



Denver Community Resources for Youth with Disabilities

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Section 1: Employment

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

Website: www.employmentworks.org

FAX 303-691-0846

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

Website: www.goodwilldenver.org

FAX 303-650-7782

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

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

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



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

Website: www.employmentworks.org

FAX 303-691-0846

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

Website: www.bayaudindustries.org

FAX 303-830-6653

Contact: Mary Page, ext 203
mary.page@bayaudenterprises.org

Hours: Regular

Fees: NO

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

Website: co.easterseals.com

FAX 303-233-1028

Contact: Donna Schulte
Fees: NO

Hours: Regular



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

Website: www.goodwilldenver.org

Hours: Vary

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.

Contact: Kathy Hill

khill@goodwilldenver.org

Fees: NO

Shalom Denver

2498 W. 2nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80223
303-623-0251

Website: www.shalomdenver.com

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.

FAX 303-620-9584

Contact: Arnie Kover

akover@jewishfamilyservice.org

Fees: NO



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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

YouthBiz

3280 Downing Street, Suite C, Denver, CO 80205

303-297-0212

Website: 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.



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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

Denver Interagency Transition Team

720-423-8028

Website: www.dittcolorado.ning.com

Contact: Monica Schultz

Email: mon.schultz@gmail.com

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

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

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.



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.coloradoup lift.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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

Contact: Staff

Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

Fees: NO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAX 303-556-6852

Website: www.mscd.edu/~access

Contact: Brei Hamilton

besser1@mscd.edu

Hours: M-F 7:30am-5pm

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

FAX 303-352-3003

Website: www.ccd.edu/Disabilities/Disabilities.aspx

Contact: Glenda Nash-Buscarello

Glenda.Nash-Buscarello@ccd.edu

Hours: M-T 8am-6pm, W-F 8am-5pm

Fees: 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

FAX 303-296-1637

Website: www.collegeincolorado.org

Contact: Staff

Hours: N/A

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



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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

Hours: Vary

FAX 303-825-2538

Contact: Judy Stein Stutman
jsteinstutman@experiencecle.com

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

Hours: Vary

FAX 719-578-2239

Contact: Lou Tutt
ltutt@csdb.org

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

Hours: Regular

FAX 720-423-4840

Contact: Eileen Ashford
Eileen_Ashford@dpsk12.org

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

Hours: Vary

Contact: Mary Costa

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

FAX 303-556-4771

Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

Fees: NO

University of Colorado at Denver Anschutz Medical Campus, Building 500, Room W1103,
13001 E. 17th Place, A010, PO Box 6508, Aurora, CO 80045

303-724-5640

FAX 303-724-5641

Hours: M-Th 9am-2pm

Fees: NO

Website: hschealth.uchsc.edu/disabilityresources

Contact: Lisa McGill

lisa.mcgill@cudenver.edu

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

Website: www.denveracademy.org

Hours: 7:45am-4:45pm

FAX 303-777-5893

Contact: Staff

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

Website: www.denveryouth.org

Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

FAX 303-302-3519

Contact: Angie Smith

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

Website: www.lifeskillscenters.com

Hours: Classes 7:30am-12:30pm, 1pm-6pm

FAX 720-889-2897

Contact: Joanna Perez (ext 202)

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

FAX 303-914-6721

Contact: Jacquelyn D. Stanton
jacquelyn.stanton@rrcc.edu

Fees: YES, but may qualify for financial assistance

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.rmssel.org

FAX: 303-757-7442

Contact: Staff

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

FAX 720-423-8018

Website: None

Contact: Henrietta Pazos

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

FAX 720-777-7311

Contact: Staff

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

FAX 303-871-4747

Website: www.du.edu/psychology/child_and_family_clinic



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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

shayna.whitehouse@du.edu

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/gsp/psc

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

mary@lifelongaes.com

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

FAX 303-742-9929

Website: www.coloradoliteracy.org

Contact: Andrea Martinez

Andrea@ColoradoLiteracy.org

Hours: M-F 8am-4:30pm

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: jeffcoweb.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

Website: www.adapt.org

Hours: Vary

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.

FAX 303-733-6211

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO

Advocacy Denver (Formerly ARC)

1905 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203

303-831-7733

Website: www.advocacydenver.org

Hours: 8am-4:30pm

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.

FAX 303-839-5178

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO

Autism Society of Colorado

550 S. Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80226

720-214-0794

Website: www.autismcolorado.org

Hours: 9am-4:30pm

Eligibility: Open to the public.

Description: Information referral and advocacy organization for people with autism and their families and caregivers.

FAX 720-274-2744

Contact: Staff

gwen@autismcolorado.org

Fees: YES, \$15 membership

Brain Injury Association of Colorado

4200 W. Conejos Place, Suite 524, Denver, CO 80204

303-355-9969

Website: www.biaincolorado.org

Hours: 8:30am-4pm

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.

Contact: Staff

Fees: YES, membership fees

CHARG Resource Center

709 E. 12th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203 (Main Office)

303-830-8805

Website: www.charg.org

FAX 303-830-8918

Contact: Staff



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

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

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.ccdonline.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

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

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

Website: www.familyvoicesco.org

FAX 303-733-3344

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



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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

FAX 303-756-6144

Contact: Patricia Hatten
patryciah@mhdsa.org

Fees: NO

Hours: Vary

Eligibility: Open to people with Down Syndrome and their families, professionals and the community.

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

FAX 303-321-0912

Contact: Tammy Snow
tsnow@nami.org

Fees: NO

Hours: 8am-5pm

Eligibility: Open to people with mental illness and their families.

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

FAX 303-557-9750

Contact: Staff

Fees: YES, for membership

Hours: Varies

Eligibility: Open to the public

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

FAX 303-296-1637

Contact: Gully Stanford
gully.stanford@cic.state.co.us

Fees: NO

Hours: N/A

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, 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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

Colorado Families for Hands and Voices

PO Box 3093, Boulder, CO 80307

303-492-6283

Website: www.cohandsandvoices.org

Hours: Vary

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.

FAX 303-492-3274

Contact: Janet DesGeorges

janet@handsandvoices.org

Fees: YES, dues for membership but scholarships available

Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center

14501 E. Alameda Avenue, Suite 205, Aurora, CO 80012

303-365-CPRC (2772)

Website: www.denvermetroprc.org

Hours: M-F 9am-3pm

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.

FAX 303-365-2778

Contact: Jeanette Cordova

Fees: NO

El Grupo Vida

PO Box 11096, Denver, CO 80211

303-904-6073

Website: www.elgrupovida.org/about.asp

Hours: Vary

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.

FAX 303-935-7434

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO

N.O.V.A. (Nurturing Our Village Association)

303-371-CARE (2273)

Website: www.novalsm.org

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.

Contact: Staff

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)

CDE-ESLU-PEP, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1175, Denver, CO 80202

303-866-6846

Website: www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/PEP.asp

Contact: Staff

FAX 303-866-6767



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

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

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

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

Website: www.adamscamp.org

Hours: M-F 9am-5pm

FAX 303-563-8291

Contact: Lisa Townsend
lisa@adamscamp.org

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

Hours: Vary

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.

Contact: Marie Verrett
marie@artfromashes.org

Fees: NO

Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver

2017 West 9th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204
303-892-9200

Website: www.bgcmd.org

Hours: After school and evenings

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.

FAX 303-892-9210

Contact: Branch Staff

Fees: YES, \$2 for membership

Boy Scouts Exploring Program

10455 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215
303-455-5522

Website: www.denverexploring.org

Hours: Vary

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.

FAX 303-455-4689

Contact: Charlotte Prah
cprahl@denverboyscouts.org

Fees: YES, nominal



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

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

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

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

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

Denver Parks and Recreation – Special Needs Programs

1849 Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80218

720-865-0820

Website:

www.denvergov.org/recreation3/SpecialNeedsProgram/tabid/432756/Default.aspx

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

Website: www.elkkids.org

FAX 303-371-3009

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.girlsincedenver.org

FAX 303-893-4352

Contact: Kristin Johnson

kjohnson@girlsincedenver.org

Hours: Vary

Fees: YES, scholarships available

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

Website: www.metrovolunteers.org

FAX 303-558-4186

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

YouthBiz

3280 Downing Street, Suite C, Denver, CO 80205

303-297-0212

Website: www.youthbiz.org

FAX 303-297-0228

Contact: Jason Torrez

jason@youthbiz.org

Fees: NO

Hours: 9am-5:30pm

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.



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 **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

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

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

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).



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

Metro Volunteer Lawyers (formerly Legal Aid)

1905 Sherman Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80203

303-830-8210

Website: 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.



Section 8: Mentoring

Big Brother Big Sisters

1391 N. Speer Boulevard, Suite 450, Denver, CO 80204

303-433-6002

Website: www.biglittletcolorado.org

FAX 303-455-0252

Contact: Megan Bowling Phillips
meganb@biglittletcolorado.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

Website: www.disabilitymentor.net

FAX 720-865-5685

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

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 a school that appropriately fits their needs.

Colorado Youth at Risk

1700 E. 28th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205

303-623-9140

Website: www.coloradoyouthatrisk.org

FAX 303-623-9139

Contact: Natasha Vollmuth
Natasha@ColoradoYouthatRisk.org

Fees: NO

Hours: Vary



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

Website: www.denverkidsinc.org

FAX 720-423-8264

Contact: Steve Nederveld

Steven_Nederveld@dpsk12.org

Fees: NO

Hours: Vary

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

Website: www.metrodenverpartners.org

FAX 303-777-0150

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO

Hours: 8am-5pm

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

Website: www.saveouryouth.org

FAX 303-480-1397

Contact: Jill Meyer

jill.meyer@saveouryouth.org

Fees: NO

Hours: Vary

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.



Section 9: Mental Health Services

Asian Pacific Development Center

1825 York Street, Denver, CO 80206

303-393-0304

Website: www.apdc.org

FAX 303-388-1172

Contact: Ivy Hontz

ivyhontz@apdc.org

Fees: NO

Hours: Regular

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

Website: www.buddyprogram.org

FAX 970-925-2093

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO

Hours: Winter and Summer Programs

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

Website: www.coloradoaidsproject.org

FAX 303-962-5303

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO

Hours: 9am-5pm

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

Website: www.conflictcenter.org

FAX 303-433-6166

Contact: Staff

Fees: YES

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:30pm

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

Website: www.denvercac.org

FAX 303-825-6087

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO

Hours: Vary



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

Website: www.facesonline.org

FAX 720-570-9339

Contact: Christine Char
cchar@facesonline.org

Hours: 8:30am-5pm

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

Website: www.graspyouth.org

FAX 303-777-0150

Contact: Francisco Gallardo
cisco@graspyouth.org

Hours: Group meets every Thursday at 5:30pm **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

Website: www.judishouse.org

FAX 720-941-0728

Contact: Judy Becerra
JudyB@judishouse.org

Hours: By appointment

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

Lifelong Adult Education Services. Inc.

1175 Osage Street, Suite 201, Denver, CO 80204

303-573-0839

Website: www.lifelongaes.com

FAX 303-573-0849

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

Website: www.mdscounseling.org

FAX 303-756-0308

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

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

Website: www.peoplehouse.org

FAX 303-480-3646

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

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

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

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

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

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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 on line.

Description: Provides reconditioned hearing aids to people with limited resources.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

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

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

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>

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

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.



Section 12: Transportation

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

Contact: Transportation Dept.

Hours: 9am-3pm

Fees: YES, low cost

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 **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

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

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.



Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

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

FAX 303-627-6474

Website: www.masterdrive.com/frame_rehab.html

Contact: Denise Kaplan

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.



Section 13: Independent Living Centers

Atlantis Independent Living Center

201 S. Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80223

303-733-9324 (Phone and Fax)

Website: www.atlantiscommunity.net

Hours: Regular

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.

TDD 303-733-0047

Contact: Tim Thorton or Staff

Fees: NO

Disability Center for Independent Living

4821 E. 38th Avenue, Denver, CO 80207

303-320-1345, TTY 303-320-2330

Website: <http://www.dcilwebsite.org>

Hours: M-F 8:30am-5pm

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.

FAX 303-320-1355

Contact: Staff

Fees: NO



Section 14: Housing

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.