

# Transition Resource Guide

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Everyone experiences transition. In education, transition is movement from one kind of program to another, from one school to another, or from school services and experiences to community services and experiences. Millard Public Schools provides the following agency and service information to assist you in contacting agencies that may provide for the transition needs for your son or daughter. Please refer to the Timeline of Services to determine which agencies to contact. The Millard Public School District is not responsible for costs or fees for services provided by these agencies and/or services.

Planning for school to community transition begins early in the student's life and is a component of the Individual Education Program (IEP). Skills needed to lead a successful adult life are addressed in the IEP including functional academics, independent living, personal management, vocational development and motor development. As the student grows older the IEP team members need to be aware of options available for which the student qualifies.

State and Federal transition agencies can serve the young adults who qualify for services. To determine if your young adult will qualify or utilize services, parents/guardians can contact agencies regarding enrollment. Due to funding issues, agencies may have waiting lists for services. The sooner your child is enrolled with the appropriate agencies, the better chance he or she has of receiving services when needed.

Regulations governing development of transition goals emphasize that the student take an active role in planning his/her future. This is called self-determination. By visiting with the directors of agencies and touring facilities, you will acquire more detailed information than can be presented in this transition resource guide.

The parent/guardian should be the main advocate for the student. It is important that rights, as stated under the law, be understood. Advocacy agencies, as listed in this resource guide, can also assist parents and students in understanding and accessing services. Please refer to the Parents' Rights Guide that is given to you prior to the IEP and the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings.

This directory is not all-inclusive, but will hopefully provide enough information to assist you in obtaining agency information and services. Be aware that services, addresses and phone numbers change frequently.

We hope you find this guide useful. If you have suggestions for additions or corrections please contact us at 402-715-6332.

***Millard Public Schools Special Education Staff***

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# Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth or as soon as possible--Contact the **Department of Developmental Disabilities** to put child on the registry for future services for those who meet eligibility requirements.

Contact Kendra Wiebe at 402-471-8720 for referral/eligibility information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 14--Begin discussing Trust/Estate Planning issues

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 16--Contact **Vocational Rehabilitation** 402-595-1212

School will assist with initial contact for those who meet eligibility criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 18 or Senior Year of High School--Visit and discuss placement of child in the **Young Adult Program (YAP)** with child's IEP team. Contact us at 402-715-6330 to set up an appointment to visit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 18--Register for the Selective Service (males only).

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact **Social Security** at 1-866-716-8299 or SocialSecurity.gov to apply for Social Security Income. This is based on parent's income before age 18 and for those who meet eligibility requirements at date of diagnosis.

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 18--Discuss guardianship or power of attorney issues

Re-address Trust/Estate Planning issues

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 18--Contact **Medicaid** at 402-595-1178 or [accessnebraska.ne.gov](http://accessnebraska.ne.gov) for those who meet eligibility requirements. Children may receive Medicaid prior to age 19 but it is based on parent's income.

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 18--Contact **Department of Developmental Disabilities** 402-471-8720 if you are not already utilizing a service coordinator. Children may receive service prior to age 19, but it is based on parent's income.

- Age 19 to 20 – Prior to applying for DD, obtain psychological evaluation from clinical psychologist (list is provided on next page)
- Age 20 – Obtain service coordination through the Department of Developmental Disability if eligible
- Age 20 – Tour programs and visit with agencies to determine possible service providers
- Age 20 – DD services will ask parents/guardians and school personnel to complete the Inventory for Clinical Agency Planning (ICAP) to determine funding levels

# Clinical Psychologists

**Possible options to contact for psychological evaluations prior to graduation at age 21:**

**These are not endorsements, but a list of psychologists who have completed DD waiver eligibility evaluations in the past or say they can complete them on their websites. It is not an all-inclusive list of Omaha-area psychologists who may be able to complete this evaluation.**

Dr. Matthew Peter  
Boys Town Center for Developmental Health  
13460 Walsh Dr., Omaha  
402-498-7900

Dr. Jennifer Brendle  
A Better Way Therapy  
3223 N. 169<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha  
402-813-2235

Dr. Donna Stewart  
Boys Town Center for Developmental Health  
13460 Walsh Dr., Omaha  
402-498-7900

Dr. Beverly Doyle  
RA Neurological Assoc.  
11930 Arbor St., Omaha  
402-697-1601

Dr. Kelly Fairbanks  
Capstone Behavioral Health  
1941 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha  
402-614-8444

Dr. Kari Perez  
West Center Psychologists  
11414 W. Center Rd., Omaha  
402-333-8210

Dr. Sean Thomas  
Capstone Behavioral Health  
1941 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha  
402-614-8444

Dr. Rosanna Jones-Thurman  
Thurman Psychological  
6818 Grover, Suite 305, Omaha  
402-715-4321

Dr. Robert Townsend  
Bellevue Psychiatric Assoc.  
3308 Samson Way, Suite 203, Bellevue  
402-717-7681

Dr. James Madison  
Creighton Med Assoc.  
3528 Dodge, Omaha  
402-280-5550

# Resources

## **Division of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System:**

### **Department of Developmental Disabilities**

**Referral 402-471-8720, Toll Free 1-877-677-6266, Fax 402-471-8792**

301 Centennial Mall South, Nebraska State Office Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Lincoln, NE 68509-8947

The Department of Developmental Disabilities is Nebraska's state plan to meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. The agency provides service coordination for eligible individuals and contracts with the following agencies: 1) residential providers such as group homes, supervised apartments, in-home services, extended family homes and respite care 2) day programs for individuals who cannot work, 3) respite care and 4) vocational providers such as work centers, work stations, community job placement and support once individual is placed on a job. Individuals must meet eligibility requirements to receive services. Parents may apply for services with the Department of Developmental Disabilities for the child at any age in order to ensure that child is listed on state registry. Before receiving the above mentioned vocational, day and residential services, the developmentally disabled individual must apply for and accept any services provided through state and federal government agencies including Medicaid, Social Security, Developmental Disabilities, and Vocational Rehabilitation. Having these applications and eligibility processes completed before the student ages out of the public school system at age 21 will better ensure a smoother transition from public school services to services that can be provided by the state and federal agencies after graduation from public school.

### **Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services**

<http://dhhs.ne.gov>

### **Economic and Family Support, Financial Assistance, Medicaid**

**402-595-1178 (Omaha office)**

Medicaid is a joint state and federal program that offers medical assistance to people who are entitled to receive Supplementary Security Income.

### **Social Security Administration**

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

**1-866-716-8299**

604 N. 109<sup>th</sup> Court, Old Mill Centre, Omaha, NE 68154

The goal of the Social Security Administration is to provide benefits to eligible recipients of Social Security or Supplemental Security Income. Information regarding disability criteria and documentation needed is provided.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Voc Rehab)**

[www.vr.nebraska.gov](http://www.vr.nebraska.gov)

**402-595-1212; 595-1727 fax**

12011 Q Street Omaha, NE 68137

This location serves West Omaha and West Douglas County area.

**402-595-2100; 595-1125 fax:** 1313 Farnam-On-The-Mall, Omaha, NE 68102

Voc Rehab provides career counseling, vocational evaluation, job placement, job training, job coaching, benefits orientation, career counseling, and ergonomics. Vocational Rehabilitation will place developmentally disabled clients in job positions if they have the potential for competitive employment and are also clients of the Department of Developmental Disabilities (Health and Human Services). These employment services will begin after the clients graduate from public school and are 21 years old. Voc Rehab counselors work with Millard High Schools and YAP.

# Millard Young Adult Program

The Millard Young Adult Program provides transition services to young adults ages 18 to 21 who qualify for Special Education services. Criteria for placement by the high school Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team include:

- ⇒ potential for competitive part or full-time employment
- ⇒ physical and medical ability to work
- ⇒ appropriate social skills and behavior
- ⇒ functional communication skills
- ⇒ a walk-through high school graduation without receipt of diploma (diploma is given upon completion of the Young Adult Program).

Young adults are transported by the Millard Public Schools District from their homes to the Young Adult Program. Specialists (e.g., counselor, speech and language, occupational and physical therapy, visual impairment, etc.) are available for direct or consultative services. The primary instructional focus is on vocational development and independent living skills with functional academics interwoven in meaningful, real-life applications. Personal Management and Motor Skills are addressed as needed for each student. Recreational activities and volunteer civic community services are conducted during the day. Young adults also participate in vocational field trips and shadowing experiences to community sites matching individual interest and ability areas as identified through interest inventories and vocational evaluations. Community speakers present life skill information. Young adults access the community at volunteer work sites in Omaha area businesses and non-profit agencies. School personnel provide job coaching at the volunteer work sites. Transportation to volunteer and exploratory experiences is provided by the Millard Public School District.

Young adults have a coffee cart business called *Common Grounds*. They sell coffee and a variety of snacks at school. An assortment of cards and crafts are also sold by the Creative Cottage Crafts business. In addition to the purchase of coffee and card supplies, profits are utilized to fund activities.

The Millard Young Adult Program staff collaborates with state agencies and other IEP team members with the goal of preparing the young adults for successful competitive or supported employment and daily living skills. To qualify for any agency services, the young adults will need to be enrolled with the agency providing the services. During the last semester of attendance, IEP teams meet to determine if the young adults are ready for full or part-time competitive employment, work centers, or day programs. After students graduate from the Young Adult Program, Vocational Rehabilitation and/or the Department of Developmental Disabilities contract with supported employment agencies to place and job coach the young adults in paid job positions. For those young adults for whom a day program or work center is appropriate, the Department of Developmental Disabilities will arrange for that placement after graduation. Parents and young adults are responsible for transportation to and from paid work sites.

# Project SEARCH Program

**Project SEARCH Program Focus:** Project SEARCH is a high school transition program designed to provide real-life experiences that help students with disabilities transition from school to adult life. Participating Millard Public Schools students take part in this business led, one-year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of hands-on training, career exploration, and classroom instruction. The concept focuses on a business internship model with students rotating through job opportunities where job complexities grow as the skills of the student grows.

**Partnerships:** Millard Public Schools' workplace partner is Cabela's, La Vista. Students are considered student interns and 'go to work' each day at Cabela's similar to other Cabela employees. While at Cabela's, students engage in a variety of job tasks in the areas related to the retail industry. These areas may include retail sales, general merchandising, housekeeping/maintenance, warehouse/receiving, culinary, and promotions. Cabela's and Millard Public Schools also receive assistance and support from Nebraska Rehabilitation Services and the Project Search organization.

**Selection:** In order for a student to participate in Project SEARCH they must first be eligible for special education services as specified in Nebraska Department of Education Rule 51 and be at least 18 years of age. In addition, an IEP team must determine that the student would benefit from placement in a transition program. Once this has been determined and the team feels that the Project SEARCH program is a viable option, the student will submit an application for the program. Participation in a skills assessment and interview are also part of the selection process. Based on the student's performance, the Project SEARCH selection team will determine 8 to 10 candidates who will participate each year.

**Transportation:** District transportation is provided to the program for those who have it listed as a service within their IEP. Although this is an option, families are encouraged to identify alternative transportation that will match what they will use once the school year is completed. Transportation is one of the main barriers for students with disabilities. By identifying alternatives, families help support the continued transition to adulthood once school is completed.

**Desired Outcomes:** The goal of the program is competitive employment in an integrated setting for each student intern at the end of the experience.

## Special Needs Trusts/Guardianship

**Margaret Badura**, attorney  
7602 Pacific Street Suite 300A  
John D Wear Building  
Omaha, NE 68114  
402-398-3040

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Harris Kuhn Law Firm, LLP  
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Omaha, NE 68114  
402-397-1200 ext 106

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9910 No.48<sup>th</sup> Street #106  
Omaha, NE 68152  
402-451-1616

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Vintage Financial Group  
14217 Dayton Circle, Suite 3  
Omaha, NE 68137  
402-932-7233

**Lisa Line**, attorney  
10855 West Dodge, Suite 100  
Omaha, NE 68154  
402-397-2000

**Nick Taylor**, attorney  
Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan  
10050 Regency Circle, Suite 200  
Omaha, NE 68114  
402-342-1000

<b><u>Questions for Residential Providers</u></b>	<b><u>Questions as you tour a vocational setting.</u></b>
How is a person eligible for residential services?	What types of clients are accepted and successful in your program?
What house designs do you offer? (e.g., duplex, etc.)	What are the hours of the program?
Are they handicapped accessible?	What are the goals of the program?
Who takes care of the property?	What are the types of skills taught?
Do clients have an individual bedroom?	Is transportation provided?
How do you determine roommates?	Do you have a transition to work program?
What is the managerial structure and chain of command?	Do you provide assistance to locate a job?
Are spot checks and unannounced visits made?	Are job coaches available?
Do you have a nurse on staff and how do you deal with medical situations?	Is there a waiting list and how soon can a client begin?
How are medications dispensed and controlled?	What community opportunities are available?
What level of family involvement do you have?	What is the application process?
Do you have unrestricted family and friends visitations?	Who pays?
How are doctor visits managed?	Who are the contact people?
Do you provide transportation to work and recreational activities?	What is the "chain of command"?
Who does meal planning and preparation?	Is there a nurse on staff?
Who is responsible for getting clients involved in community activities?	If there is a day program, what recreation/leisure time activities are available?
Do you have a chore list for who is responsible for what among clients and staff?	Are related service therapies available and provided by whom?
How are hours of coverage delivered?	What is your behavior management policy?
Who pays utilities and other bills?	Is there a pay schedule for clients?
Are laundry facilities available?	What holidays are you closed?
What is the screening process for hiring staff?	Will the client's pay affect their SSI?
What is the staff turn-over rate?	Do you contract with anyone?
If problems occur with staff on premises, how long does it usually take to have the problem corrected?	Do you have safety plans for fire, tornado, or other weather related issues?
How often is a client moved?	How are medications dispensed and controlled?
Who supplies furniture and household items and is it paid for?	What is your policy on closing for inclement weather?
What is Medicaid's role in residential?	
Are food stamps available and how does one apply?	
What is the cost of room and board, rent or any other expenses the client pays?	
Who controls the client's money?	
Do you have safety plans for fire, tornado, or other weather related issues?	

# Additional Resources

## ADVOCACY/GOVERNMENT/VOCATIONAL

### **2-1-1 Call Center (First Call for Help) 211 or 402-444-6666**

[www.ne211.org](http://www.ne211.org)

1805 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68102

First Call for Help is a one stop phone number for many agencies and services provided in the Omaha area. The agency gives assistance with bill paying, food/pantries, employment, housing/shelter, clothing, health care, family problems, victims of crime, services for the elderly and veterans.

### **Administration for Children & Families**

[www.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.acf.hhs.gov)

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services. They promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals and communities.

### **Administration on Developmental Disabilities**

[www.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.acf.hhs.gov)

### **American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities**

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

### **Answers 4 Families**

[www.answers4families.org](http://www.answers4families.org)

**Help Line: 1-800-746-8420 or 402-472-0844**

206 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1000, Lincoln, NE 68588-0227

Information and support to: Families of children with special needs (cognitive and mental health), foster families, adoptive families, caregivers for elderly with disabilities, service coordinators, school nurses, assisted living professionals, youth transition.

Internet resources: Information, dialogue, education, and support. Supported by NE Health and Human Services System.

### **The ARC of Nebraska 402-475-4407**

[www.arc-nebraska.org](http://www.arc-nebraska.org)

215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 508, Lincoln, NE 68508

### **The ARC of the United States**

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

### **Association of University Centers on Disabilities**

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

### **Autism Action Partnership Resource Center**

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

**Client Assistance Program (CAP)**[www.cap.state.ne.us](http://www.cap.state.ne.us)**1-800-742-7594**

301 Centennial Mall South, Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509

CAP is a free service to help find solutions if having problems with Vocational Rehabilitation, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Centers for Independent Living. The program informs and advises of benefits available under the Rehabilitation Act, assists and advocates regarding appeal process, etc.

**Council for Exceptional Children**[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)**1-888-232-7733**

2900 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000 Arlington, VA 22202-3557

Information through literature, meetings, and conferences regarding research, advocacy, educational techniques.

**Disabilities Claim Consultant**[www.dccomaha.com](http://www.dccomaha.com)**1-877-686-2244 or 402-422-1000**

7911 L Street Omaha, NE 68127

For a contingency fee, the agency will help in process of appealing disability claims.

**Disabilities Resources on the Internet**[www.disabilityresources.org](http://www.disabilityresources.org)**Easter Seals Nebraska**[www.easterseals.com/ne](http://www.easterseals.com/ne)**402-345-2200, fax 402-345-2500, 1-800-650-9880**

12565 West Center Road, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68144

Children and adults with disabilities and special needs find highest-quality services designed to meet their individual needs when they come to Easter Seals Nebraska. Teams of therapists, counselors and other health professionals help each person overcome obstacles to independence and reach his or her personal goals. Easter Seals Nebraska also includes families as active members of any program, and offers the support families need.

*Work Choice*

Easter Seals Nebraska assists SSI and SSDI recipients, using an in-depth knowledge of the system to enable them to make informed decisions regarding employment.

*Recreation and Respite Solutions*

Week-long Residential Camps offer a fun getaway for individuals with disabilities, giving them a chance to be with others facing similar challenges, as well as providing a break for family/caregivers. Mini-Camp Respite Weekends are available September through May, similar to the camps, but for a shorter period of time.

*Financial Solutions*

Nebraska Alternative Financing Program providing low or reduced-interest loans to qualified Nebraskans with disabilities for the purchase of assistive technology (AT) devices and AT services. Nebraska Telework Loan Program providing low or reduced-interest loans to qualified Nebraskans with disabilities for the purchase of equipment and services necessary for securing Telework opportunities from home or other permanent remote sites.

### *Support Solutions*

Information, referral researching and guiding those seeking direction regarding a specific inquiry. Outreach providing educational presentations, hosting booths at health fairs and other events, creating and distributing printed materials, to build awareness of the services Easter Seals Nebraska has to offer. Advocacy participating in business and community groups as a voice for Nebraskans with disabilities, as well as building relationships with those of influence who can positively affect change where needed. Youth Transitioning is provided in the form of systems change to make an easier pathway for young adults to enter the workforce and/or adult living.

### **Educational Service Unit #3**

[www2.esu3.org/esu3](http://www2.esu3.org/esu3)

**402-597-4800**

6949 South 110th Street, Omaha, NE 68128-5722

Services provided to special education students and professionals in the ESU #3 area include: Speech, psychology, vision resource, Braille and enlargement, occupational and physical therapy, birth to age 5 community-based services, and Service Coordination.

### **Goodwill Industries, Inc.**

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

**402-341-4609, fax 402-341-3061**

4805 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68134

Goodwill Industries provides employment and training services to individuals with barriers to self-sufficiency. Retail stores, janitorial contacts, and other activities support these services. Services also include vocational situational assessment and work experience programs in the facility including the store, production area, commercial area, janitorial, and clerical area. Through Goodwill's Projects with Industry program, individuals with disabilities are assisted in obtaining competitive employment in area businesses.

### **Health Resources & Services Administration**

[www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov)

### **Hotline for Disability Services**

[www.cap.state.ne.us](http://www.cap.state.ne.us)

**1-800-742-7594 V/TT**

Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509

Free service that provides information and referral to Nebraskans having questions or concerns related to a disability is available. Information is provided about services, transportation, special parking permits, and legal rights. Assistance can also be provided if having problems with Vocational Rehabilitation, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Centers for Independent Living. Informs and advises of benefits available under the Rehabilitation Act, assists and advocates regarding appeals rights, responsibilities, and appeal processes.

### **Job Corps**

[www.jobcorps.dol.gov](http://www.jobcorps.dol.gov)

**402-926-2810**

4521 Leavenworth St., Omaha, NE 68106

Job Corps is a residential education and training program through the U.S. Department of Labor. This federally funded program serves economically challenged students from the ages of 16 through 24. Each year Job Corps helps students get their high school diploma or GED, learn a trade and gain the experience necessary to get a job.

**League of Human Dignity****[www.leagueofhumandignity.com](http://www.leagueofhumandignity.com)****402-595-1256, 402-595-1410 fax**

5513 Center Street, Omaha, NE 68106

Goal of Services: To assist persons who experience a physical disability in attaining and maintaining an independent life consistent with their choices. The League also provides grants for barrier removal.

Services available: Accessibility consultations, advocacy, agency owned housing (in Omaha and Lincoln), attendant referral and training, awareness training, equipment loans/rental/repair, grants to modify homes, housing relocation assistance, independent living training, counseling, informal case management, information and referral, peer counseling, speakers bureau, and transportation coordination in Lincoln.

**Make a Wish Foundation****[www.nebraska.wish.org](http://www.nebraska.wish.org)****402-333-8999 or 1-800-760-9474**

11836 Arbor Street, Omaha, NE 68144

The foundation grants wishes to children ages 2 ½ to 18 with life threatening medical conditions.

**Mayor's Commission for Citizens with Disabilities****402-444-5555** (Mayor's Hotline)

1819 Farnam Street, Suite 502, Omaha, NE 68183

Will give info regarding the correct government agencies for issues or concerns

**Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics & Rehabilitation****[www.unmc.edu/mmi](http://www.unmc.edu/mmi)****402-559-6430**University of Nebraska Medical Center, 444 South 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68198-5450

Provide evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, research, education, support materials (videos, CD ROM's, and booklets), and support of individuals with developmental disabilities and/or genetic disorders. An autism clinic is also located at the location.

**Disability Rights Nebraska****[www.disabilityrightsnebraska.org](http://www.disabilityrightsnebraska.org)****1-800-422-6691, 402-474-3183**134 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600, Lincoln, NE 68508

Goal of Service: To protect and advocate for the rights of the citizens of Nebraska with developmental disabilities or those citizens who have a significant mental illness.

Services available: Agency consultation and in-service training, citizen advocacy support, individual advocacy, information and referral, legal representation and training/public education.

**Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership****[www.atp.ne.gov](http://www.atp.ne.gov)****402-595 1923, Toll Free 1-877-201-4141**

1313 Farnam on the Mall, Omaha, NE 68102

Departments of Vocational Rehabilitation, Health and Human Services, Economic Development, and the Department of Education collaborate to provide information on assistive technological devices and services for employment, independent living, housing, and education. Enables people with disabilities, their families, and professionals to learn about innovations and funding for assistive devices and services in order that people lead independent and productive lives.

**Nebraska Department of Education  
Special Education Division  
402-471-2295**

**[www.education.ne.gov/sped/index.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/index.html)**

301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

The Nebraska Department of Education provides information on a variety of subjects.

**Nebraska Family Helpline  
1-888-866-8660**

**[www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov](http://www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov)**

**Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities**

**[www.dhhs.ne.gov/developmental\\_disabilities](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/developmental_disabilities)**

**Nebraska State Board of Education**

**[www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/index.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/index.html)**

The State Board of Education is an elected, constitutional body that sets policy and ensures that the State Department of Education functions effectively within the framework developed by the state Legislature and the board. By law, the board and the department have broad leadership functions to carry out certain regulatory and service activities.

**Nebraska State Legislature Unicameral Info Office**

**[www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov)**

Type of Resource: Legislation Issues

Laws and allocation of resources for individuals with disabilities are currently in a state of flux. Addressing personal issues with your state representative, keeping informed of bills introduced in the Legislature, and being active in this process will only help to expand the amount, selection and quality of post-school services for adults with disabilities. Contacting your state senator is as easy as writing a letter or making a phone call. Giving personal testimony during committee hearings guarantees attention to proposed legislation of particular concern and interest.

**Nebraska Department of Labor Career Center  
402-595-3000**

**[www.dol.nebraska.gov](http://www.dol.nebraska.gov)**

5717 F Street, Omaha, NE 68117

The Nebraska Department of Labor Career Center offers a range of services that will assist in finding employment and up-to-date information on career planning through 22 career centers across the state and through online resources.

Intensive Services include: customized training, pre-employment testing, proficiency testing, interview and training room available, veteran services, assessment tools, case management, job searching skills workshop, specialized workshops

**Ollie Webb Center**

**[www.olliewebbinc.org](http://www.olliewebbinc.org)**

1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105-2942

Services provided through the Ollie Webb Center:

**The ARC of Omaha:**

**402-346-5220**

ARC is devoted to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Information, education, and support to families and individuals are provided through the Ollie Webb Center:

**Just Friends:** Teenagers with disabilities participate in social/recreational activities with peer mentors.

**Parent Resource Information & Support Meetings (PRISM):** Provides families of children and adults with all disabilities support and information regarding educational, transition, vocational, medical, and other concerns.

**Parent to Parent:** Parent to parent support to families with newly diagnosed children with disabilities.

**Project II:** Provides developmentally or physically disabled 18 and older individuals with educational, social, and self-advocacy opportunities.

**The Ultimate Life Program:** Helps maintain participation in social activities for adults ages 18 and older.

**Career Solutions, Inc.:**

**402-342-4418, 402-342-4857 fax**

Nonprofit supported employment agency.

Day services: classes in computer usage, advocacy, money management, social skills, communication, cooking, and apartment living.

Vocational services: job development, job placement in the community, on-the-job training with job coach assistance, on-going support, and public transportation training. This agency also provides resource information and training focusing on services and transition issues to parents, school staff, agency staff, and other community members.

**Parent Training & Information (PTI)**

**[www.pti-nebraska.org](http://www.pti-nebraska.org)**

**402-346-0525, 1-800-284-8520, 402-934-1479 fax**

**Email: [info@pti-nebraska.org](mailto:info@pti-nebraska.org)**

2564 Leavenworth St, Suite 202, Omaha, NE 68105

The mission of PTI Nebraska is to provide training, information and support to parents in Nebraska who have children with a disability or special health care needs. PTI enables parents to have the capacity to improve the education, care, and outcomes for their children. Resources are provided for parents, other family members, school personnel and interested others. PTI offers information, consultation, support, and educational workshops to parents of disabled children and young adults statewide. Staff members are parents of children with disabilities.

**Project Relate**

**[www.projectrelate.org](http://www.projectrelate.org)**

The purpose of Project Relate is to provide a clearinghouse of mental health resources across the state of Nebraska.

**Social Security & Disability Resource Center**

**<http://www.ssdrc.com>**

**Suicide Hotline:**

**Call 911 or 1-800-784-2433 or go to nearest Emergency Room**

Toll free/ 24 Hours/ 7 days a week.

Crisis counselors are awaiting your call.

**The Association of the Severely Handicapped (T.A.S.H.)  
202-540-9020**

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

2013 H Street NW, Suite 715, Washington, DC 20006

T.A.S.H. advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs--those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. T.A.S.H. works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates.

**Think Beyond the Label**

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

Think Beyond the Label is a public-private partnerships that delivers information, outreach and resources to businesses, job seekers and the public workforce system to ensure greater recruiting and hiring opportunities for job candidates with disabilities.

**United Way of the Midlands  
402-342-8232**

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

1805 Harney Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

**Visiting Nurses Association of the Midlands  
402-342-5566**

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

12565 West Center Road, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68144

Services: Speech, physical and occupational therapy; home health aide and companion aide; medical social services; flu shots, lifeline response system; home med monitors; skilled nursing in the home care, hospice care.

**RESOURCES FOR ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER**

**National Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)**

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

ADDA focuses on the needs of adults and young adults with ADD/ADHD and provides support through a nonprofit organization staffed by volunteers.

**Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)  
800-233-4050**

**Omaha/Council Bluffs Satellite of CHADD:**

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

Support network for parents who have children with ADD and adults with ADD; continuing education of parents, professionals and adults with ADD about the disability.

## RESOURCES FOR AUTISM

### **Autism Center of Nebraska**

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

**402-315-1000 Office, 402-315-1010 Vocation Center**

Office and Vocational Center: 9012 Q Street, Omaha, NE 68127

The Autism Center of Nebraska is a nonprofit organization serving people with autism and pervasive developmental disorders.

Services provided are: Residential, vocational, transition, employment connection services, transportation and respite either in person's home or at Autism Center of Nebraska facility.

### **Autism National Committee**

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

Protects and advances the rights of persons with Autism, pervasive developmental disorder, related differences of communication and behavior.

### **Autism Society of America**

[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)

**1-800-328-8476**

4340 East-West Highway, Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814

The Autism Society of America provides advocacy, public awareness, education, research and family support.

### **Autism Society of Nebraska**

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

**800-580-9279**

PO Box 83559, Lincoln, NE 68501

The Autism Society of Nebraska provides support and information to families dealing with Autism. Visit their website to keep up to date with parent support groups and other activities provided in your area.

### **Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (Munroe-Meyers Institute)**

[www.unmc.edu/mmi](http://www.unmc.edu/mmi)

**402-559-8863**

42<sup>nd</sup> & Emile, Omaha, NE 68198

### **Metropolitan Omaha Autism Support Group**

**Email: [jjohnson@pti-nebraska.org](mailto:jjohnson@pti-nebraska.org)**

PTI Office 3135 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68134

Support group for individuals and families.

### **National Autism Center**

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

**877-313-3833**

41 Pacella Park Drive, Randolph, MA 02368

## RESOURCES FOR BEHAVIOR DISORDERS

### **CHI Health Immanuel Clinic**

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

**402-717-4673**

6901 North 72<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68122

Hospital in-patient services for mental health issues: Stay at Immanuel Hospital location with referral through Emergency Room or psychiatrist. Payment is either self or insurance.

Children and Adolescent Partial Program: intervention/therapy for behavioral, emotional and/or chemical dependency needs.

Outpatient Program: intervention/therapy for mental health and/or chemical needs through group therapy, behavioral services and education related to diagnosis and medications of patient.

Psychiatric Associates (adolescent out-patient):

**402-758-5850** 16909 Lakeside Hills Court, Suite 400, Omaha, NE 68130

Day program is available for adolescents in need of intervention/therapy for mental health and/or chemical dependency situations. Other outpatient clinics are also available in Bellevue, Papillion and through Bergan Psychiatric Associates.

### **Girls & Boys Town National Hotline**

[www.girlsandboystown.org/hotline](http://www.girlsandboystown.org/hotline)

**1-800-448-3000**

This crisis, resource and referral hotline is available 24-hour/365 days a year. Counselors respond to questions.

### **Girls & Boys Town Residential Facility**

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

**1-800-989-0000**

Homes with family style treatment approach for children who need long term residential care. Average stay: 12 months. Cost: based on family circumstance.

### **Catholic Charities**

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

**402-554-0520**

3300 North 60<sup>th</sup> St, Omaha, NE 68104 (Administrative Office)

Counseling services for mental health needs substance abuse, domestic violence, pregnancy and adoption for people of all faiths. Food Pantry is available.

### **Community Alliance, Inc.**

[www.community-alliance.org](http://www.community-alliance.org)

**402-341-5128**

4001 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68105

Goal: Provide community-based support services for individuals with mental illness.

Contact staff by phone for service guidelines.

Eligibility: Determined by a psychiatric diagnosis. Individuals must be 19 years of age or older and in treatment with a mental health provider. If medications for mental health are prescribed, client must be taking medications as instructed. Clients go on waiting list at 18 1/2 years of age, but will not be offered vocational training until age 19.

Services Available: Available services include adult day programming, case management, social services, residential services including group homes and supported apartments, benefits analysis, vocational placement and training, with collaboration with Vocational Rehabilitation, Community Alliance and the Work Source Program.

**Friendship Program, Inc.**

**[www.friendshipprogram.com](http://www.friendshipprogram.com)**

**402-393-6911, 402-393-6189 fax**

7315 Maple St., Omaha, NE 68134

Services include: Adult Day Services, Community-Based Rehabilitation Services, Community Support Services, Nursing and Health Services, Short Term Day Placement for 19+ with developmental disabilities. Transportation (participants only) for medical and program needs and case management for adults with aging and/or mental health needs. Job Readiness experiences are provided for eligible participants. Referrals can be made by physicians, friends, family, social services, other community agencies, or by the individual in needs of services. Call for appointment. \*\*Day program is targeted for elderly but individuals with developmental disabilities are accepted.

**Jewish Family Services**

**[www.jfsomaha.com](http://www.jfsomaha.com)**

**402-330-2024**

333 S 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154

Counseling, parenting and crisis intervention for people of all faiths is available.

**KIDS, Inc.**

**[www.kids-incorporated.com](http://www.kids-incorporated.com)**

**402-330-4014**

13304 West Center Road, Suite 218, Omaha, NE 68144

Specialists in child and family development, with the goal of helping children and their family identify short-term solutions and long-term strategies for dealing with problems. Child, adolescent and family therapy, psychiatric consultation, individual and marriage counseling, psychological testing are available.

**The Kim Foundation**

**[www.thekimfoundation.org](http://www.thekimfoundation.org)**

**402-891-6911**

13609 California St. Omaha, NE 68154

Provides information, advocacy and promoted education to families and individuals coping with mental illness.

**Lasting Hope**

**[www.alegentcreighton.com](http://www.alegentcreighton.com)**

**402-717-4673**

415 South 25th Avenue Omaha, NE 68131

Behavioral, health and mental illness services for ages 19 and older.

Inpatient services include: Assessment, suicide prevention, med management, group, family and individual counseling, discharge planning.

Admission: Self-referral, physician, clinic or legal referrals.

**Lutheran Family Services**

**[www.lfsneb.org](http://www.lfsneb.org)**

**402-342-7007 (Downtown Omaha Office)**

120 South 24<sup>th</sup> Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68102

Counseling is available for parents and children. Open to all people of all faiths.

**Mental Health America**

**[www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)**

**1-800-969-6642**

2000 N. Beauregard Street, 6th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311

Mental Health America is a resource center for individuals with mental illness and their families or loved ones.

**Nami-Nebraska National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Nebraska Chapter**

**402-345-8101, Toll Free 1-877-463-6264**

**[www.naminebraska.org](http://www.naminebraska.org)**

415 South 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Building LH, Omaha, NE 68131

Education, support and advocacy for anyone whose life has been touched by mental illness are provided by this organization.

**Omaha Home For Boys**

**[www.omahahomeforboys.org](http://www.omahahomeforboys.org)**

**402-457-7000**, 4343 North 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68104

**Jacobs Place**

**402-558-0366, Program Manager**

Residential program serves young men and women ages 17-20.

Services: High school or GED assistance, community life skills curriculum, job placement assistance, college planning, class for social, employability, life and communication skill development, job coaching, transportation, and independent residential assistance.

**Omaha Psychiatric Associates**

**402-558-1858**

2132 South 42nd Street, Omaha, NE 68105

Outpatient services for individual, group and family counseling. Individual sees counselor and then psychiatrist if medication needed. Insurance accepted - sliding scale fee, service for people without insurance.

**Region VI Behavioral Health Care**

**[www.regionsix.com](http://www.regionsix.com)**

**402-444-6573, 1-800-311-8717**

3801 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131

This agency provides service coordination and advocacy for youth and adults (and their families) with emotional or behavioral disorders in a five county area: Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties.

**Suicide Hot Line:**

Call **911** or **1-800-784-2433** or go to nearest **Emergency Room**

24-hour live national help line. Access to counselor is available.

**Suicide Prevention:**

**[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)**

**1-800-273-TALK(8225)**

24-hour toll free suicide prevention service.

## RESOURCES FOR BRAIN INJURY

### **Brain Injury Association of America**

**1-800-444-6443**

1608 Spring Hill Road, Suite 110, Vienna, VA, 22182

The Brain Injury Association of America provides research, education, advocacy and prevention.

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

### **Brain Injury Association of Nebraska**

**402-423-2463**

2424 Ridge Point Circle, Lincoln, NE 68512-3700

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

### **Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa**

**1-855-444-6443**

7025 Hickman Rd., Suite 7, Urbandale, IA 50322

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

### **Braininjury.com**

**1-866-882-7246**

A medical, legal and information resource for persons dealing with traumatic brain injury is available at [braininjury.com](http://braininjury.com).

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

### **Quality Living**

**402-573-3700**

**Email: [qli@qliomaha.com](mailto:qli@qliomaha.com)**

6404 North 70<sup>th</sup> Plaza, Omaha, NE 68104

Programs and Services: Tri-Dimensional Rehabilitation® Program - Broad-spectrum rehabilitation programs for non-geriatric adults who have suffered an acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, degenerative illness or severe physical disability (Active Treatment, Skill Preservation Treatment, Day Active Treatment); Campus Based Assisted Living Apartments - The Lied Apartments; Community Based Assisted Living Apartments - Richland and Beacon Heights.

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

## RESOURCES FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

### **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Nebraska**

**402-330-6164, 330-8458 fax**

**Email: [nebraska@cff.org](mailto:nebraska@cff.org)**

Executive Director, Ms. Jamie Gibson

11917 Pierce Plaza, Omaha, NE, 68144

[www.cff.org/chapters/Nebraska](http://www.cff.org/chapters/Nebraska)

## RESOURCES FOR DOWN SYNDROME

**National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)**  
**1-800-221-4602**

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

**Email: [info@ndss.org](mailto:info@ndss.org)**

666 Broadway, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10012  
(Affiliate in Omaha at Monroe Meyer Institute)

Supports research, publishes materials, referrals, events. Information is provided for professionals, parents and support groups. NDSS sponsors conferences and scientific symposia. It also provides research and information regarding self-advocacy, awareness and collaboration.

**Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands**  
**402-991-1800**

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

**Email: [info@dsamidlands.org](mailto:info@dsamidlands.org)**

P.O. Box 269, Boys Town, NE 68010

## RESOURCES FOR EPILEPSY

**Epilepsy Foundation**  
**1-800-332-1000**

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

**Email: [info@efa.org](mailto:info@efa.org)**

8301 Professional Place East, Suite 200, Landover, Maryland 20785

A national organization that works to ensure people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy and services.

**Epilepsy Foundation**  
**North/Central Illinois, Iowa & Nebraska**  
**1-800-221-2689**

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

## RESOURCES FOR HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

### **Boy's Town National Research Hospital - Department of Audiology**

**402-498-6520**

555 North 30th Street, Omaha, NE 68131

Goal of Services: Diagnosis, habilitation, care, treatment and counseling to children and adolescents who have or are suspected of having hearing disorders and related disabilities.

Services available: Audiology, Genetics, Otolaryngology, Pediatric neurology, Pediatrics and Speech.

Ages: Infant to adult

### **Ear, Nose, Throat, Allergy & Audiology Clinic UNMC Physicians**

**402-559-5208**

Emile and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68198

Mailing address: 989250 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-9250

The clinic provides evaluation and speech therapy for all ages.

Location: Durham Outpatient Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Room 2603

### **Lied Learning & Technology Center for Childhood Deafness & Vision Disorders**

**402-452-5000**

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

425 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68131

Mission is "to improve the lives of children with hearing loss, visual impairments and other communication disorders through early identification, state-of-the-art rehabilitation, rigorous research and family support."

### **Nebraska Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

[www.ncdhh.ne.gov](http://www.ncdhh.ne.gov)

**1-800-545-6244 V/TTY**

**Email: [ncdhh@nebraska.gov](mailto:ncdhh@nebraska.gov)**

1313 Farnam, Omaha, NE 68102-1836

Goal of Service: To assist deaf / hard of hearing individuals in receiving needed services.

Services Available: Hearing aid bank, information and assistance, Interpreter referral, ALD/TTY/Decoder loans and workshops/presentations.

Criteria: Deaf / Hard of hearing and also family of deaf / hard of hearing

### **Nebraska Relay**

**1-877-885-3172**

[www.ip-relay.com](http://www.ip-relay.com)

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

This service provides ability for TTY users to communicate with non TTY users through a relay system. Ages: 8-80.

### **Nationwide Access Number for Relay 7-1-1**

**Voice - 1-800-833-0920**

**TTY - 1-800-833-7352**

## RESOURCES FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES

### **Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Division of Learning Disabilities (DLD)**

**1-888-232-7733**

**[www.teachingld.org](http://www.teachingld.org)**

A special interest group dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with learning disabilities. The CEC provides information and resources to parents, families, school personnel and anyone who works with individuals with learning disabilities.

### **LD Online**

**[www.ldonline.org](http://www.ldonline.org)**

LD Online is a website on LD and ADHD that provides accurate, current information and advice about learning disabilities and ADHD.

### **Learning Disabilities Association of Nebraska, Inc.**

**[www.idaamerica.org](http://www.idaamerica.org)**

**402-571-7771**

**Email: [ldaofneb@yahoo.com](mailto:ldaofneb@yahoo.com)**

11118 North 62<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68152

The Learning Disabilities Association of Nebraska provides information and tips, advocacy, literature, websites, legal issues and support to individuals with ADHD, learning disabilities, parents, guardians and teachers.

### **National Center for Learning Disabilities**

**[www.nclld.org](http://www.nclld.org)**

**1-888-575-7373**

32 Laight Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10013

National Center for Learning Disabilities provides information, resources, referral, education programs and advocacy for those with and working with, individuals with learning disabilities.

### **Nebraska Dyslexia Association**

**[www.nebraskadyslexia.org](http://www.nebraskadyslexia.org)**

**402-434-6434**

A non-profit organization dedicated to providing reliable parent friendly information from experts and parents. They also provide information regarding conferences, research based educational training for teachers and teacher candidates, information and support to parents and public regarding reading, writing and spelling problems.

## RESOURCES FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

### **American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)**

**202-387-1968**

**[www.aaid.org](http://www.aaid.org)**

501 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, Suite 200, Washington D.C. 20001-2760

The AAIDD provides information, research, advocacy, and programming on intellectual disabilities for individuals, parents and professionals. AAIDD works with other national disability organizations.

### **Angelman Syndrome Foundation**

**[www.angelman.org](http://www.angelman.org)**

**630-978-4245**

**Email:**

**[info@angelman.org](mailto:info@angelman.org)**

75 Executive Drive, Suite 327, Aurora, IL 60504

Angelman Syndrome Foundation is a national organization of families, individuals, caregivers and professionals. It provides education, information exchange, supports, advocacy, research and references. Angelman Syndrome Foundation is a member organization of International Angelman Syndrome Organization (IASO).

### **Better Living, Inc.**

**402-556-5290, 402-552-9242 fax**

704 South 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68114

Better Living, Inc provides services for individuals with developmental delays.

Residential services: Group home services.

Vocational Services: Production Center for production and employment readiness, employment placement and job coaching if placed in a competitive job.

Day services: Learning Center with wide range of activities including therapy services, arts, crafts and sensory stimulation. Some clients may spend part of their day in the vocational/production center and part of the day in the day/learning center.

### **Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Division on Developmental Disabilities**

**888-232-7733**

**[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)**

2900 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22202-3557

The CEC provides information for individuals with cognitive disabilities, autism and related disorders; parents and professionals regarding public policy, advocacy, and legislation.

### **Developmental Services of Nebraska (DSN)**

**[www.dsnonline.org](http://www.dsnonline.org)**

**402-827-7652, 402-827-7654 fax**

10425 J Street, Suite B, Omaha, NE 68127

DSN provides services for adults and adolescents with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses and behavioral needs. Residential supports and services range from highly structured support, continuous support, to intermittent supports that promote or maintain independent living in a variety of settings. Vocational Services include production training sites, supported employment in the community and instruction work adjustment and work relationship skills.

**ELM (Exceptional Living for Persons with Multiple Handicaps)** [www.vodec.org](http://www.vodec.org)

**Council Bluffs Office:** 612 S. Main St. CB 51503 **712-328-2638, 712-328-8161 fax**

**Omaha Office:** 7110 F. St., Omaha, NE 68117 **402-455-4648, 402-455-2542 fax**

A Day program is available five days a week for individuals with multiple disabilities. Services include: Physical, occupational, sensory and speech therapy; habilitative daily living and personal hygiene program; art and music appreciation; and community outings.

**Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation & Developmental Disabilities (ENCOR)** [www.encor-dd.org](http://www.encor-dd.org)

**402-444-6500, 402-444-6504 fax**

900 South 74th Plaza, 7400 Building, Suite 200, Omaha, NE 68114-4675

Residential services: 24 hour assisted residential services, supported living, home teachers, respite, and home-based support to individuals.

Vocational services: Industrial training centers, work stations in the industry (WSI), supported employment.

Day Services: For individuals who are not able to work in work stations.

Additional Services: Behavior management, physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

**Envisions, Inc.**

**402-597-3336, 402-597-6621 fax**

**Email: [dchamp6815@aol.com](mailto:dchamp6815@aol.com)**

619 Olson Drive, Papillion, NE 68046

Residential services: Group home services and host family services available.

Vocational services: Day vocational center, instruction in hygiene, interview procedures, workstations, job coaching for competitive jobs. Floral business is on site - clients operate full service floral shop under direction of a florist (training and competitive work site). An Equine (horse) Program provides job training, recreation and competitive work positions.

**Hands of Heartland**

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

**402-933-0680, 402-933-3434 fax**

209 Galvin Road, Bellevue, NE 68005

Residential services: For children and adults (in-home based services, assisted homes, supported homes).

Day activity center: Educational, daily living and community experiences, therapy (speech, physical and occupational).

Respite care: Individual can receive respite in their own home or at Hands of Heartland.

Vocational services: Vocational center with contractual work, job placement and job coaching in competitive jobs.

**International Rett Syndrome Foundation**

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

**800-818-7388, 513-874-2520**

4600 Devitt Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

The International Rett Syndrome Association provides information, awareness, education, support, research and advocacy to parents and professionals.

**Madonna****402-551-5441, 402-551-6910 fax****Email: [rmoses@mshop.omhcoxmail.com](mailto:rmoses@mshop.omhcoxmail.com)**

9205 Bedford Ave, Omaha, NE 68134

Madonna is a vocational training center for adults 21 and older. Services include teaching community skills, being productive in the community, work skills and supported employment provisions for those who qualify.

**MOSAIC****[www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org)****877-3MOSAIC (667242), 402-896-1511 fax**4980 S. 118<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68137

Residential services: Assisted 24 hour supervision, group homes, supported apartments, host homes, companions, in-home services.

Supported living services: Clients access community from home (shop, trip to library, etc.).

Early intervention services and retirement services are also provided.

Day services for people not targeted for competitive employment are available.

Vocational services: Non-competitive day work sites, and supported employment in the competitive job market are also available.

Medical Service Unit: 24 hour nursing for high medical needs.

**Prader-Willi Syndrome Association****[www.pwsausa.org](http://www.pwsausa.org)****800-926-4797, 941-312-0142 fax**

8588 Potter Park Drive, Suite 500, Sarasota, FL 34238

The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association provides research, information and support services to parents and professionals.

**Administration for Community Living****202-619-0724****[www.acl.gov](http://www.acl.gov)**

Washington, D.C. 20201

This committee advises the President of the U.S., Secretary of Health and Human Services on mental retardation. Information regarding agencies that provide information, research and advocacy regarding achievements, needs and issues in the disability field are available.

**Respite Resource Center****[www.piaging.com](http://www.piaging.com)****402-996-8444****Contact: Ellen Bennett**

4223 Center Street, Omaha NE 68105

Offers referrals for respite care providers.

**VODEC, Vocational Development Center, Inc.****[www.vodec.org](http://www.vodec.org)****Millard Office**: 4526 S. 140<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68137 **402-597-0533, 402-597-1857 fax****Iowa Office**: 612 South Main St. Council Bluffs, IA 51503 **712-328-2638, 712-328-8161 fax****Omaha Office**: 7110 F. St. Omaha, NE 68117 **402-455-4648, 402-455-2542 fax**

Employment Programs: Employment training in a work center, work stations or enclaves in businesses, job placement and job coaching in competitive employment situations, vocational training.

Residential Services: Supported home or apartment for up to 3 clients and community-based services. Services can be in parent's home or the individual's home.

**Youth Care and Beyond**

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

**402-991-9709, 402-898-1147 fax**

2819 South 125th Avenue, Suite 276, Omaha, NE 68144

Residential services: Independent living, interpersonal skills and social communication skills. In home services for adolescents and adults are also provided.

Independent living programs for developmentally delayed high school graduates 19 and older.

## RESOURCES FOR ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENTS

**CHI Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center**

**402-572-2295**

[www.chihealth.com/immanuel-rehabilitation-center](http://www.chihealth.com/immanuel-rehabilitation-center)

6901 North 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68122

Rehabilitation services for head injuries, spinal cord injury, strokes and other categories.

Services include: Inpatient acute rehabilitation and outpatient rehabilitation, occupational therapy, aquatic therapy, physical therapy, fitting of braces and speech therapy.

**Muscular Dystrophy Association**

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

**402-390-2914**

**Email: [omaha@mdausa.org](mailto:omaha@mdausa.org)**

14344 Y Street, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68137

Support for families of individuals with Muscular Dystrophy. Up to \$500/per year for repairs to equipment, such as, wheelchairs, leg braces, scooters and communication devices. Clinic, summer camp is available for ages 6 –17 and individuals can be seen up to four times a year. There is a neurologist, and OT, PT, and speech services are available.

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society**

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

**(402) 505-4000**

**Special Journeys, LLC.**

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

**402-884-1014**

**Email: [info@specialjourneys.org](mailto:info@specialjourneys.org)**

P.O. Box 583, Boys Town, NE 68010

A company dedicated to providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity to travel.

**Spina Bifida Association of Nebraska**

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

**402-619-6239**

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

**Email: [info@spinabifidanebraska.org](mailto:info@spinabifidanebraska.org)**

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

**Local chapter:**

**Email: [info@spinabifidanebraska.org](mailto:info@spinabifidanebraska.org)**

**Spirit Matters!**

**402-334-1999**

Rejoice Lutheran Church, 2556 South 138<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68144

This group seeks to provide an environment for faith formation for adults with physical or developmental disabilities. Ministry is ecumenical and open to all.

**United Cerebral Palsy National (UCP)**

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

**800-872-5827, 202-776-0406 fax**

**Email: [info@ucp.org](mailto:info@ucp.org)**

1825 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006

UCP provides information and services for people with CP. See local affiliate below.

**United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska**

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

**800-729-2556, 402-502-3572, 402-502-6791 fax**

920 S. 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 302, Omaha, NE 68114

The United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska is a non-government agency that provides programs, services, and information to those with cerebral palsy, as well as individuals with traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, and other developmental disabilities. A tech tot's toy lending library is located at this agency. The Client Assistance Grant Program is available for purchase of adaptive or medical equipment, to make home modifications, or for any other special need. They will give refurbished computers (with necessary adaptations) to school age children for use in their home.

**Orthotics & Prosthetics:**

Consult doctor for recommendations or see Orthopedic Appliances in the Yellow Pages of your local telephone book.

## POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

Students enrolled in the Millard Young Adult Program who choose to attend a community college, full or part-time, can receive support from the Young Adult staff. Supports that can be provided include additional time for course work to be completed, support in comprehending written materials and directions, writing, and other supports as listed in their IEP. Since the teaching staff is not trained in the curriculum that the students receive through these college programs, additional assistance should be sought through the institution of attendance. Transportation to and from college and costs (tuition, books, fees) are not the responsibility of the Millard School District.

### **Bellevue University Disability Services** **402-557-7422**

[www.bellevue.edu](http://www.bellevue.edu)

**Email: [disability@bellevue.edu](mailto:disability@bellevue.edu)**

1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue, NE 68005

This Disability Services Office provides appropriate accommodations to all students with documented disabilities and assists in arranging for accommodations. Eligibility must be established before services can be provided. No services can be provided until registration occurs and it is confirmed that the documentation meets required standards. Accommodations are not retroactive.

### **Iowa Western Community College** **712-325-3284**

[www.iwcc.edu](http://www.iwcc.edu)

**Email: [disabilityservices@iwcc.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@iwcc.edu)**

**(Disability services are listed under the Current Student Section of the IWCC web site.)**

2700 College Rd., Council Bluffs, IA 51503

This Disability Services Office provides educational support given to students with special needs. Documentation, including medical and psychological reports and other records, are examined to determine eligibility. Services provided will be based on the documentation and a meeting with the Student Services Director. Services may include: counseling, interpreters, testing accommodations and note-taking. Credit and non-credit classes offered.

### **Metropolitan Community College Special Support Services** **for Students with Disabilities**

[www.mccneb.edu/dss](http://www.mccneb.edu/dss)

**Elkhorn Campus: 402-289-1315; 204th & West Dodge Rd. Elkhorn, NE 68022**

**Fort Omaha Campus: 402-457-2580; 30th & Fort St., Building #10, Omaha, NE 68111**

**South Campus: 402-738-4757; 2909 Edward Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha, NE 68107**

This Disability Services Office provides educational support given to students with special needs. Verification for services includes multidisciplinary reports and individual education plans from high school. Services provided by Disability Services Office are determined by verification documents and educational counseling with student. Services may include but are not limited to one or more of the following: counseling, sign language interpreting, note taking, career exploration, textbooks in an alternate format and adaptive equipment loan. Credit and non-credit classes are offered.

**University of Nebraska at Lincoln- Services for Students with Disabilities**  
**402-472-3787** [www.unl.edu/ssd](http://www.unl.edu/ssd)  
132 Canfield Administration Building P.O. Box 880401 Lincoln, NE 68588-0401  
This Disability Services Office provides educational support given to students with special needs. Verification for services includes multidisciplinary reports and current individual education plans from high school. Services provided are determined by verification documents and educational counseling with student.

**University of Nebraska at Omaha Disabilities Services**  
**402-554-2872** [www.unomaha.edu/disability](http://www.unomaha.edu/disability)  
UNO, 6001 Dodge Street, MBSC 111, Omaha, NE 68182  
This Disability Services Office provides educational support given to students with special needs. Verification for services includes multidisciplinary reports and current individual education plans from high school. Disabilities services are determined by verification documents and educational counseling with student.

**WINAHEAD** [www.ahead.org/affiliates/western-iowa-and-nebraska](http://www.ahead.org/affiliates/western-iowa-and-nebraska)  
Winahead is an organization of university and college staff who work with individuals with special needs.

**RECREATION & LEISURE**

When individuals with disabilities graduate from school programs, they inevitably miss the daily contact they had with peers. Having some type of social outlet becomes extremely important.

**Adapted Aquatics**  
**402-896-4280**  
Contact Glenn Wragge. He teaches private swimming lessons to youth with disabilities.

**Adapted Martial Arts & Self Defense** [www.greatplainspva.org](http://www.greatplainspva.org)  
**402-398-1422**  
Summer program for mixed levels that runs for 6-7 weeks and meets at PVA on 7612 Maple Street.

**Alegent Creighton Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center**  
**402-572-2295** [www.alegentcreighton.com/immanuel-rehabilitation-center](http://www.alegentcreighton.com/immanuel-rehabilitation-center)  
6901 North 72 Street, Omaha, NE 68122  
Sports and leisure program for individuals with physical disabilities. Programs are for all ages and can include the family of the individual.

**AmTrykes/Ambucs** [www.freewebs.com/nebraska\\_ambucs/](http://www.freewebs.com/nebraska_ambucs/)  
**402-672-2506**  
Grants for special needs bikes.

**Arthritis Foundation** [www.arthritis.org/nebraska/](http://www.arthritis.org/nebraska/)  
**402-330-6130**  
Camp Spirit at Camp Kitaki in Louisville, NE, is designed for children ages 8-15 who have any form of juvenile arthritis or related disorders.

**Boy Scouts of America (BSA)** [www.mac-bsa.org](http://www.mac-bsa.org)  
**402-431-9272**  
BSA offers troops and camps for school aged boys.

**Camp Buckskin** [www.campbuckskin.com](http://www.campbuckskin.com)  
**763-432-9177**  
**Email: [info@campbuckskin.com](mailto:info@campbuckskin.com)**  
Camp Buckskin helps youth with AD/HD, LD, Aspergers and related needs become more successful.

**Camp Calvin Crest** [www.calvincrest.org](http://www.calvincrest.org)  
**877-795-7635, 402-628-6455**  
Summer Camps  
Fremont, NE

**Camp Carol Joy Holling** [www.nlom.org](http://www.nlom.org)  
**402-944-2544**  
Camp Carol Joy Holling is a day camp and overnight camp for people with disabilities. NLOM-- Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

**Camp Courage** [truefriends.org](http://truefriends.org)  
**952-852-0101**  
Camp Courage, located in Maple Lake, MN, provides camping for youth with speech, hearing and language impairments, physical disabilities, and learning disabilities.

**Camp Hertko Hollow** [www.camphertkohollow.com](http://www.camphertkohollow.com)  
**855-502-8500**  
Camp for kids with diabetes ages 6-18 held in Des Moines, IA.

**Camp Kitaki, YMCA** [www.ymcacampkitaki.org](http://www.ymcacampkitaki.org)  
**402-434-9222**  
Summer resident camp

**Camp Rivercrest** [www.camprivercrest.org](http://www.camprivercrest.org)  
**402-628-6465**  
Camp located along the forested hills of the Platte River just outside Fremont, NE.

**Celebration Chorus****402-334-6992**

Celebration Chorus is a singing group for adults 18 and older with disabilities. The focus is on enjoying our music and each other, and occasionally sharing music with other people. The chorus meets three Mondays a month at 1517 S. 114th Street, Presbyterian Church of the Cross. Guitar and auto harp lessons also. Mary Lynn and Kiersten Meyer are board certified music therapists and Deanna is a special education teacher with Millard and a music therapist.

**Challenger Baseball of Omaha****[www.challengerlittleleague.org](http://www.challengerlittleleague.org)****402-558-0031**

Ages: 6-21 with any developmental and/or physical disabilities. Games are played in May and June.

**Children's Respite Care Center (CRCC)****[www.crccomaha.org](http://www.crccomaha.org)****402-895-4000**5321 S. 138<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68137

CRCC serves individuals with special needs aged 6 weeks to 21 years. Year round programs, summer programs, and summer day camp respite care are available. Physical, occupational, and speech therapy are also offered. Weekend overnight respite care and transportation are available. Field trips are planned throughout the year. CRCC provides parent support.

**Douglas/Sarpy County Extension 4H Youth****[www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu](http://www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu)****402-444-7804**

8015 W Center Rd. Omaha, NE 68124

This organization provides food, sewing, nutrition, GPS, rocketry, entomologies, horticulture and science based classes for persons 5-18 years old.

4H camp

**See [www.4h.unl.edu/camp](http://www.4h.unl.edu/camp)****Easter Seals-Nebraska****[www.ne.easterseals.com](http://www.ne.easterseals.com)****402-345-2200**

12565 W. Center Rd. Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68144

This organization offers a wide variety of activities each adapted for the special needs of the individual.

**Family Resource Library****<http://healthlibrary.childrensomaha.org>****402-955-3834**

Children's Hospital

8200 Dodge Street Omaha, NE 68114

**Girl Scouts Spirit of NE****[www.girlscoutsnebraska.org](http://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org)****402-558-8189**2121 S 44<sup>th</sup> Street Omaha, NE 68105

Girl Scouts offers social and educational activities for all girls from ages 5-17.

**Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.**  
**402-398-1422**

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

7612 Maple Street, Omaha, NE 68134

Sports and recreational programming for youth and adults with physical or developmental disabilities are provided - Personal Fitness and Weight Training, Adapted Martial Arts and Self Defense, Power Soccer, Quad Rugby, Bocce Ball, Fishing and Outdoor Sports, Sled Hockey, Omaha All Stars Basketball, Jr Wheelchair Sports Camps, Arctic Adventure Camp, and Youth Summer Luau.

**Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Association (HETRA)**  
**402-359-8830**

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

Locations in Omaha and Valley, NE

Therapeutic horseback riding, hippotherapy, and therapeutic carriage driving lessons are offered.

**Just Friends**  
**402-346-5220**

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

Just Friends is a peer mentoring and friendship program with Ollie Webb. A 1:1 friendship between a teen with a disability and a teen without a disability.

**Mid-America Council, Career Exploring Division**  
**402-431-9272**

[www.mac-bsa.org](http://www.mac-bsa.org)

12401 West Maple Omaha, NE 68164

The career exploring division offers youth programs the opportunity to explore careers. Participants are given the opportunity to learn about numerous careers by talking and visiting with people who are working in the professions. Meetings are held monthly and there are opportunities for on-site visits for most careers.

**Millard Family Resource Center**  
**402-715-8596**

This Center is open to all families who live in the school district boundaries. The Center is a resource for families of young children, infants through 8 years. The Center offers families a toy lending library with a wide variety of toys that assist children in developing the many skills. Customized toys for children with special needs are also available at the Center.

**Munroe-Meyer Recreation Therapy Department**  
**402-559-5777**

[www.unmc.edu/mmi/](http://www.unmc.edu/mmi/)

Med. Center, Omaha, NE

Services provided: Summer camp, after school programs, Saturday morning programs, once a month teen social program, winter break camp, volunteer opportunities for teens, and community outing clubs.

Disability criteria: Developmental Disabilities.

Services are provided for ages 2 1/2 -21. Adults ages 21 and up may participate in an evening respite program.

**Muscular Dystrophy Association**  
**402-390-2914**

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

**Email: [omaha@mdausa.org](mailto:omaha@mdausa.org)**

14344 Y St., Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68137

Summer camp is open to anyone 6-17 who is diagnosed with any one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases. Camp is located at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE.

**National Center on Physical Activity & Disability**

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

**National Park Service**

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

**402-661-1804** Visitor Assistance

Midwest Regional Office

601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102

**Nebraska Game & Parks Camps**

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

**Ollie Webb Center**

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

**402-346-5220**

**Email: [info@olliewebbinc.org](mailto:info@olliewebbinc.org)**

1941 South 42nd St. Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105

Just Friends, Ultimate Life Program

Project 11; All Stars Basketball

**Omaha All Stars Basketball**

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

**402-398-1422**

Sponsored by Great Plains PVA (Paralyzed Vets) & Ollie Webb

7612 Maple St., Omaha 68134

Omaha All Stars Baseball is a youth basketball league for individuals with developmental disabilities ages 6-21.

**Omaha FC Soccer**

[www.omahafc.com/soccerTops.htm](http://www.omahafc.com/soccerTops.htm)

**402-896-4420**

An outreach soccer program specially designed for youth with mental and physical challenges is offered through Omaha FC Soccer.

**Omaha Metro Stars Gymnastics**

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

**402-505-7600**

12305 Cary Circle Suite 11, La Vista, NE 68128

Classes for children with special needs.

**Omaha Parenting Resource**

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

**Omaha Parks & Recreation**

[www.cityofomaha.org/parks](http://www.cityofomaha.org/parks)

**402-444-5930**

Therapeutic recreation and inclusion services provides recreational and leisure activities for individuals with disabilities. Activities, ages, and disabilities vary. Additional teen events, crafts, water exercise, youth basketball league for individuals with developmental disabilities fitness activities are offered for a fee.

**Omaha Public Libraries, Millard Branch**  
**402-444-4848**

[www.omaha.lib.ne.us](http://www.omaha.lib.ne.us)

13214 Westwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68114

Ask for Young Adult Librarian. Staff will assist in search using computers. Assistance in finding videos (captioned), talking books, enlarged print books in interest and reading ability. The Young Adult Summer Reading Program is offered June through July.

Program can include: Reading scavenger hunts, reading buddies, cartooning, crime scene, driving and safety, nail and hair car, self-defense, volunteer service, acting workshops, and more.

**Parents Professionals Associates**  
**402-426-5237**

This organization provides recreational, social, musical, and educational activities and opportunities for individuals with mild or moderate disabilities ages 21 and older. Membership is required. Contact Chris Kesling.

**Salvation Army Camp (Gene Eppley)**  
**402-291-1912**

Overnight 5 day camp for any person ages 5-17. Arts/crafts, basketball, camping, skills/outdoor living, canoeing and swimming are available activities. Call for information on specific camps.

**SANDS USA**  
**402-650-0211**

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

Dave Burgess. Outdoor Sports Assistance Program

**Search Beyond Adventure**  
**1-800-800-9979**

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

4603 Bloomington Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55407

Various trips are available for individuals with disabilities ages 17 and up.

**Special Journeys**  
**402-884-1014**

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

Po Box 583, Boys Town, NE 68010

Trips and cruises for individuals are available.

**Special Olympics NE**  
**402-331-5545**

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

9427 F Street, Omaha, NE 68127

Services provided: Sport training programs year round, and organized events (all ages).

**Tennis Buddies**  
**402-896-8833**

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

**Email:** [tennisbuddiesrock@gmail.com](mailto:tennisbuddiesrock@gmail.com)

The Omaha Tennis Buddies program is a partnership of athletes with special needs and tennis enthusiasts in the Omaha community.

**Trips, Inc.**  
**800-686-1013**

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

Various trips designed for people with special needs ages 16 and older.

**True Friends**  
**800-450-8376**

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

**Email: [info@truefriends.org](mailto:info@truefriends.org)**

Camp Friendship, 10509 108<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302

This program provides opportunities for individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities to enjoy vacations at popular destinations across the United States.

**Ultimate Life Program**  
**402-346-5220**

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

The Ultimate Life program is designed to combat the lack of opportunities individuals ages 18 and older with developmental disabilities, experience in trying to participate in typical “everyday” activities/events, and to assist parents in ensuring quality of life for their son or daughter when they no longer can attend to their needs due to geographic distance of family, aging, illness or death. The goals of the Ultimate Life Program are to help individuals feel empowered to make decisions in his/her own life; feel less isolated from the community; and to help parent(s) and/or family feel confident that their family member with a disability maintains a high quality of life without their involvement.

**Very Special Person Club (VSP)**  
**402-594-6747**

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

15687 Spaulding Street, Omaha, NE 68116

Recreational facility for people with developmental disabilities ages 13 to adult.

**Wheelchair Basketball & Softball**  
**402-554-3232** Michael Kult

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

Wheelchair basketball teams for individuals ages 5 through high school. NE Red Dawgs and Junior and Varsity teams are available.

**Young Life**  
**402-391-4994**

This group meets at West Hills Church during the school year on Thursday evenings. Young Life is a Christian-based national organization for youth. They offer a program called Partners. This program has the youth from the Young Life program interacting with young people with developmental disabilities. It also includes one-on-one friendly relationships. A weekend camp is offered in early June. There is also a young life inclusion camp available.

**For more information on camps throughout the country go to [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org)**

## RESOURCES FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE

### **CHI Health Immanuel Rehab Center: Speech Pathology**

**402-572-3404**

**[www.chihealth.com/immanuel-rehabilitation-center](http://www.chihealth.com/immanuel-rehabilitation-center)**

6901 North 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68122

The Rehab center provides in-patient and outpatient care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech for person's ages pre-school and older.

### **Laboratory of Speech & Language Disorders**

**402-551-7338**

**Email: [losald@aol.com](mailto:losald@aol.com)**

4239 Farnam Street, Suite 509, Omaha, NE 68131

Evaluation and treatment in areas of: articulation, aphasia, language and fluency, central auditory processing and swallowing.

### **The Scottish Rite Care Mason Clinic for Children With Language Disorders (Munroe-Meyers Institute)**

**402-559-6460**

985450 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-5450

Services for those with speech-language disorders, down syndrome, autism, etc. are provided.

Ages: 2 to pre-kindergarten

### **University of Nebraska at Omaha, College of Education, Department of Special Education & Communication Disorders**

**402-554-2201**

6001 Dodge Street, Roskens Hall Suite 512, Omaha, NE 68182

The UNO College of Education provides assessment and therapy for students with communication disorders ages 3 through adult.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the school and community experiences, recreation, daily living and volunteer work sites is provided by the Millard District. Transportation of the student to and from paid work experiences is not the responsibility of the school district. District and agency staff, however, will provide information regarding transportation options to parents and students.

### **Nebraska State Identification Card**

[www.dmv.state.ne.us](http://www.dmv.state.ne.us)

Cards may be obtained at Douglas County - Millard – 5730 S. 144<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, NE 68137  
**(402-595-2424)** Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

*\* It is important for individuals with disabilities, who do not have driver's licenses, to have a Nebraska State ID card. A certified birth certificate, social security card, etc. needed for ID. Call or go online to get specifics.*

### **Happy Cab**

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

**Administration: 402-292-2222, Dispatch: 402-339-8294**

Transportation to and from desired destination is available. Cost for service.

### **Immanuel (CHI HEALTH) Driving Assessment**

**402-572-2295**

[www.chihealth/immanuel-rehabilitation-center](http://www.chihealth/immanuel-rehabilitation-center)

Immanuel Rehabilitation Center at 6901 North 72 Street, Omaha, NE 68122

This agency provides a driver's evaluation for individuals with a disability for a fee. The evaluation is two and a half hours long with possible further classroom training. Call regarding specific information and criteria.

### **Metro Area Transit, City Bus**

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

**402-341-0800**

2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68102

Individuals with disabilities can receive reduced fare with use of Metro ID card. Individual has to fill out MAT's half-fare form in order to obtain a Metro ID card.

### **Metro Area Transit Van Service (MOBY)**

[www.metroareatransit.com/rider-guide/mobyada](http://www.metroareatransit.com/rider-guide/mobyada)

**402-346-8779 Scheduling**

**402-341-0800 Ext. 2105 ADA Complimentary Paratransit MOBY Certificate Office**

2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68102

Services for persons who have special needs and whose mobility limitations prevent them from riding the regular MAT bus are available. Rider must be a resident of Omaha and must complete an application form requiring a doctor's input and signature. There is a cost for this service.

### **Mobility Options**

[www.mobility-options.com](http://www.mobility-options.com)

**402-595-1256**

5513 Center Street, Omaha, NE 68106

Mobility Options provides modifications to vehicles for individuals with special needs.

**National Safety Council – Greater Omaha Chapter**  
**402-896-0454**

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

11620 M Circle Omaha, NE 68137

Driver's evaluation is provided for individuals for a fee. Call regarding specific information and criteria.

**Omaha Ambulance**  
**402-345-6666**

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

5935 Henninger Dr. Omaha, NE 68104

Omaha Ambulance provides door-to-door service for individuals with special needs. Cost for service.

**Prince of the Road**  
**888-452-3194**

Prince of the Road provides door-to-door service for individuals with special needs. Cost for service.

**United We Ride**  
**800-527-8279**

[www.unitedweride.gov](http://www.unitedweride.gov)

Federal interagency initiative aimed at improving the availability, quality and efficient delivery of transportation services for older adults, individuals with disabilities and individuals with lower incomes.

## RESOURCES FOR TOURETTE SYNDROME

**Great Plains Tourette Syndrome Support Group**  
**Email: [support@gptourettesupport.org](mailto:support@gptourettesupport.org)**

**National Institute of Neurology Disorders & Stroke**

**800-352-9424**

[www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tourette/tourette.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tourette/tourette.htm)

NIH Neurological Institute

PO Box 5801

Bethesda, Maryland 20824

Information and resources are available.

**Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.**

[www.tsa-usa.org](http://www.tsa-usa.org)

**718-224-2999, 888-486-8738**

**Email: [ts@tsa-usa.org](mailto:ts@tsa-usa.org)**

42-40 Bell Blvd. Suite 205, Bayside, NY 11361-2820

Education, support services, research funding.

**Tourette Syndrome Camp Organization**  
**773-465-7536**

**[www.tourettecamp.com](http://www.tourettecamp.com)**

The goal of this camp is to allow children with Tourette Syndrome an opportunity to meet other children, share similar experiences and coping mechanisms in a fun, safe and positive environment.

## RESOURCES FOR VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

**Accessibility Dot Net, Inc.**  
**402-491-3191, 866-539-4357, fax 402-491-3221**  
**Email: [info@accessibility.net](mailto:info@accessibility.net)**

**[www.accessibility.net](http://www.accessibility.net)**

11110 Fort Street, Suite 103, PO Box 641948, Omaha, NE 68164  
Products and services for blind and visually impaired are available.

**American Council of the Blind of Nebraska**  
**402-441-9566**

**[www.acb.org/nebraska](http://www.acb.org/nebraska)**

**Email: [acbnebraska@gmail.com](mailto:acbnebraska@gmail.com)**  
PO Box 6506, Omaha, NE 68106-0506

A statewide membership organization comprised primarily of blind and visually impaired persons. The organization is committed to improving the living conditions of blind and visually impaired individuals by promoting their independence and effective participation as citizens in all aspects of society.

**Christian Record Services**  
**402-488-0981**

**[www.christianrecord.org](http://www.christianrecord.org)**

**Email: [info@christianrecord.org](mailto:info@christianrecord.org)**  
4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, NE 68516-1302

Goal of services: to provide services and enjoyment for the blind and visually impaired.

Services available: Bible correspondence courses, lending library of books in Braille, large print, full vision and cassette tapes, nonfiction magazines in Braille, large print and flexible disc, for children, teens and adults, and youth and adult summer/winter camps

Disability criteria: Legally or totally blind, dyslexic, inability to hold book

**Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired**  
**800-826-4355, 402-873-5513**

**[www.ncecbvi.org](http://www.ncecbvi.org)**

P.O. Box 129, Nebraska City, NE 68410

The NCECBVI's program serves students from infancy to age 21 in the residential, day, and outreach settings. Services are provided to local school districts, students, families, teachers, and other support staff upon request.

**Nebraska Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
402-471-2891 or 877-809-2419**

**[www.ncbvi.ne.gov](http://www.ncbvi.ne.gov)**

4600 Valley Road Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68510-4844

Goal of Services: The mission of the agency is to provide the training and related services, which promote independence and full participation in society. They also offer an understanding of blindness through which individuals can develop the self-confidence necessary to meet the challenges and opportunities of life.

Services available: Advocacy services, assistance in establishing employment, consultation to agencies/organizations, counseling individuals/family members, educational assistance, i.e. tuition, books, equipment and readers, employment follow-up services, job placement assistance, and independent living skills

Disability Criteria: A visual condition which may lead to blindness, or sight so defective that it seriously limits the ability to engage in the ordinary vocations and activities of life.

**Nebraska Foundation for Visually Impaired Children <http://incolor.inetnebr.com/nfvic/>  
402-218-7022**

425 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68131

Provides assistive technology, adaptive devices, and related services; cultural experiences for the children and their families; training opportunities for educators and parents; and mentoring/support programs for the children, their families, and their educators.

**Radio Talking Book Service (RTBS)  
800-729-7826, 402-572-3003**

**[www.rtbs.org](http://www.rtbs.org)**

**Email: [rtbsinfo@rtbs.org](mailto:rtbsinfo@rtbs.org)**

7101 Newport Avenue, Suite 205, Omaha, NE 68152

Non-profit organization for individuals who have visual or physical disabilities which prevent them from reading printed material or enjoying performing arts and other activities.

Services: Radio Talking Book Network, Audio Description and Listening Link.

**(Nebraska Library Commission's) Talking Book & Braille Services  
402-471-4038**

**[www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/)**

**Email: [nlc.readadv@nebraska.gov](mailto:nlc.readadv@nebraska.gov)**

The Atrium 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023

Goal of Service: To provide library materials in special formats for individuals who cannot use regular print because of visual or physical impairment.

Services available: Books on record, cassette tape and Braille, magazines (record, cassette and Braille) reference and referral services and special playback equipment.

Disability criteria: Blind, visually impaired, deaf/blind, physical handicap or learning disability.

**Further resources: <http://www.ncbvi.ne.gov/links-to-resources.html>**

## **WORK INTRODUCTION NETWORK (WIN)**

The Millard Public School's Work Introduction Network program is designed to assist students with disabilities in the areas of career exploration, employment acquisition and employment maintenance along with social, communication and daily living skill development.

The Work Introduction Network introduces students to the world of work through a network of businesses, non-profit agencies and school partners. Realistic, non-paid, school and community work experience opportunities are provided to small groups of students (2-6), at least once a week for 1-4 hours during the school day. Students are job coached in the work place by Millard staff and district vans or buses provide transportation for volunteer community-based sites. Transportation to and from paid work sites is not the responsibility of the district.

Some of the skills taught through the WIN volunteer work experience are: communicating effectively with others, following directions, solving problems, working with others, managing time effectively etc., all while working to the highest level of independence. The students also experience the pride in doing quality work and the satisfaction in the productivity of work tasks. Students are given the opportunity to become reliable, dependable workers as well as explore different careers in order to determine his/her interest and ability areas. Volunteer work experience can be listed on resumes and job applications for future paid job searches.

WIN offers experiences in volunteer work experiences only. Please refer to the section regarding the Millard Young Adult Program dealing with transition to paid experiences. Students in high school, age 16 and over, who find paid jobs on his/her own, may contact their guidance counselor to see if the community internship would apply to their educational situation.

WIN gives businesses and non-profit agencies in the Omaha area the opportunity to help build the city's future work force while providing the students with positive, real life work experiences. Businesses and agencies are made aware of the abilities of the WIN students and are often left with positive impressions of the students' work.



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