and testing.

Conflict Center
4140 Tejon Street, Denver, Colorado 80211
303-433-4983 FAX 303-433-6166
Website: www.conflictcenter.org Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:30pm Fees: YES
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Teaches non-violent methods for dealing with conflict.

Denver Children’s Advocacy Center
2149 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80211
303-825-3850 FAX 303-825-6087
Website: www.denvercac.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Services are offered to youth ages 1-17 years old that have been sexually abused, neglected, or traumatized by witnessing violence.

Description: Program provides assessment and treatment for children who have been abused, neglected or witnessed violence. Counseling services can be tailored to meet the needs of youth with cognitive disabilities. Education and training programs for parents are also available.

**FACES**

3801 E. Florida Avenue, Suite 715, Denver, CO 80210  
720-570-9333  
FAX 720-570-9339  
Website: [www.facesonline.org](http://www.facesonline.org)  
Contact: Christine Char  
cchar@facesonline.org  
Fees: YES, may be covered by referring agency

Eligibility: Social service agencies or programs refer most clients served by FACES. Others may sign up for waiting list for services.

Description: FACES provides counseling to children ages 0-12, teen parenting in-home counseling and support in both English and Spanish.

**GRASP (Gang Rescue and Support Project)**

701 S. Logan Street, Suite 109, Denver, CO 80209  
Meeting Location: 303 W. Colfax Avenue, 9th Floor, Denver, CO 80204  
303-777-3117  
FAX 303-777-0150  
Website: [www.graspyouth.org](http://www.graspyouth.org)  
Contact: Francisco Gallardo  
cisco@graspyouth.org  
Fees: NO

Eligibility: Male/female youth, ages 14-19, gang-involved (ranked in or associated with gang members, and/or family history of gang involvement), substance abuse issues, history of juvenile justice involvement, family dysfunction or family involvement in any of the above.

Description: Gang Rescue and Support Project is a peer-run, intervention program that works with youth who are at-risk of gang involvement or are presently active in gangs, helps families of gang victims, and serves as a youth advocate. They help with tattoo removal and provide educational programs.

**Judi’s House**

1741 Gaylord Street, Denver, CO 80206  
720-941-0331  
FAX 720-941-0728  
Website: [www.judishouse.org](http://www.judishouse.org)  
Contact: Judy Becerra  
JudyB@judishouse.org  
Fees: NO, donations accepted

Eligibility: Services are for children pre-school to high school age and families that have lost a sibling, parent, friend or grandparent.

Description: Provide support groups for children coping with grief after a significant loss.
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**Lifelong Adult Education Services, Inc.**
1175 Osage Street, Suite 201, Denver, CO 80204
303-573-0839 FAX 303-573-0849
Website: [www.lifelongaes.com](http://www.lifelongaes.com)

**Contact:** Mary Costa
mary@lifelongaes.com

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES, youth may be eligible for outside funding

**Eligibility:** Serve people with mild to severe disabilities.

**Description:** Lifelong Adult Education Services, Inc. provides low cost mental health/life skills counseling services for individuals with “hidden disabilities” including developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and mental health difficulties.

**MDS (Maria Droste) Counseling Services (Options Program)**
1355 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite C-100, Denver, CO 80222
303-756-9052 FAX 303-756-0308
Website: [www.mdscounseling.org](http://www.mdscounseling.org)

**Contact:** Sue Kamler (Intake)
intake@mdscounseling.org

**Hours:** By appointment

**Fees:** YES, sliding scale

**Eligibility:** This program serves children, adults and families seeking counseling. MDS accepts most insurance including Medicare and Medicaid and has options for those that do not have adequate insurance coverage or the financial resources to pay for counseling through the private sector.

**Description:** Provide short term, problem focused and long term counseling services.

**Mental Health Corporation of Denver**
4141 Dickenson Place, Denver, CO 80222 (main office, call for locations)
303-504-6500
Website: [www.mhcd.org](http://www.mhcd.org)

**Contact:** 303-504-1250 (Intake)

**Hours:** 8am-5pm

**Fees:** YES, sliding scale or Medicaid/Medicare

**Eligibility:** Call intake (number above) for initial screening.

**Description:** Provides mental health assessment and treatment, crisis intervention and care coordination, medical evaluation and management.

**People House**
3035 W. 25th Avenue, Denver, CO 80211
303-480-5130 FAX 303-480-3646
Website: [www.peoplehouse.org](http://www.peoplehouse.org)

**Contact:** Rachel Jensen
RJensen@PeopleHouse.org

**Hours:** M-F 12pm-5pm

**Fees:** YES, sliding Scale

**Eligibility:** Services are for people with low income who do not have financial resources for counseling.

**Description:** Provide low cost counseling to children, teens, adults, families and couples. Also, have a veteran reintegration program.
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Project PAVE
2051 York Street, Denver, CO 80205
303-322-2382 FAX 303-322-0032
Website: www.projectpave.org Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 9am-5pm or by appointment Fees: YES, Sliding Scale
Eligibility: Youth and families who are or have been impacted by domestic violence, abuse and or neglect.
Description: Provides individual and family counseling for youth and families impacted by domestic violence, abuse and or neglect. Group counseling and advocacy services are also available. PAVE also has does violence prevention in three schools in DPS, Adams 50, and Aurora.

Rainbow Alley
1301 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80218
303-831-0442 FAX 303-282-9399
Website: www.glbtcolorado.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary, see website Fees: NO
Eligibility: Services are for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning young people and their allies, 12-21 years old.
Description: A drop in youth center that provides health services, support group, counseling and referral, and youth lead events and activities.

Servicios de La Raza
4055 Tejon Street, Denver, CO 80211
303-458-5851 FAX 303-455-1332
Website: www.serviciosdelaraza.org Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8am to 5pm Fees: YES, varies (see below)
Eligibility: Open to the public. Services are geared toward adults and families.
Description: Provides domestic violence victim services (free), mental health services (paid for through Medicaid or self-pay, sliding scale) and emergency services such as food and clothing banks for residents within the 80211 zip code. SDLR offers the WIA case management based program for youth 16-21 years old.

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) of Denver
430 W. 9th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204
303-534-6167 FAX 303-796-9593
Website: www.denvervorp.org Contact: Rose Herrera
Hours: M-Th 9am-4pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: VORP provides restorative justice and victim-offender mediation.
Section 10: Assistive Technology/Books on CD

Ability Hub
Website: [www.abilityhub.com](http://www.abilityhub.com)
Description: Provides information on assistive technology and adaptive equipment options.

Assistive Tech Partners/Assistive Technology Program of Colorado
601 E. 18th Avenue, Suite 130, Denver, CO 80203
303-315-1280, TTY 303-837-8964 FAX 303-827-1208
Website: [www.uchsc.edu/atp](http://www.uchsc.edu/atp) Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm Fees: YES, see below
Eligibility: Open to the public. Medical insurance is accepted; some scholarships may be available for evaluations and attendance at the annual conference.
Description: Provide clinical evaluations for people with disabilities, training for professionals and assistance with funding for assistive technology including a device exchange program. Colorado AT Match offers a technology exchange program (see website for details).

Book Share
Website: [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)
Eligibility: Services are available to people with "print" disabilities (learning disability involving reading, visual impairments, etc.).
Description: Provides an on-line library of accessible reading materials. Membership is free if person qualifies with a "print" disability.

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
2211 W. Evans, Denver, CO 80223
303-866-2500 FAX 303-866-3418
Website: [www.cdhs.state.co.us/DVR](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/DVR) Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Vocational rehabilitation services are for people with disabilities. Disability must be determined before services can be rendered. Testing may be provided to determine whether client is disabled if adequate documentation is not available.
Description: Provide funding for equipment needs for people with documented disabilities to enhance employability on case-by-case basis.

Colorado Talking Book Library
180 Sheridan Boulevard, Denver, CO 80226
303-727-9277 FAX 303-727-9281
Website: [www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl](http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl) Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Services provided to the visually impaired, people with reading disabilities or physical disabilities that prevent them from handling printed material.
Description: Services offered by the Colorado Talking Book Library include providing postage-free recorded, Braille, and large print library materials to eligible readers in Colorado.
Denver Public Schools Assistive Technology Resource Services (ATRS)
1330 Fox Street, 2nd Floor S., Denver, CO 80204
720-423-8051 FAX 720-423-8249
Website: www.dpsk12.org Contact: Sue Loeffler
Eligibility: Youth must be referred by a teacher or family member and have an IEP.
Description: Provides assistive technology assessments and training to allow students to access the curriculum.

Digital Federal Credit Union- Access Loans
PO Box 9130, Marlborough, MA 07152-9130
1-800-328-8797
Website: www.dcu.org/loans_visa/index.html Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Open to people with disabilities or people purchasing equipment on their behalf.
Description: Provide loans to purchase any product or device designed to assist a person with a disability. Loan amounts can range from $1,500 to $25,000.

Recordings For The Blind and Dyslexic (RFBD)
1355 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite C-406, Denver, CO 80222
303-757-0787
Website: http://www.rfbd.org/Locations/Mountain-Plains-Region-Home/65/ Contact: Staff
Hours: M-Th 8am-8pm, F 8am- 5pm Fees: YES, but free to individuals with a print or reading disability
Eligibility: Must have a documented print or reading disability (learning disability, visual impairment, or other physical disability).
Description: RFBD offers a wide selection of audio-books.
Section 11: Equipment/Service Needs/Home Adaptations

Brother’s Redevelopment
2250 Eaton Street, Garden Level, Suite B, Denver, CO 80214
303-202-6340  FAX 303-274-1314
Website: www.brothersredevelopment.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary  Fees: YES, reduced costs
Eligibility: Services are available to disabled individuals requiring medical and mobility-related modifications to their homes.
Description: Provide affordable, accessible housing and housing services for Colorado’s low-income, elderly and disabled residents. Services include installation of wheelchair ramps, shower conversions and grab bars.

Digital Federal Credit Union- Access Loans
PO Box 9130, Marlborough, MA 07152-9130
1-800-328-8797
Website: www.dcu.org/loans_visa/index.html  Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Open to people with disabilities or people purchasing equipment on their behalf.
Description: Provide loans to purchase adaptive equipment, including durable medical equipment, power wheelchairs, and building accessibility. Loan amounts can range from $1,500 to $25,000.

Friends of Man
PO Box 937, Littleton, CO 80160-0937
303-798-2342
Website: www.friendsofman.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: 9am-5pm  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Person must be referred by an agency and complete an application to get help. Special guidelines are listed on the website.
Description: Provides financial assistance with wheelchairs, prostheses, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medications, and medical bills.

Hear Now
6700 Washington Avenue S., Eden Prairie, MN 55344
1-800-648-4327
Website: www.sotheworldmayhear.org/hearnow  Contact: Staff
Hours: Regular  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Services are for the hearing impaired and are offered to those with limited resources. Applicant must be a permanent resident of the United States. Application is available online.
Description: Provides reconditioned hearing aids to people with limited resources.
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**Home Builders Foundation**
9033 E. Easter Place, Suite 200, Centennial, CO 80112
303-551-6721 FAX 303-733-9440
Website: [http://www.hbadenver.com/get-involved/foundation.html#bf_miniCal_123](http://www.hbadenver.com/get-involved/foundation.html#bf_miniCal_123)
Contact: Cindy Hoover
Hours: Vary Fees: NO (dependent on funds available)
Eligibility: Services are provided to people with disabilities with financial need.
Description: Provides free construction and labor for home modification and accessibility.

**International Hearing Dog**
5901 E. 89th Avenue, Henderson, CO 80640
303-287-3277 V/TTY FAX 303-287-3425
Website: [www.ihdi.org](http://www.ihdi.org)
Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 7:30am-3:30pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Priority given to adults 18 and older who have 65 decibel hearing loss, live alone or with other hearing impaired individuals, do not have another dog in the home and are physically able and willing to care for a dog.
Description: Provides hearing dogs free of charge to deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals.

**Kids Mobility Network, Inc.**
4251 S. Natches Court, Suite C, Sheridan, Colorado 80110
303-242-8281 FAX 866-449-8962
Website: [www.kidsmobility.org](http://www.kidsmobility.org)
Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Open to all children.
Description: Provide used durable medical equipment (DME) to children with disabilities including walkers, wheelchairs and power chairs. Also, accept donations of used equipment and can provide loaner equipment while DME is on order.

**MS Society- Colorado Chapter**
900 S. Broadway, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80209
303-698-7400 FAX 303-698-7421
Website: [http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/COC/index.aspx](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/COC/index.aspx)
Contact: Staff
Hours: 8am-5pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to anyone with MS.
Description: Provides referrals and resources for durable medical equipment.

**Rebuilding Together**
2422 S. Trenton Way, Unit A, Denver, CO 80231
720-524-0840 FAX 303-217-2080
Website: [www.rebuildingdenver.org](http://www.rebuildingdenver.org)
Contact: Staff
Hours: 8am-4:30pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must own and occupy your own home with no intention to sell for one year, meet income requirements, and have a disability or be living with someone who is disabled.
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Description: Rebuilding Together Metro Denver unites volunteers to repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income elderly and people with disabilities in the Denver metropolitan area. They build wheelchair ramps, install grab bars and railings.

Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
1793 Quentin Street, Unit 2, Aurora, CO 80045
720-848-3042, TTY 720-848-2979 FAX 720-848-2976
Website: www.mariondowns.com Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Must be a Colorado resident, have a certified hearing loss, have access to phone service and meet income requirements.
Description: Provides free communication devices such as TTY machines, amplified phones, speaker phones, ring signaling devices for people with hearing impairments and specialized telephone equipment for citizens who are Deaf-Blind.
Transportation Assistance

American Red Cross
444 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203
303-722-7474, option 4    FAX 303-722-7588
Website: [www.denver-redcross.org](http://www.denver-redcross.org)  
Contact: Transportation Dept.  
Hours: 9am-3pm  
Eligibility: Open to people with disabilities.

Description: Provides transportation services starting at 9:00 AM and ending with the last ride of the day beginning at 3:00 PM for vital appointments. Allow 3-5 business days to schedule a ride & 24 hours to cancel.

RTD Access-A-Ride
1600 Blake Street, Denver, Colorado 80202
303-299-2960, TTY 303-299-2980
Website: [www.rtd-denver.com/accessARide.shtml](http://www.rtd-denver.com/accessARide.shtml)  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm  
Fees: YES (double regular fare)

Eligibility: Must have a documented disability that prevents use of unable to access or use a wheelchair lift equipped bus, does not have a wheelchair life equipped bus in their area or whose disability does not allow them to get to or from a bus stop. Requires a functional assessment and a doctor’s statement. Services are available to people ages 6 and up.

Description: Provides door-to-door transportation service for people with disabilities.

Driving

Adaptive Automotive
333 E. 76th Avenue, Denver, CO 80229
303-288-0140      FAX 303-288-0366
Website: [www.adaptiveautomotive.com](http://www.adaptiveautomotive.com)  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: 8am-5pm  
Fees: YES

Eligibility: Open to the public.

Description: Provides accessible vans, mini-vans and vehicle equipment.

Colorado Adaptive Driving Program
Spaulding Rehabilitation – OT Department, 900 Potomac Street, Aurora, CO 80111
303-367-3315       FAX 303-363-5634
Website: [www.spaldingrehab.com](http://www.spaldingrehab.com)  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: M-F 8am-4:30pm  
Fees: YES, DVR may cover

Eligibility: Open to the public; prescription is required from physician.

Description: Provide driver safety assessments and adaptive vehicle evaluation and training.
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Division of Motor Vehicles- Oral Driver's License Testing
1865 W. Mississippi Avenue, Denver, CO 80223
303-937-9507
Website: www.mv.state.co.us Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8am-11am Fees: YES, state license fee
Eligibility: Available to the public.
Description: Provides a taped driver's license test.

Master Drive of Denver
15659 E. Hinsdale Drive, Englewood, CO 80112
303-627-4447 Contact: Denise Kaplan
FAX 303-627-6474
Website: www.masterdrive.com/frame_rehab.html Hours: Vary Fees: YES
Eligibility: Driving program is designed to serve people with disabilities.
Description: Provides evaluation and interventions to help people with disabilities develop or regain the skills needed to drive. Includes a teen program for youth with special needs.
Atlantis Independent Living Center
201 S. Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-733-9324 (Phone and Fax) TDD 303-733-0047
Website: www.atlantiscommunity.net Contact: Tim Thorton or Staff
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with all types of disabilities.
Description: Provides a variety of services including advocacy, assistance with benefits, attendant services, education including life skills and basic skills/GED, financial literacy, some assistance with assistive technology, etc.

Disability Center for Independent Living
4821 E. 38th Avenue, Denver, CO 80207
303-320-1345, TTY 303-320-2330 FAX 303-320-1355
Website: http://www.dcilwebsite.org Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5pm Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with all types of disabilities.
Description: Provides independent living skills training, advocacy, information and referrals, food bank, financial management classes, peer counseling services and jail diversion programs.
Shelters for Youth

Comitis
2178 Victor Street, Aurora, CO 80040
303-343-9890 (Help Line)     FAX 303-343-3907
Website: www.comitis.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: 24 hours, call for appointment  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Shelter for youth 12-17 years old.
Description: Comitis offers shelter for youth awaiting placement and runaways. Also offers a “crisis time out program” which is a 2-week program to provide respite for parents and children. In addition, Comitis offers bus tokens, counseling (by phone or in person- financial donation suggested), clothing, food baskets, and some furniture.

Family Tree Gemini House
1629 Simms Street, Lakewood, CO 80215
303-235-0630
Website: www.thefamilytree.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves youth ages 11 to 17.
Description: Gemini is an adolescent center providing, in a structured environment, emergency shelter, counseling, education, 24-hour referral line, aftercare and street outreach to homeless and runaway youth. Youth in unsafe situations can stay at Gemini for up to 90 days. The shelter is wheelchair accessible for females; arrangements can be made for males as needed.

Urban Peak
1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-777-9198     FAX 303-777-9438
Website: www.urbanpeak.org  Contact: Intake staff
Hours: Vary, call for appointment  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to homeless youth ages 15-20.
Description: Provide shelter and services to homeless youth including family reunification, counseling, health care, GED and employment services. Urban Peak is wheelchair accessible and equipped to work with youth with mental illness.

Transitional Housing

Urban Peak STAR Program
1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-974-2956     FAX 303-777-9438
Website: www.urbanpeak.org  Contact: Jen Simmons
Hours: Call for appointment  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be a homeless youth dealing with substance abuse issues or have a dual diagnosis.
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**Description:** Youth are provided an apartment but are required to participate in treatment to remain eligible for housing. Rent is based on 30% of income ($50 minimum); deposit $150.

**Urban Peak Transitional Housing for Disabled Youth (Rowan Gardens)**
1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-974-2907      FAX 303-777-9438
Website: www.urbanpeak.org      Contact: Suzanne Kittelson
Hours: Call for appointment      Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to qualified homeless youth with a documented disability. Need to enter the program by age 21.

**Description:** Provide 16 unit transitional housing complex for youth with physical and/or mental disabilities ages 18-24.

**Urban Peak Transitional Housing Program for Youth**
1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-777-9198      FAX 303-777-9438
Website: www.urbanpeak.org      Contact: Intake staff
Eligibility: Must be youth aging out of the foster care system.
Description: Provide transitional housing for up to 18 months. Case management and life skill training is included in the program.
Section 15: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

Information on Applying for SSDI
Website: www.ssa.gov/dibplan/dapply.htm
Description: Has links to apply for SSDI on line and to help locate a local Social Security office.

Social Security Disability Benefit Eligibility
Website: www.ssa.gov/best
Description: The Social Security Administration provides a simple web-based tool to see if an applicant might be eligible for benefits from any of the programs they administer. This tool will provide eligibility information based on the answers given by an applicant; however, BEST is not an application for benefits.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Information
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov/d&s1.htm
Description: Provides basic information about SSDI for children and adults.

SSI Benefits Planners
Office hours are held at Denver Workforce Centers. Call for appointment.
303-636-1464
Contact: Melanie Honsbruch
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Provides information on how employment can affect SSI and SSDI benefits and the work incentives that are available. Also provides information on the Eligibility Criteria and Application Process for SSI and SSDI benefits.