



ADULT LITERACY & LEARNING DISABILITY FORUM

Resources for People with Learning Disabilities

This document is designed as an online resource for service providers. It will be most convenient if used on a computer. All red text below is hyper linked. Click on the red to jump directly to the web site, e-mail address, or section of the document.

The Adult Literacy & Learning Disabilities Forum is a partnership initiative of Michigan Adult Education and the Department of Labor & Economic Growth- Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Members of the forum include representatives of the Michigan Works! Association, Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services, and the Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan.

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MICHIGAN RESOURCES

Adult Education

www.michigan.gov/adulteducation

Provides an opportunity for mature students to achieve education levels equivalent to those of high-school graduates.

Services:

GED, Adult Basic Education, High School Completion, English as a Second Language, Family Literacy and programs for the homeless.

Location:

Find the local Adult Education program by county at the web address above.

Bridges4Kids: Help for a Child in Michigan

<http://www.bridges4kids.org/HelpForKids.html>

This link goes directly to an interactive map directing users to service providers by Michigan county.

Services:

A non-profit organization providing a comprehensive system of information and referral for parents of children from birth through transition. Bridges4Kids NewsDigest is available on the web site.

Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE)

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

Services

CAUSE is the Parent Training Information Center for the State of Michigan. It provides free information, referral, support, advocacy, and workshops to parents and professionals working with children with disabilities and special needs.

Location

Offices are located around Michigan. Addresses and contact information are at:

<http://www.causeonline.org/contact2.html>

E-Learn Ability: Michigan's Disability Gateway

<http://www.elearnability.net>

A connecting point for organizations and individuals in Michigan interested in disability issues.

GED Accommodations

Services:

Provides technical assistance regarding accommodations for GED applicants with disabilities in Michigan.

Contact:

Ben Williams, Adult Education: williamsb4@michigan.gov

Telephone: 517-241-2497

Also see **GED Accommodations** under National Resources.

Intermediate School Districts & Regional Educational Services Areas

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--78090--,00.html>

A complete list of intermediate school districts (ISD) and regional educational service areas (RESA).

Services:

ISDs and RESAs provide specialized services to children receiving special education services.

Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan

www.ldaofmichigan.org

Services:

Support and information for people with learning disabilities, their families, and service providers. A priority goal is to help students with learning disabilities take charge of their lives in their early teens.

Location:

Chapters located around the state: <http://www.ldaofmichigan.org/chapters.htm>

State association office is located in Lansing.

Contact:

LDA of Michigan
200 Museum Dr., Ste. 101
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Toll Free: 888-597-7809

Phone: 517-485-8160

E-mail: info@ldaofmichigan.org or ldami@aol.com

Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18641-51258--,00.html

Services:

The Michigan Network of Regional and Subregional Libraries serving people with visual and physical handicaps offers books and other types of materials found in a public library on cassette tape. The service is free.

Contact:

1-800-992-9012

Locations:

The main office is located in Lansing. Regional libraries are part of the network and can be located at:

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18641-57889--,00.html

Michigan's Assistive Technology Resource Center

<http://www.cenmi.org/matr/>

Services:

Information, support, technical assistance and resources related to assistive technology.

Contact:

1023 S. US 27, Suite B31

St. Johns, MI 48879

Phone: 989-224-0333

Fax: 989-224-0330

TTY: 989-224-0246

E-mail: matr@match.org

MI-AHEAD

<http://www.mi-ahead.org/>

A professional organization for professionals in higher education who work with students and staff with disabilities.

Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns

http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-28077_28545---,00.html

Services:

The Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns, which includes the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, responds to and advocates on behalf of Michigan's 1.9 million people with disabilities. Sponsors of the annual Youth Leadership Forum.

Contact:

Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns
201 N. Washington Square, Suite 150
Lansing, MI 48913

Phone: 517-335-6004 TTY/V
Toll Free: 877-499-6232 TTY/V
Fax: 517-335-7773

Michigan Commission for the Blind

<http://www.michigan.gov/mcb>

Services:

Provides services to help blind individuals become employed and live independently in their own homes.

Location:

Services are provided throughout Michigan. Click the link below for office locations and contact information. <http://www.michigan.gov/mcb>

Contact:

Toll Free Voice: 1-800-292-4200
Toll Free TTY: 1-888-864-1212

Michigan Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing

<http://www.mcddc-dodhh.org/>

Services:

The agency provides training, technical assistance, accommodations, research and other services to improve access to communication for deaf and hard of hearing people in Michigan.

Contact:

Phone: 517-335-6004 V/TTY
Toll Free: 877-499-6232 V/TTY
Fax: 517-335-7773
Videophone IP: dodhh.net
E-Mail: dodhh@michigan.gov

Michigan Directory of Service Providers for Infants, Toddlers, and Students with Disabilities

http://www.cenmi.org/se_directory.asp

This directory is intended for parents, educators, and other service providers seeking resource information related to the educational needs of children, students, and clients. The directory contains contact information about resources for children ages birth to three with special needs and their families (Michigan's Early On® population) and students ages 3-26 with disabilities.

Michigan Literacy, Inc. & Literacy Councils

<http://www.michiganliteracy.org>

Services:

Advocates for literacy and develops tutor training and curriculum materials.

Location:

A directory of each of Michigan's Literacy Councils is at the link below:

http://www.michiganliteracy.org/Council_Directory.php

Michigan Protection & Advocacy Services

<http://www.mpas.org/HomePage.asp>

Services

Provides information and advocacy, especially in the areas of human and legal rights for people with disabilities. Areas of expertise include mental health, developmental disabilities, special education, HIV/AIDS and Client Assistance Program.

Location:

Offices are located in Lansing, Livonia, and Marquette. See the following link for contact information:

<http://www.mpas.org/WhoWeAre.asp?>

Michigan Technology Loan Fund

<http://www.mi-atlf.org/>

Services

Offers low-interest loans for the purchase of assistive technology, including training to use the equipment and related services.

Contact:

Michigan Loan Funds
c/o United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan
3401 E. Saginaw, Suite 216
Lansing, MI 48912

Toll Free phone: 1-800-828-2714

Phone: 517-203-1200

Fax: 517-203-1203

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

www.michigan.gov/mrs

Services:

Assists people with disabilities to prepare for, find, and maintain employment. Provides accommodations, career counseling, training, and other job related services.

Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) is the technical training school operated by the agency. For more on MCTI, see: <http://www.michigan.gov/mcti>

Location:

Offices located throughout the state, serving all of Michigan's counties.

Office locator at: http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd/0,1607,7-122-25392_41191---,00.html

Phone: 1-800-605-6722

TTY: 1-888-605-6722

Michigan Works!

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

Services:

Employment and training programs serving employers and workers. Services include:

- Michigan Talent Bank http://www.michworks.org/mtb/user/MTB_EMPL.EntryMainPage
- Employer Services
- Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth Services provided under the Workforce Investment Act.
- Self-service employment resource rooms
- Welfare reform programs

Locations:

Office locations in most counties. See a list of local agencies and locations at:

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

NATIONAL RESOURCES

ABLEDATA

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

Services:

Provides objective information about assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources. Although ABLEDATA does not sell any products, it helps locate the companies that do.

Alliance for Technology Access

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

This is a network of community-based resource centers, developers, vendors and associates who provide information and support services to children and adults with disabilities, increasing their use of standard, assistive, and information technologies. ATA members can be found all across the country. See [Michigan's Assistive Technology Resource Center](#) above.

Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)

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

A nonprofit organization that works to expand learning opportunities for all individuals, especially those with disabilities, through the research and development of innovative, technology-based educational resources and strategies.

GED Accommodations

<http://www.ldaamerica.org/aboutld/adults/assessment/accommodations.asp>

Information on General Education Equivalency Testing for people with learning disabilities provided by the Learning Disability Association.

Heath Resource Center

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

The national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Provides an information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities at American campuses, vocational-technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities.

Job Accommodation Network

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

Services

A free consulting service designed to increase the employability of people with disabilities by:

- providing individualized work site accommodation solutions,
- providing technical assistance regarding the ADA and other disability-related legislation, and
- educating callers about self-employment options.

Contact:

See the web site link above or call: 800-526-7234 (V/TTY)

Learning Disabilities Association of America

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

Services:

Support and information for people with learning disabilities, their families, and service providers.

LD Online

http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/resource-guide.html

Services:

One of the most comprehensive resources on the Internet for learning disabilities. Includes a Yellow Pages directory for locating local providers.

Literacy and Learning Disabilities

<http://ldlink.coe.utk.edu/>

This web site aims to provide a single point of access to information on LD issues important to:

- adults with learning disabilities and their families
- adult education teachers and tutors
- staff: human services, vocational rehabilitation, one-stop
- employers

National Center for Learning Disabilities

www.ld.org/

Services:

Information and advocacy regarding learning disabilities.

National Center for Learning Disabilities Fact Sheets:

www.ld.org/LDInfoZone/InfoZone_FactSheetIndex.cfm

Location:

National Center for Learning Disabilities

381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401

New York, NY 10016

Phone: 212-545-7510

Fax: 212-545-9665

Toll Free: 888-575-7373

National Resource Center on ADHD

<http://www.help4adhd.org/>

This web site was created to meet the information needs of both professionals and the general public. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control, it provides reliable information.

Office of Civil Rights

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) serves student populations facing discrimination and the advocates and institutions promoting systemic solutions to civil rights problems.

Services:

Resolves complaints of discrimination and provides technical assistance to help institutions achieve voluntary compliance with the civil rights laws that OCR enforces. Technical assistance partnerships are designed to develop creative approaches to preventing and addressing discrimination.

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic

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

A library of audio materials for people who are unable to read print due to a disability.

United States Access Board

<http://www.access-board.gov/>

Services:

Provides ADA compliance and accessible design guidelines, technical assistance, training, and research.

PUBLICATIONS

Career Planning Begins with Assessment: A Guide for Professionals Serving Youth with Educational and Career Development Challenges.

A comprehensive guide produced by the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth by Timmons, J., Podmostko, M., et al. (2004)

Available online at:

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&_Publications/assessment.html

Destination Literacy- Phase II

This publication is designed for those who work or volunteer in the adult literacy field intending to identify and assist adults with learning disabilities. It offers practical teaching strategies and useful information to assist students who have been unable to grasp basic literacy skills and who may have a learning disability. The section on Screening and Academic Assessments of Adults at Risk for Learning Disabilities provides an easy-to-use screening questionnaire and screening checklists as well as a case study that guides the reader through the screening process.

To order, contact:

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada

Fax: 613-235-5391

E-mail: kathy@ldac-taac.ca

<http://www.ldac-taac.ca/Books/books-e.asp>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Organizations and businesses listed in this section may charge a fee for service. Listing here is not intended as an endorsement or otherwise, either by inclusion or exclusion.

Closing the Gap

<http://www.closingthegap.com>

Services:

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

EdTherapy Education Services

<http://edtherapy.com/>

Specializes in helping educators integrate technology in ways that provide students with explicit guidance toward a more active, strategic, and organized thinking process. This proven but under utilized realm of technology enables students to develop lifelong learning skills, build self-confidence and, ultimately, realize their academic and professional potential.

Michigan Dyslexia Institute

<http://www.dyslexia.net/>

Services:

Provides services to children and adults with dyslexia. Public awareness programs, information hotline, testing and student instruction are provided. Fees are charged for testing and instruction, and financial aid is available.

Location:

Find local offices at: <http://www.dyslexia.net/contact.htm>

Central Offices

532 E. Shiawassee St.

Lansing, MI 48912

Phone: 517-485-4000

Fax: 517-485-4076

PowerPath to Basic Learning

www.powerpath.com/

PowerPath is a commercial product described as a practical intake, diagnostic screening, and intervention system for learners entering basic skill or job training programs. This program is more than a screening tool. It also includes specific remediation strategies to address identified learning challenges.

Sylvan Learning Centers

www.educate.com

Services:

Provides personalized learning services to students of all ages and skill levels. There is a cost for Sylvan services. A loan program is available.

Location:

Center Locator: http://www.educate.com/centerfinder/map_mi.html

Contact:

Toll Free: 1-888-338-2283

To E-mail a local center, go to: <http://www.educate.com/contact/email.cfm>

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