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### **Caring Sheet #9: Resources:**

#### **The Physical Environment**

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#### **Introduction**

Many sources of information about the physical environment are available. The following references, listed in alphabetical order under each heading, allow for further exploration of issues regarding the physical environment in private homes and other long term care or community residences. Some sources are theoretical in nature while others are practical and provide detailed solutions. Information for acquiring the references is also included.

#### **PRODUCT CATALOGS:**

ABLEDATA, PAM Assistance Center, 601 W. Maple St., Lansing, MI 48906, 517-371-5897

Accent on Information, P.O. Box 700, Bloomington, IL 61702, 309-378-2961

Access for Handicapped, 5014 42nd St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20016

American Standard Inc. Barrier-free Products, Literature Department, 114 Mayfield Ave., Edison, NJ 08837, 800-752-6292

Comfortably Yours, 52 West Hunter Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607

Environmental modifications for the visually impaired: A Handbook, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th St. New York, NY 10011.

Fire safety for hearing impaired people, Design and Construction Department, Environmental Design Center for the Deaf, Gallaudet College, Kendall Green, Washington, D.C. 20002



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Hartford House: A resource guide. ITT Hartford Insurance Co., 200 Executive Boulevard, Southington, CT 06489

Help for Incontinent People, P.O. Box 8310, Spartenburg, SC 29305-8310, 800-252-3337

Help Yourself Aids Catalog, P.O. Box 192, Hinsdale, IL 60521

Kohler Hospital Plumbing Products Catalog, Kohler Co., Kohler, WI 53044

National Center for Access Unlimited, the readily achievable checklist: A survey for accessibility, 155 N. Wacker Drive, #315, Chicago, IL 60606, 312-368-0380

Products for People with Vision Problems, American Foundation for the Blind, Consumer Department, 15 West 16th St., New York, NY 10011

Product Inventory of Hardware, Equipment and Appliances for Barrier Free Design, National Handicapped Housing Inst., 12 S. Sixth St, Suite 1216, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Resource Directory for Older People, National Institute on Aging, Public Information office, Building 31, Rm 5C27, 31 Center Drive MSC 2292, Bethesda, MD 20892-2292, 800-222-2225

Sears Home Health Care Catalog, Sears, Roebuck & Co., Sears Tower, Chicago, IL 60684

Self Help Aids Catalog, Fred Sammons Inc., 145 Tower Dr., Burr Ridge, IL 60521

Special Products for People with Special Needs, Maddak Inc. Pequannock, NJ 07440, 201-694-0500

The gadget book: Ingenious devices for easier living, Foresman/AARP Books, 1865 Miner St., DesPlaines, IL 60016

Tools for independent living and designs for independent living, Whirlpool Corporation, Appliance Information Services, P.O. Box 5551, Kalamazoo, MI 49003



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American Journal of Occupational Therapy

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Building and Environments

Environment and Behavior

Geriatric Nursing

Hospital and Community Psychiatry

Housing and Society

Journal of Family Practice

Journal of Gerontological Nursing

Journal of Gerontology

Journal of Nursing Administration

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Journal of Practical Nursing

Journal of Rehabilitation

Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

Nursing Administration Quarterly

Nursing Homes

The American Journal of Alzheimer's Care and Research

The Gerontologist

### **Organizations:**

Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611; 1-800-272-3900

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), 901 E. Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20040-2037; 202-783-2242

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 601 E. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20049 (AARP has many brochures/manuals regarding housing and design needs - request their list of publications.)

Arthritis Foundation, 1314 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309, 404-872-7100



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AT&T National Special Needs Center, 2001 Route 46, Suite 310, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Center for Design of an Aging Society, 6200 SW Virginia Ave., Suite 210, Portland, OR 97201, 503-246-8231

Cleo Inc., 3957 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland, OH 44121, 1-800-321-0595

Corinne Dolan Alzheimer's Center at Heather Hill, 12340 Bass Lake Rd., Chardon, OH 44024, 216-621-8560 (research publications and design videotape, including manual titled "An Environment that Supports programs and People.")

National Center for Vision and Aging, The Lighthouse Inc., Lighthouse National Information and Resource Service, 111 East 59th St., New York, NY: 10022, 800-334-5497 (Educational, Consumer and Professional Product catalogs available.)

National Center for Universal Design, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC

National Rehabilitation Information Center, 4407 Eighth St., NE, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20017-2299, 800-346-2742

The Center for Universal Design, North Carolina State University, UD Newsletter, Box 8613 Raleigh, NC 27695-8613

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