

## Useful Websites for Families of Special Needs Students

The following resources were collected and recommended by special needs families in Lake Washington School District (LWSD). The PTSA Special Needs Group does not endorse any particular Web site or organization, nor does it take responsibility for information contained on these Web sites. This list is for information purposes only.

### Advocacy

#### **The Advocacy and Learning Center**

<http://ourorhskids.pages.web.com/index.html>

Offers information, resources, encouragement, and support for families and educators of students with exceptional needs.

#### **The Arc of Washington State**

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

Advocates for the rights of citizens with developmental disabilities. Includes information on the Parent to Parent program and the Life Opportunities Trust.

#### **Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE)**

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

Links families, advocates, and self-advocates to information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

### Auditory Processing Disorder

#### **APDUK**

[www.apduk.org/pagelist.htm](http://www.apduk.org/pagelist.htm)

Covers a range of topics regarding Auditory Processing Disorder, visual-spatial learners and other related issues.

### Autism/Asperger Syndrome

#### **Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders (ABOARD)**

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

Information about autism, latest news, upcoming events and education and training.

#### **Aspergers Northwest**

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

Community of individuals, family members, and friends whose lives are touched by Asperger Syndrome.

#### **Autism Spectrum Treatment and Research (ASTAR) Center, Seattle**

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

#### **Autism/ADD Resources, Inc.**

[www.aitresources.com/who.cfm](http://www.aitresources.com/who.cfm)

Practitioners of Auditory Integration Training (AIT)

#### **Autism and PDD Support Network**

[www.autism-pdd.net](http://www.autism-pdd.net)

#### **Autism Center at the University of Washington**

<http://depts.washington.edu/uwautism>

Provides diagnostic evaluations and multi-disciplinary intervention services for children with autism spectrum disorders from infancy through adolescence at Seattle and Tacoma campuses.

#### **Autism classes & conferences, Educational Service District (ESD) 112**

<http://sss.esd112.org/autism/classes.html>

#### **Autism information for staff**

[www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped/autism/index1.htm](http://www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped/autism/index1.htm)

Resources for special education staff.

**Autism Key** [www.autismkey.com](http://www.autismkey.com)  
Resource tool for parents and loved ones of children with autism to encourage, support and learn from one another's challenges.

**Autism Society of Washington** [www.autismsocietyofwa.org](http://www.autismsocietyofwa.org)  
Works with Autism Society of America to be the voice and resource for the autism community in Washington.

**Coulter Video** <http://home.att.net/~coultervideo/index.htm>  
Videos about and for people with Asperger Syndrome.

**Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Washington** [www.featwa.org](http://www.featwa.org)  
Dedicated to ensuring children and young adults with autism and related disorders have the opportunity to reach their full potential through effective behavioral intervention.

**Future Horizons** [www.futurehorizons-autism.com](http://www.futurehorizons-autism.com)  
Conferences and resources on autism and Asperger Syndrome.

**GRASP: The Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership** [www.grasp.org](http://www.grasp.org)  
An educational and advocacy organization serving individuals on the autism spectrum.

**The Gray Center for Social Learning and Understanding** [www.thegraycenter.org](http://www.thegraycenter.org)  
Works to improve social understanding on both sides of the social equation, helping individuals with ASD to communicate and interact more successfully with the people with whom they live and work.

**Michelle Garcia Winner's Center for Social Thinking** [www.socialthinking.com/index.htm](http://www.socialthinking.com/index.htm)  
Workshops, training, consultation, assessment and therapy for persons with Asperger Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD and NLD.

**Online Asperger Syndrome Information and Support (OASIS)** [www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger](http://www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger)

**The Scarlet Letter: Autism Awareness and Healing** [www.thescarletletter.org](http://www.thescarletletter.org)  
Articles, product reviews, activities and discussion forums.

**Social Skills: IEP Goals for Students with Visual Impairments and Asperger Syndrome**  
[www.tsbvi.edu/Education/vmi/aspergers.htm](http://www.tsbvi.edu/Education/vmi/aspergers.htm)

**TalkAutism** [www.talkautism.org](http://www.talkautism.org)  
Communication service to access a common database of resource directories, distance learning library, and special message boards.

**Tony Attwood** [www.tonyattwood.com.au](http://www.tonyattwood.com.au)  
Guide for parents, professionals, people with Asperger Syndrome and their partners.

**Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic** <http://info.med.yale.edu/chldstdy/autism>  
The Autism program at Yale is an interdisciplinary group of clinicians and scholars dedicated to providing comprehensive clinical services to children with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

## Behavior Management/Problem Behavior

**Center for Collaborative Problem Solving** [www.explosivechild.com](http://www.explosivechild.com)  
Provides clinical services, training, and consultation to assist education, mental health, and medical professionals and parents in understanding and assisting children with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges.

**Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice**

<http://cecp.air.org>

Fostering the development and the adjustment of children with or at risk of developing serious emotional disturbance.

**Comprehensive Behavioral Support for Persons with Challenging Behavior**

[www.nu-world.com/~jls](http://www.nu-world.com/~jls)

Focused on the impact of and support for persons with challenging behaviors, their families, teachers, and schools.

**Discipline Help: You Can Handle Them All**

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

Reference for handling over 117 misbehaviors at school and home.

**Dr. Mac's Behavior Management Advice**

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

Tips on managing student behavior; step-by-step directions for implementing many standard interventions.

## Education/Classroom Support

**All Kinds of Minds**

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

Recognizing the importance of understanding and nurturing the individual educational needs of all children.

**ASK - Advocates for Special Kids**

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

Parents helping parents to understand special education. Positive behavior plan samples and templates.

**Center for Change in Transition Services, Seattle University**

[www.seattleu.edu/ccts](http://www.seattleu.edu/ccts)

Provides technical assistance and training to school districts in exemplary transition practices for students with disabilities moving from school to adult life.

**Intervention Central**

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

Offers free tools and resources to help school staff and parents promote positive classroom behaviors and foster effective learning for all children and youth.

**Jackpot! Reinforcer Survey Generator**

[www.jimwrightonline.com/php/jackpot/jackpot.php](http://www.jimwrightonline.com/php/jackpot/jackpot.php)

Create classroom-friendly reinforcer surveys online.

**National Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**

Information and technical assistance for identifying, adapting, and sustaining effective school-wide disciplinary practices.

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

**Positive Environments Network of Trainers**

[www.pent.ca.gov](http://www.pent.ca.gov)

A California positive behavior Initiative designed to provide information and resources for educators striving to achieve high educational outcomes through the use of proactive positive strategies.

**School Skills Checklist**

[www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~ebdstudy/strategy/scherer.htm](http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~ebdstudy/strategy/scherer.htm)

Compilation of skills to be taught and practiced in a school setting.

**Writing Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) For Success**

Article by Barbara D. Bateman, Ph.D., J.D.

[www.margaretkay.com/iep\\_development.htm](http://www.margaretkay.com/iep_development.htm)

## News

**Disability News & Views Radio Show**

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

A voice in the media for people with disabilities, promoting awareness, educating and inspiring.

## Nonverbal Learning Disorders (NLD)

### **NLDline**

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

Educating caregivers and associates of individuals with NLD and networking those interested in NLD.

## Parent Information and Family Support

### **The Advocacy and Learning Center**

<http://ourorhskids.pages.web.com/index.html>

Offers information, resources, encouragement, and support for families and educators of students with exceptional needs.

### **The Center for Children with Special Needs**

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

Children's Hospital program focusing on improving care for children with special health care needs by providing information to families and health care professionals.

### **PACER Center**

Expanding opportunities and enhancing the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.

[www.pacer.org/ebd](http://www.pacer.org/ebd)

### **Parent Guides: Communicating with Your Child's School through Letter Writing**

[www.nichcy.org/pubs/parent/pa9txt.htm](http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/parent/pa9txt.htm)

### **Parent to Parent (P2P): Support Programs of Washington State**

[www.arcwa.org/parent\\_to\\_parent.htm](http://www.arcwa.org/parent_to_parent.htm)

Emotional support and information for families of children with special needs and/or disabilities.

### **Wyatt Holliday Foundation**

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

Helping families of children with special needs through advocacy, education and support.

## Local Service and Treatment Providers

### **Becker & Associates**

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

Professional help with diagnosis, treatment planning, behavior management, therapy and parenting for a variety of conditions.

### **C.A. Brooks & Associates**

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

Speech, language and communication clinic specializing in the assessment and treatment of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Asperger Syndrome, motor speech disorder (apraxia) and delayed development of speech and language skills.

## Publications and Learning Materials

### **Jessica Kingsley Publishers**

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

Materials on a variety of disorders, therapies, education, health care, etc.

### **LinguiSystems**

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

Materials for speech language pathologists, special education teachers, reading specialists, classroom teachers and their students or patients.

### **Maple Leaf Center**

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

Publishing and presentations on nonverbal learning disabilities, Asperger Syndrome, Turner Syndrome and social skills training.

**Social Skill Builder**[www.socialskillbuilder.com/schoolrules1.htm](http://www.socialskillbuilder.com/schoolrules1.htm)

Software programs that use interactive video sequences to imitate real-life social scenarios to effectively teach social language and interaction.

**Special Needs Project**[www.specialneeds.com](http://www.specialneeds.com)

A disability bookstore with books, videos, DVDs and related items about mental and physical disabilities for parents, professionals, educators, family members and persons with a disability.

## Social-Emotional Issues and Depression

**Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning**

Designed to strengthen the capacity of Head Start and child care programs to improve the social and emotional outcomes of young children.

[www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/about.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/about.html)**Oregon Resiliency Project**<http://orp.uoregon.edu>

Research, training, and outreach effort aimed at promoting social and emotional learning, studying coping and resiliency skills, and preventing depression, anxiety and related concerns among children and youth.