### ORGANIZATIONS for DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

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<td><strong>American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)</strong> 501 - 3rd St., NW Suite 200 Washington, DC 20001 <strong>Phone:</strong> 800-424-3688 <strong>Fax:</strong> 202-387-2193 <strong>E-mail:</strong> <a href="mailto:anam@aaidd.org">anam@aaidd.org</a> <strong>Website:</strong> <a href="http://www.aamr.org">www.aamr.org</a></td>
<td>AAIDD promotes global development and dissemination of progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual disabilities. Its online resources augment the organization's activities, and its online Bookstore offers books, monographs, references, resources for public policy, and advocacy.</td>
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<td><strong>Arc of the United States, The</strong> 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650 Silver Spring, MD 20910 <strong>Phone:</strong> 800-433-5255; 301-565-3842 <strong>Fax:</strong> 301-565-5342; 301-565-3843 <strong>E-mail:</strong> <a href="mailto:info@thearc.org">info@thearc.org</a> <strong>Website:</strong> <a href="http://www.thearc.org">www.thearc.org</a></td>
<td>The Arc of the United States advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Together with our network of members and affiliated chapters, we improve systems of supports and services; connect families; inspire communities and influence public policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Best Buddies International, Inc.</strong> 100 S.E. Second Street, #2200 Miami, FL 33131 <strong>Phone:</strong> 1-800-89 BUDDY(2-8339); 305-374-2233 <strong>Fax:</strong> 305-374-5305 <strong>E-mail:</strong> Available on website <strong>Website:</strong> <a href="http://www.bestbuddies.org">www.bestbuddies.org</a></td>
<td>The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. People with intellectual disabilities are often excluded from society because of their differences. Best Buddies is determined to end the social isolation of people with intellectual disabilities by establishing meaningful, lasting one-to-one friendships with their peers without intellectual disabilities. These friendships help increase self-esteem, confidence and the abilities of people with and without intellectual disabilities.</td>
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Bethesda Lutheran Communities
Enhancing the Lives of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
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Fax: 920-261-8441
E-mail: Available on website
Website: www.blhs.org

Sharing the love of Christ with children and adults who have developmental disabilities is the main focus of Bethesda’s ministry. They also provide resources to educate friends, families, congregations and other service providers about developmental disabilities. Bethesda supports people with developmental disabilities, both in their own homes, or in Bethesda-owned facilities. Support programs vary and are based on each person’s needs. The people and families they support take an active part in services by helping to create goals and objectives, in line with Person-Centered Planning.

Branch of the Vine Software, Ltd.
706 Kopmeier Drive
Pewaukee, WI 53072
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Email: info@branchofthevinesoftware.org
Website: www.branchofthevinesoftware.org

Branch of the Vine Software is a non-profit with the mission of producing accessible software to help individuals with cognitive impairments learn about the Lord and His love for them. In a field of assistive technology that teaches basic cause and effect and encourages individuals with cognitive impairments to interact with the computer, it is unique in its Christian focus. “The Lord is My Shepherd,” an interactive version of Psalm 23, can be customized for any user, from auto-play to cause and effect to full interaction.

Circle of Friends Ministry
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Lake Wales, FL 33853
Phone: (863) 679-2507
Email: mertice@circleoffriendsministry.org
Website: www.circleoffriendsministry.org

Circle of Friends Ministry provides support and friendship to children with physical and/or developmental disabilities and their families. With a campaign to address the barriers of fear and prejudice that separate special needs families from their communities, they have blazed a trail through barred doors, helping children with disabilities discover the same opportunities that others enjoy. One unique aspect of Circle of Friends Ministry is its corps of young volunteers called “Joyfulteers.” These children are given the opportunity to join in and learn how to be a friend.

Developmental Disabilities Resource Center
11177 W. 8th Avenue, Ste. #300
Lakewood, CO 80215
Phone: 303-233-3363
Fax: 303-233-4622
E-mail: Available on website
Website: www.ddrcco.com

The Developmental Disabilities Resource Center provides leading-edge services that create opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the community. Quality, dignity and choice are the values of DDRC. Their Vision includes being known for providing easy access to customer-centered, quality services; and expanding partnerships with the people served, providers, advocates, and community resources so services are an integral part of our communities.

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**Evergreen**  
Presbyterian Ministries, Inc  
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Haughton, LA  71037  
**Phone:** 318-949-5500  
**Fax:** 318-949-5501  
**E-mail:** Available on website  
**Website:** www.epmi.org

Evergreen offers a wide range of community-based services designed to not only meet basic needs but also teach life skills and help each client reach his or her own personal potential. All of Evergreen’s efforts are designed to help people with developmental disabilities become a contributing, participating “part of society” rather than living “apart from society.” Located in: Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Kentucky.

**Friendship Ministries**  
2215 - 29th Street SE #B6  
Grand Rapids, MI 49508  
**Phone:** 888-866-8966  
**E-mail:** friendship@friendship.org  
**Website:** www.friendship.org

Friendship Ministries is a not-for-profit organization that exists to help churches and organizations around the world share God’s love with people who have cognitive impairments. They can provide you with: a model for ministry, help getting started, materials you can use to learn about God together, and the only Bible study available in Spanish for people with cognitive impairments.

**Open Hearts Extended**  
**E-mail:** shirleydechaine@gmail.com  
**Website:** www.openheartsextended.org

Open Hearts Extended helps churches reach out to families with special needs and to people in the congregation who may not seem to fit in. Free ministry downloads are provided to encourage you and your church to begin an adult special needs Sunday school program. Devotionals targeted for individuals with special needs are available on the website, written at 3rd grade reading level.

**President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID)**  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201  
**E-mail:** Available on website  
**Website:** www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/pcpid/index.html

The Committee provides advice concerning intellectual disabilities to the President, or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning expansion of educational opportunities; promotion of homeownership; assurance of workplace integration; improvement of transportation options; expansion of full access to community living; and increasing access to assistive and universally designed technologies.

**Quiet Waters Outreach**  
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Sherwood, OR 97140  
**Phone:** (503) 620-8288  
**Fax:** (503) 968-6218  
**Website:** www.quietwatersoutreach.org

QWO is dedicated to serving individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and caregivers by providing services to restore their spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental health. Restorative services include Overnight Respite Care, Discovery Day Program, Treasure Nights, and a Family Support Network. Resources available are Helpful Links for Caregivers.
| **Rainbow Acres** – Providing Homes with Heart and Lives of Purpose | **Rainbow Acres** is a Christian community for adults with developmental disabilities. At Rainbow, residents receive the finest care and enjoy a beautiful, ranch-style campus amid the scenic beauty of Arizona’s Verde Valley. Rainbow Acres strives to empower every resident to reach their greatest physical, emotional, social and spiritual potential. |
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Camp Verde, AZ 86322  
**Phone**: 928-567-5231  
**Fax**: 928-567-9059  
**E-mail**: info@rainbowacres.com  
**Website**: www.rainbowacres.com | |
| **Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging with Developmental Disabilities (RRTCADD)**  
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**Phone**: 800-996-8845; 312-413-1520  
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**Website**: www.rrtcadd.org | As persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities are living longer and their presence in the community increases, there is a growing need for information on ways to support these adults and their families. This website is designed to provide information on the latest research, model programs, and policy issues pertaining to these people. It describes training and technical assistance opportunities, conferences, and available resources. These resources are available in various formats, including written products, videotapes, and CDs. Many of the products can be downloaded at no cost. We tried to design a user-friendly website not only for researchers and professionals, but also for families and persons with a disability. |
| **Shepherds Ministries** and  
**Shepherds College**  
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Union Grove, WI 53182-1597  
**Phone**: 262-878-5620  
**Fax**: 262-878-5638  
**Ministry**  
**E-mail**: info@shepherdsministries.org  
**Website**: www.shepherdsministries.org  
**College Website**: www.shepherdscollege.org | **Shepherds Ministries** is a nonprofit organization existing for the purpose of glorifying God by assisting individuals with intellectual disabilities to reach their potential for growth and training others to minister in a similar way. Shepherds provides full-time residential care, living skills instruction, vocational opportunities, academic instruction, and recreational and social activities. **Shepherds College** is a post secondary educational institution designed to help people with developmental disabilities make the transition from school to work and from home to independent living. The educational experience includes three important components: life skills training, specialty majors and practicum. |
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Special Olympics is made up of passionate, committed individuals from every walk of life, who recognize the value and unique gifts of people with intellectual disabilities. And who, together, share the common belief in dignity, equality and opportunity for ALL people. Dignity, acceptance, and a chance to reach one’s potential – these are human rights worth promoting for everyone. Since 1968, Special Olympics has been bringing one message to the world: people with intellectual disabilities can and will succeed if given the opportunity.

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<td><strong>Apple</strong></td>
<td>Apple’s innovative technology has made it possible for many users to benefit from their products. Thousands of applications, or apps, are available for iPhones, iPod Touch, and iPads including those for special needs users. Special apps have been designed for Autism Spectrum Disorder, stroke patients, and those with developmental delays. Some of the apps include touch-to-speak capabilities and learning games.</td>
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<td><strong>AssistiveWare</strong></td>
<td>AssistiveWare is an international organization that provides products for Mac users with special needs. It has developed affordable programs that work on a variety of Apple products, including the iPhone and iPad. The products available are classified by need including: physical impairments, visual impairments, and communication. Some products are only available through the iTunes store.</td>
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<td><strong>Disabled Christianity Blogspot:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Discussion of issues related to Christianity/theology and persons with disability, and disability ministry hosted by Jeff McNair, a Special Education professor. Jeff and his wife Kathi have been involved in ministry with adults with intellectual disabilities for 35 years. (all entries are © Jeff McNair). <strong>Disabled Christianity</strong> BlogSpot offers convincingly relevant articles, reflections, authored books and YouTubes.</strong></td>
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