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## Section 1: Employment

### Job Search and Job Placement

#### **Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Hotline**

**Phone:** 1-800-949-4232

**Website:** [www.adainformation.org](http://www.adainformation.org)

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Provide technical assistance related to the application of the federal legislation that protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination in the workplace. Training is provided free of charge on issues related to ADA.

#### **Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

2211 W. Evans, Denver, CO 80223

303-866-2500

FAX 303-866-3491

**Website:** [www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/ods\\_dvr1.html](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/ods_dvr1.html) **Contact:** Staff

**Eligibility:** Must be determined at time of application. Services are restricted to people with disabilities. Testing may be provided to determine whether client is disabled before services can be rendered.

**Description:** Provide job search and development services for people with documented disabilities to help secure and maintain employment. Employment is the key issue addressed by vocational rehabilitation but DVR also refers client for independent living support. Educational needs related to employment are secondary. Youth in special education can be enrolled in vocational rehabilitation before they graduate from high school.

#### **Consumer Navigator Program**

1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204 (Speer Workforce Center)

720-865-5610

FAX 720-865-5685

**Contact:** Tom Muniz

Email: [tom.muniz@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:tom.muniz@ci.denver.co.us)

1200 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80203 (Westside Workforce Center)

720.944.1237

FAX: 720.944.4131

**Contact:** Jack O'Dell

Email: [jack.odell@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:jack.odell@ci.denver.co.us)

**Website:** [www.cowinpartners.org/consumer-navigator.asp](http://www.cowinpartners.org/consumer-navigator.asp)

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to customers registered with the Workforce Center or existing clients of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

**Description:** Disability Program Navigators provide Colorado Workforce Centers with technical assistance to enhance the job services provided to people with disabilities. Navigators offer community resources, ADA information, and disclosure information to support workforce center advisors in assisting people with disabilities in the job search process.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### CP of Colorado- Employment Works

2200 South Jasmine Street, Denver, Colorado 80222-5708

303-691-9339

FAX 303-691-0846

**Website:** [www.cpcoco.org/empworks.htm](http://www.cpcoco.org/empworks.htm)

**Contact:** Joseph Cordova

**Hours:** 8:00-5:00 PM, M-F

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Services are provided to people with disabilities. This agency has historically worked with people with cerebral palsy and more severe disabilities.

**Description:** Provides intake and assessment, vocational evaluations, job try-outs and work experience, job development and placement and post employment support.

### Denver Options- Youth Corps

9900 East Iliff Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80231

303-636-5954

FAX 303-636-5603

**Website:** [www.denveroptions.org](http://www.denveroptions.org)

**Contact:** Georgia Sigala

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to Denver in and out school youth ages 12-21 who have disabilities. Youth ages 18-21 can receive employment assistance.

**Description:** Provides service learning and employment opportunities. Program will be located in Denver communities.

### Denver Workforce Centers

**Speer:** 1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204

720-865-5619

**Westside:** 1200 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80204

720-944-1615

**Stapleton:** 3401 Quebec Street, Suite 7700, Denver, CO 80205

720-865-0060

**DIA:** 8500 Pena Blvd., Main Terminal West Side, Denver, CO 80249

303.342.2590

**Quigg Newton:** 4440 Navajo St., Denver, CO 80211

303.458.4891

**Website:** [www.milehigh.com/employment/locations](http://www.milehigh.com/employment/locations)

**Contact:** Workforce Center nearest you

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to customers registered with the Workforce Center or existing clients of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

**Description:** The Workforce Centers listed are equipped with various assistive technologies that assists with the job search process. Staff is available to help with the use of equipment.

### Goodwill Industries- Deaf Services Job Training Program

6850 North Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80221

303-427-9394 TTY

FAX 303-650-7782

**Website:** [www.goodwilldenver.org](http://www.goodwilldenver.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** For people who have hearing impairments, must be referred through DVR.

**Description:** Provides job readiness skills training; taught by deaf professionals and peers.



**Job Accommodations Network**

**Website:** <http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu>

**Description:** Provides job accommodation information and technical assistance for employers and people with disabilities.

**School to Work Alliance Project (SWAP)**

2211 W. Evans Avenue, Bldg. A, Room 01, Denver, CO 80223

303-866-3869

FAX 303-866-3419

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Jamie Konecny

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth must be 17-25 years old, in or out of school without a high school diploma or GED, attend Manual, West, East, North, or Lincoln High Schools or live within the DPS catchment areas for those schools. Sixteen year olds will be considered if they are at risk of dropping out. Must have a mild to moderate disability and have an IEP or sufficient documentation.

**Description:** SWAP provides job readiness training, job search assistance, job development, placement and coaching and social skills training. 90 slots are available per year.

**SSI Benefits Planners**

Speer: 1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204

**Contact:** Melanie Honsbruch

Phone: 720.865.5641

FAX: 720-865-5685

Stapleton: 3401 Quebec Street, Suite 7700, Denver, CO 80207

**Contact:** Jennifer Breslin

Phone: 720-865-0070

FAX: 720-865-0091

**Hours:** 8-4:30 or as scheduled

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Provides information on how work affects SSI and SSDI benefits and the work incentives that are available, plus they provide information on the Eligibility Criteria and Application Process for SSI and SSDI benefits.

**Ticket to Work**

Various sites- see web site for list of Employment Networks (places to get work related services)

**Website:** [www.yourtickettowork.com](http://www.yourtickettowork.com)

**Eligibility:** The Ticket to Work Program is for qualified SSDI and SSI recipients. To find out eligibility call Maximus (the managing agency of the program) at 1-866-YOURTICKET.

**Description:** The "ticket" allows a person with a disability to access employment networks to find the services they need to help them go to work and achieve their employment goals. More information is available from benefits planners.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program**

DWD Youth Services, 1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 710, Denver, CO 80204

720-865-5570

FAX 720-865-5681

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Steve Hartbauer

**Hours:** 8:30-5:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth with disabilities must meet Federal income requirements based on their income alone (not their parent's or guardian's) and be 14-21 years of age. Youth must be documented, providing social security card and photo ID. Youth are asked to attend an orientation session before enrolling in the program (call Nicole Edwards to set an appointment).

**Description:** WIA provides job search and placement assistance, supportive services (bus passes, gas coupons, work clothes, etc.), education assistance and youth development activities.

### **Job Support for People with Developmental Disabilities**

#### **Bayaud Industries**

1600 Downing St. #300, Denver, CO 80218

303-830-6885

FAX 303-830-6653

**Website:** [www.bayaudindustries.org](http://www.bayaudindustries.org)

**Contact:** Mary Page, ext 203

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be referred by DVR or TANF. Serves individuals with a variety of disabilities.

**Description:** Provides vocational evaluation, work adjustment, general office skill training and job search assistance and job coaching.

#### **Denver Options Employment Services**

9900 East Iliff Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80231

303-636-5600

FAX 303-636-5603

**Website:** [www.denveroptions.org](http://www.denveroptions.org)

**Contact:** Briselda Rodriguez (Intake)

**Hours:** 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves people with developmental disabilities.

**Description:** Provides assistance with job placement and retention.

#### **Easter Seals- Employment Services**

5755 West Alameda Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80226

303-937-7713, ext. 256

FAX 303-233-1028

**Website:** <http://co.easterseals.com>

**Contact:** Donna Schulte

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves people with disabilities over 18 years of age. Must be referred through DVR or Community Center Boards (ex. Denver Options).

**Description:** Serves primarily people with developmental disabilities. Provides job coaching, placement and work crew opportunities.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **Shalom Denver**

2498 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80223

303-623-0251

FAX 303-

**Website:** [www.shalomdenver.com](http://www.shalomdenver.com)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-4 PM, M-Th, 8:00-3:00 F

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must have an IQ of 70 or less and have acquired a disability prior to 21 years of age. Services are geared toward people who have developmental disabilities.

**Description:** Shalom provides a sheltered workshop, community supported employment, and DVR assessments, job coaching and job search.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Colorado Business Leadership Network**

5650 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 225E, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

303-741-6420

FAX 303-741-6425

**Website:** [www.coloradoblcn.com](http://www.coloradoblcn.com)

**Contact:** Glenda Laveck

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to employers and businesses

**Description:** Educates employers about best disability employment practices and enhances employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Provides information, business forums, resources and training for local businesses.

#### **Youth Employment Academy at Denver Housing Authority**

777 Grant, Denver, CO 80203

720-932-3055

FAX: 720.932.3006

**Contact:** Melissa Martinez

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 14-21; eligibility is based on the requirements for the Summer Youth Program or WIA Program. Youth need to be referred to YEA by an agency that partners with the program.

**Description:** YEA offers job readiness training, supported employment opportunities, and paid internship experiences to youth across Denver in a variety of locations. Support is available for youth with disabilities.



## Section 2: Summer Employment/Internships

### Colorado Center for the Blind- Earn and Learn

2233 W. Sheppard Ave., Littleton, CO 80120

303-778-1130

FAX 303-778-1598

**Website:** [www.cocenter.org](http://www.cocenter.org)

**Contact:** Eric Woods (ext 230)

**Hours:** Summer only; youth live in an apartment during 8 week program

**Fees:** \$3500 per month; funding assistance may be available through schools or DVR.

**Eligibility:** Program is designed for high school students that are blind.

**Description:** Youth have the opportunity to learn independent living skills and to participate in a work experience.

### Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition- Summer Internships

655 Broadway, Suite 775, Denver, Colorado 80203

303-839-1775 (voice), (303) 839-0015 (TTY)

FAX 303-839-1782

**Website:** [www.ccdconline.org](http://www.ccdconline.org)

**Contact:** Jamie Lewis

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES, \$1000 but scholarships are available

**Eligibility:** Youth ages 14-18 who have a disability. Requires an application and interview.

**Description:** Through interactive class instruction, attendance at hearings and meetings, mentoring by a policymaker, and individual/group projects, teens will learn about self and community advocacy as well as history related to the disability movement.

### Earn and Learn- Goodwill Industries

6850 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80221

303-994-5286

**Website:** [www.goodwilldenver.org](http://www.goodwilldenver.org)

**Contact:** Charlotte Steele

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be an in-school junior or senior. Applications are available by March.

**Description:** Provide 30 paid, professional summer internships in local businesses; otherwise provide job referral. Support available for job search process. No disability specific services are currently available.

### Governor's Summer Job Hunt

1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 710, Denver, CO 80204

720-865-5700

FAX 720-865-5681

**Website:** [www.mowd.org](http://www.mowd.org)

**Contact:** Seth Howsden or staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to all Denver youth ages 16 and older. Must provide proof of age and citizenship.

**Description:** Provide youth with job referrals for summer positions. No disability specific services are currently available.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### Mile High Youth Corps

1801 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80204  
303-733-1206

**FAX** 303-433-5997

**Website:** [www.milehighyouthcorps.org](http://www.milehighyouthcorps.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Call for schedule

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be 16-24 years old.

**Description:** Provide outdoor, labor-intensive jobs. Hours can be long and work is physical in nature. No disability specific services are offered.

### Summer Scholars

3401 Quebec St., Suite 5010, Denver, CO 80207  
303-355-0290

**FAX** 303-355-0883

**Website:** [www.summerscholars.org](http://www.summerscholars.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Summer Scholars seeks teens with strong academic skills, who are friendly, self-motivated, and who enjoy children. All three sections of the Summer Scholars Classroom Assistant application must be submitted in order to be considered. The three sections include: Classroom Assistant Application; English Teacher's Recommendation; Personal Recommendation. Applications can be downloaded from the Summer Scholars website.

**Description:** Youth are paid to provide tutoring and academic support to elementary school youth for an 8-week period.

### Youth Employment Program

1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 710, Denver, CO 80204  
720-865-5700

**FAX** 720-865-5681

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Seth Howsden or staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Program accepts youth ages 14-21 and who have very low income or whose parent is on TANF.

**Description:** Provide youth with paid internship positions. Some disability specific services are offered.

### YouthBiz

3535 Larimer Street, Denver, CO 80205  
303-297-0212

**FAX** 303-297-0228

**Website:** [www.youthbiz.org](http://www.youthbiz.org)

**Contact:** Habakkuk Ammishaddai

**Hours:** 9:00-5:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be in middle or high school and have adequate transportation to participate in the program.

**Description:** YouthBiz offers a two-tiered program. Tier 1 offers job readiness, computer and study skills training. Tier 2 offers hands-on business experience through an on-site silk screening company. Sessions last 12 weeks during the school year and 8 weeks during the summer. YouthBiz is wheelchair accessible.



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### **Youth Works**

700 Kalamath Street, Denver, CO 80204

303-308-8121

FAX 303-308-8120

**Website:** [www.microbusiness.org](http://www.microbusiness.org)

**Contact:** Brendan Landry

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 10 and up.

**Description:** Provides business development training and experience. Youth can earn Y-notes to earn rewards and can qualify for small loans to develop their business idea. Program runs year round. Have worked with youth with disabilities in the past.



## Section 3: Education

### High School/GED/Transitions

#### **ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education) Program**

(Also known as Work Experience Study)

Denver Public Schools (DPS), 900 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203

720-423-8097

FAX 720-423-3413 (main)

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Marta Osuna

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to all DPS students including those who attend Emily Griffith Opportunity School. Geared toward youth who are at risk or are in special education.

**Description:** Provides job readiness, internships, apprenticeships, work experience and job placement and bus training.

#### **Denver Interagency Transition Team**

**Website:** <http://www.employmentworks.org/DITT>

**Contact:** Amy Banker (303-825-2019)

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Collaborative group that works to address gaps in transition services for youth with disabilities who wish to obtain employment or further their education.

#### **GED Accommodations-Colorado Department of Education**

201 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80203

303-866-6613

**Website:** <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/GEDindex.htm#AccForms>

**Contact:** Bill Furney 303-866-6942

**Eligibility:** Must have documented disability in order to qualify for GED accommodations. To apply, student must fill out form for his or her particular disability (see options on website) and submit to the Chief Examiner at the local GED testing center.

**Description:** Provide GED accommodations forms and ultimately, approve accommodations requests. Accommodations can include extra time, oral presentation of questions, use of a scribe for writing, etc.

#### **High School/High Tech**

5650 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 225E, Denver, CO 80111

303-741-6420

**Website:** [www.coloradohsht.com](http://www.coloradohsht.com)

**Contact:** Executive Director: Glenda Laveck, cell 303-960-6420

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to youth grades 8-12 who have disabilities and are interested in careers in the fields of math, science or technology.

**Description:** Provides exposure to a variety of careers mainly in the fields of math, science and technology, prepares students for higher education, helps with career planning, guides students to available resources, and provides training in independent living and job readiness.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### IDEA Information

Council for Exceptional Children  
1-877-CEC-IDEA

**Websites:** [www.fape.org](http://www.fape.org) (For family members and advocates),  
[www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/IDEA](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/IDEA) (Office of Spec Education Programs)

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** To provide information and technical assistance to educators, service providers and paraprofessionals regarding IDEA.

### Job Corps

1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 710, Denver, CO 80204  
720-865-5662

FAX 720-865-5681

**Website:** <http://jobcorps.doleta.gov/>

**Contact:** Brandy Lebsack

**Hours:** Vary, call for appointment

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to youth who are 16-24, US citizens, and meet the program's income requirements.

**Description:** Provides help with GED or diploma as well as job training in a residential program. A disability coordinator is available to help youth with disabilities receive the services and accommodations they need to be successful.

### Youth Employment Academy (YEA) at Denver Housing Authority

777 Grant, Denver, CO 80203  
720-932-3055

Fax 720-932-3006

**Contact:** Melissa Martinez

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 14-21; eligibility requirements vary. Youth need to be referred to YEA by an agency that partners with the program.

**Description:** YEA offers remedial education, tutoring and computer classes to youth across Denver in a variety of locations. YEA will also begin offering specialized academies that provide entry level training in a variety of demand driven fields beginning fall of 2007. Support is available for youth with special learning needs.

### College Prep Programs

#### **AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination)**

Offered in a variety of high schools in the Denver area

**Website:** [www.avidonline.org](http://www.avidonline.org)

**Contact:** School counselor

**Hours:** N/A

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Students who are not high academic achievers (must have a 2.5 GPA or higher) but have the potential to take on rigorous coursework.

**Description:** AVID assists and supports students to take on more challenging coursework and provides training in study skills, critical thinking and enrichment activities. *Adams County AVID* participants are eligible for the Daniels Fund scholarship. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.



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### College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

Bueno Center for Multicultural Education, 247 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0572  
303-857-4022 x4317 or 303-492-6043 FAX 303-492-2883

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Tammy Molinar-LeBlanc

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Any migrant or seasonal employed agricultural worker or their children who: within the last 24 months have worked a minimum of 75 days in farm work, been eligible to participate or have participated in a migrant education program under Chapter 1 - Migrant Education, or participated in a WIA section 167 program. Students must be full-time, first year freshmen with a permanent US residency.

**Description:** The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is a federally funded program that assists migrant and seasonal farm workers and persons working in agriculturally related activities pursue higher education. Have worked with youth with learning disabilities in the past.

### College LIFT

Colorado UpLIFT

1888 Sherman Street, Suite 570, Denver, CO 80203

303-830-6615

FAX: 303-830-6763

**Website:** <http://www.coloradoupflight.org/> **Contact:** Bill Aragon

**Hours:** Varies

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth must be previously enrolled in Colorado UpLIFT or apply to the program. UpLIFT operates out of North, West, East, Lincoln and Manual High Schools.

**Description:** UpLIFT assists students with the college application process, scholarships and provide support once youth are enrolled in college. Serve some youth with disabilities.

### College Summit

1009 Grant Street, Suite 103, Denver, CO 80203

(303) 832-7174

FAX: (303) 832-9032

**Website:** [www.collegesummit.org](http://www.collegesummit.org) **Contact:** Susan Bross

**Hours:** Varies

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Low income students in high schools where College Summit is offered.

**Description:** Students get a head start on their college applications through College Summit's 4-day transformational summer Workshop, and learn lifelong self-advocacy skills that they are trained to share with their peers. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

### Colorado Center for the Blind

2233 W. Sheppard Ave., Littleton, CO 80120

303-778-1130

FAX 303-778-1598

**Website:** [www.cocenter.org](http://www.cocenter.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8 week full time summer program

**Fees:** \$3500 per month; funding

assistance may be available through schools or DVR.

**Eligibility:** Program is designed for blind high school students.

**Description:** This program prepares youth to apply independent living skills in a college setting. They learn how to access disability services on campus and use adaptive technology. Participants live in apartments with a roommate during the 8 week program.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### CSU Educational Talent Search

8100 Campus Delivery, CSU, Ft. Collins, CO 80523

970-491-6473

FAX 720-491-1077

**Website:** <http://lamar.colostate.edu/~ceao/index.html>

**Contact:** John Kelly

**Hours:** Office 8:00-5:00 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be a first generation student (neither parent has a bachelor's degree) and low income. Montbello and Adams City High Schools are the only schools in the Denver area that offer this program. Students can be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and higher.

**Description:** Program provides workshops and presentations on topics related to college prep, self-esteem and study skills. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

### CSU Upward Bound

8100 Campus Delivery, CSU, Ft. Collins, CO 80523

970-491-6473

FAX 720-491-1077

**Website:** <http://lamar.colostate.edu/~ceao/index.html>

**Contact:** Carmen Rivera

**Hours:** Office 8:00-5:00 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be a first generation student (neither parent has a bachelor's degree) and low income. Montbello and Adams City High Schools are the only schools in the Denver area that offer this program. Program enrolls youth in 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must apply to the program to enroll. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

**Description:** Program provides one to one counseling and mentorship, college preparation, tutoring and 6 week summer program on the college campus.

### Educational Opportunity Center

P.O. Box 173363 Campus Box EOC Denver, CO 80217-3363

303-629-9226

FAX: 303-620-4805

**Website:** [www.ccd.edu/eoc](http://www.ccd.edu/eoc)

**Contact:** Pat Middleton

**Hours:** M-F, 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** The center offers assistance with financial aid, including loans, scholarships and FAFSA. They also provide career and education planning, assistance with the college application process and support for youth who have dropped out of school and want to further their education. Office is located at 1205 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 325 (Auraria Campus Administration Building). The building is wheelchair accessible.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **Educational Talent Search**

P.O. Box 173363 Campus Box EOC Denver, CO 80217-3363  
303-629-9226 FAX 303-620-4805

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Pat Middleton

**Hours:** M-F, 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** The program is open to youth who are in middle or high school or 11-18 years old and out of school. They must be first generation students with a limited family income. Middle school students who attend Horace Mann and Skinner and high school students who attend North, West, CLA, Emily Griffith or Florence Crittenton are eligible for intensive services. The public is invited to attend educational presentations for students and parents offered by Talent Search.

**Description:** The program helps middle and high school students stay in school, graduate and enroll in higher education programs. Students who have dropped out of school are provided assistance to re-enroll and plan for higher education. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.

### **Ethnic College Counseling Center, Inc.**

PO Box 24152, Denver, CO 80222

303-751-0024

FAX Same number

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Pensal McCray

**Hours:** 10-3 PM Office Hours

**Fees:** \$100/semester; may be reduced if low income

**Eligibility:** Open to all

**Description:** This program prepares middle and high school students for college. It provides 2 workshops per month, a college tour and college fair alternating years, and tutoring. It also offers summer enrichment programs in and out of state. Some out of state programs are held at traditionally black colleges. Participants are prepared to write college essays, search for scholarships and engage in other college prep activities.

### **GEAR UP**

1380 Lawrence Street, Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80204-2059

303-866-4170

FAX 303-866-4266

**Website:** [www.coloradogearup.com](http://www.coloradogearup.com)

**Contact:** Scott Mendlesburg

**Hours:** 7:30-4:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Regularly attend a GEAR UP school. Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident of the United States and qualify for free or reduced lunch. Students must take challenging college prep classes.

**Description:** A follow up program helping to orient youth toward college. Students begin in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and continue in GEAR UP until 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who complete the program are eligible for a scholarship. GEAR also works with the community in various capacities to ensure that low-income youth are able to successfully prepare for college.



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### **LULAC Educational Service Center**

715 Galapago Street, Suite 1, Denver, CO 80204

303-893-0100

FAX

**Website:** [www.lnesc-colo.org](http://www.lnesc-colo.org)

**Contact:** Eddie Duarte

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must qualify as low-income and provide a social security card, proof of enrollment in public assistance program or 1040 EZ or 1040 tax form.

**Description:** Provide assistance with career choices and preparation for higher education. Offer information on grants and scholarships and assistance with financial aid forms as well as on-going support after students enroll in post-secondary education. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

### **Minds Matter**

366 Monroe Street, Denver, CO 80206

303-623-1575

FAX 303-623-1576

**Website:** <http://www.mindsmatter.org>

**Contact:** Bijal Chokski

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to North High Juniors in Fall 2005, North High Seniors in Fall of 2006. Students must be eligible for free or reduced lunch and have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Students must apply, get a letter of recommendation and interview to enter program.

**Description:** Program provides mentoring, help with homework, free ACT/SAT preparation, assistance with college applications and financial aid processes. Summer program is provided.

### **Pre-Collegiate Development Program (CU Boulder)**

107 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309

303-492-0540

FAX 303-492-3035

**Website:** <http://www.colorado.edu/SASC/pcdp.html>

**Contact:** Theresa Manchego

**Hours:** Varies

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Students must be first generation in their family to go to college, maintain a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in middle or high school.

**Description:** The program's objective is to assure that student participants successfully complete their high school education in a timely manner and possess the academic and social skills necessary to matriculate their chosen post secondary institution. The primary focus of the program is to prepare youth (grades 9-12) for professional careers of specific interest to them. No specific services for youth with disabilities.



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### **Pre-Collegiate Development Program (CU Denver)**

Campus Box 147, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217

(303) 556-2322

FAX: 303-556-2054

**Website:** [www.cudenver.edu/Admissions/High+School+Students/Precollegiate.htm](http://www.cudenver.edu/Admissions/High+School+Students/Precollegiate.htm)

**Contact:** Larry Armenta

**Hours:** 8:00-5:00 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Students must be first generation in their family to go to college, maintain a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in middle or high school.

**Description:** The program's objective is to assure that student participants successfully complete their high school education in a timely manner and possess the academic and social skills necessary to matriculate their chosen post secondary institution. The primary focus of the program is to prepare youth (grades 9-12) for professional careers of specific interest to them. Have accommodated youth with physical disabilities in the past.

### **Upward Bound**

Metro State College of Denver

Campus Box 66, PO Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217

303-556-2812

FAX: 303-556-6245

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Paulette McIntosh

**Hours:** 9:00-5:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Students must attend East, Lincoln, Manual, North, and West High Schools. They must enroll in their sophomore year. Participants are low income and/or first generation college-bound students.

**Description:** This program assists students to gain the skills and motivation necessary to complete high school and go on to college. Services include tutoring, academic and career planning and college visits. An eight-week summer program is also offered. No specific programming for youth with disabilities. Building is not wheelchair accessible.

### **Upward Bound for Veterans**

Metro State College of Denver

Campus Box 89, P.O. Box 17336, Denver, Colorado 80217-3362

303-556-3305

FAX: 303-556-6245

**Website:** [www.mscd.edu/~vub](http://www.mscd.edu/~vub)

**Contact:** Leroy Chavez

**Hours:** 8:00-4:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Veterans who have served 180 consecutive days of active duty are eligible.

**Description:** This program prepares veterans to enter college. They provide free GED preparation and testing and pre-collegiate basic skill classes. Once a veteran is enrolled in college, support and tutoring are provided. Have experience working with people with disabilities.



**Post-Secondary Education- Disability Support Services (Denver Area)**

**ACCESS Center for Metro State College**

Auraria Library, Ste 116, Campus Box 56, PO Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217  
303-556-8387

FAX 303-556-6852

**Website:** [www.mscd.edu/~access](http://www.mscd.edu/~access)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** M-Th, 8-6 PM, F 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must have a documented disability.

**Description:** Determines eligibility and develops plans for accommodations and assists with other disability related services.

**Center for Persons with Disabilities- Community College of Denver**

Auraria Campus, South Classroom Building, Room 134, P.O. Box 173363; Campus Box 400, Denver, Colorado 80217-3363

303-556-3300

FAX 303-556-3898

**Website:** [www.ccd.edu/EPAC/disabilities.html](http://www.ccd.edu/EPAC/disabilities.html)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Students must have a documented disability.

**Description:** Provides screening, support and accommodations for students with disabilities.

**College Living Experience**

1391 Speer Blvd., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80204

303-825-2533

FAX 303-825-2538

**Website:** [www.cleinc.net](http://www.cleinc.net)

**Contact:** Lauri Dennis

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES (\$27,500 per contract year)

**Eligibility:** Youth must have a documented disability.

**Description:** Youth can receive support for enrollment in post secondary education, independent living skills training (including social skills, financial management, etc.) and tutoring. Services are tailored to each youth's specific needs. Youth live in apartments located in central Denver (apartment rental fee not included in contract).

**Emily Griffith Opportunity School- Special Needs Counseling**

1250 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80205

720-423-4712 for appointment

FAX 720-423-4840

**Website:** [www.egos-school.com](http://www.egos-school.com)

**Contact:** Eileen Ashford

**Hours:** Regular advising.

**Fees:** Yes, for classes but not for

**Eligibility:** Must have a documented disability to request accommodations.

**Description:** The Special Needs Counselor provides assistance to prospective students to determine necessary accommodations, schedule classes and provide general advising. Call ahead to schedule an appointment.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### Office of Disability Resources- University of Colorado at Denver

Campus Box 118, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364  
303-556-3450, TDD 303-556-4766

**Website:**

<http://www.cudenver.edu/Admissions/Registrar/Student+Resources/default.htm>

**Contact:** Lisa McGill

**Hours:** 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Students must have a documented disability.

**Description:** Provides assistance to students needing academic accommodations.

### ROOTS

Community College of Denver, Enrollment Services  
Campus Box 201, P.O. Box 173363, Denver, CO 80217  
303-556-2420

FAX 303-556-2431

**Website:** <http://www.ccd.edu/es/ESknowF&S.html#r>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES, covered through

Pell grant or DVR

**Eligibility:** Must be a person with a disability referred through DVR.

**Description:** Provides business and financial services training and unpaid/paid internships to people with disabilities.



Section 4: Learning Disabilities

Alternative Schools That Can Accommodate Students With L.D.

**Denver Human Services- Learning Lab**

1200 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204

720-944-2498

FAX 720-944-1719

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Glenda Sinks

**Hours:** 8:45-4:00

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth must be 17 or older, TANF, Food Stamp or Denver Employment First (DEF) recipient. Students are required to complete 15 hours of class time per week.

**Description:** Offer evaluation for learning disabilities to participants who qualify for their program and demonstrate need for this service.

**Life Skills Academy**

1000 Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80204

720-889-2898

FAX 720-889-2897

**Website:** [www.lifeskillscenters.com](http://www.lifeskillscenters.com)

**Contact:** Nikki Gullett

**Hours:** Classes run 8-12, 10:15-2:15, 1:30-5:30

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be 16-22 years old. Need to provide school transcripts at time of enrollment. Youth must be counted as a drop out for 60 days, although exceptions have been made.

**Description:** School is able to accommodate special education students (up to 25% of total student body).

**PS-1 Charter School**

1062 Delaware St., Denver, CO 80204-4033

303-575-6690

FAX 303-575-6661

**Website:** <http://ps1charterschool.org>

**Principal:** Liz Ayudar

**Hours:** 8:30-4:00

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Youth need to attend Open House with parent (held Wednesdays at 10:00 AM). Youth will need immunization records and birth certificate.

**Description:** Many of the teachers on staff have a special education background and are able to work with youth who have a learning disability.

**Red Rocks Community College- Learning Center**

Lakewood Campus, 13300 West Sixth Ave. - Lakewood, CO 80228-1255

303-914-6731

FAX 303-914-6721

**Website:** [www.rrcc.edu](http://www.rrcc.edu)

**Contact:** Donna Smith

**Hours:** M-Th 9-5 PM, F 8-4

**Fees:** Free to youth who qualify

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Provide services and accommodations for youth with documented learning disabilities for GED pre-testing and preparation.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL)

1700 South Holly Street, Denver, Colorado, 80222

303-759-2076

FAX: 303-757-7442

**Website:** [www.rmssel.org](http://www.rmssel.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** YES, \$150 non-refundable deposit + other

fees

**Eligibility:** Students must be enrolled in Denver, Cherry Creek, Littleton or Douglas County public schools. Once application is submitted, students are selected by random lottery.

**Description:** The Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) is a public school of choice. RMSEL is able to accept students who are enrolled in special education. A copy of the IEP is required at time of enrollment.

### Low Cost LD Testing

#### Child Find

1330 Fox Street, Denver, CO 80204

**Phone:** (303) 405-6601

FAX 303-405-6618

**Website:** None

**Contact:** Jack Snyder

**Hours:** M-F, 8-4:30

**Fees:** None

**Eligibility:** Children age 3-21 who live in city and county of Denver are eligible for services.

**Description:** Provide assessment of the learning pattern of children with special needs.

#### Children's Hospital

1056 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80218

303-861-6410

FAX 303-764-8086

**Website:** [www.childrenshospital.org](http://www.childrenshospital.org)

**Contact:** Dr. Pamela McKenzie

**Hours:** M-F, 8-4:30 PM

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Serving children 0-5 and older youth with "complicated" cases.

**Description:** Clinic provides psychological testing, review of child's history through parents and school, learning evaluation and forms a diagnosis. Will take Medicaid and other public and private insurance.

#### Child Study Clinic

2155 S. Race Street, Denver, CO 802

303-871-3306

FAX 303-871-4747

**Website:** None

**Contact:** Nancy Phalen

**Hours:** M-Th, 9:30-8:00 PM, F 8:30-5:00 PM

**Fees:** Sliding scale according to income

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Provide services to assess the learning pattern of children with special needs.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### Denver University Counseling and Education Services Clinic

2450 S. Vine Street, Room 226, Denver, CO 80208

303-871-2528

FAX 303-871-2528

**Website:** [www.du.edu/education/CLINIC](http://www.du.edu/education/CLINIC) **Contact:** Dr. Karin Dittrick-Nathan

**Hours:** M-F, 8-5 PM

**Fees:** YES, sliding scale

**Eligibility:** Must be 4 to high school age (K-12).

**Description:** Provide low cost psycho-educational assessments. 3-4 month wait list. Assessments are conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m.-12:00. Also, provide informal tutoring services when tutors are available.

### Denver University PsyD Program

2460 S. Vine St., Denver, CO 80208

Main number 303-871-3873 Phone Screening 303-871-3626

FAX (303)

871-3625

**Website:** [www.du.edu/gspdp](http://www.du.edu/gspdp)

**Contact:** Dr. Martin (871-3878)

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** Sliding scale

**Eligibility:** Open to public

**Description:** Provides low cost LD testing on a sliding scale. Charge is \$10-\$70 per hour. Three month waiting list for services.

## Literacy Programs

### Learning Source for Adults and Families

455 S. Pierce Street, Lakewood, CO 80226

303-922-4683

FAX 303-742-9929

**Website:** [susan@coloradoliteracy.org](mailto:susan@coloradoliteracy.org)

**Contact:** Susan Lythgoe

**Hours:** M-F, 8:00-3:30 PM

**Fees:** YES, vary

**Eligibility:** Youth must be 16 years and older

**Description:** Adult education including ESL and GED. Able to work with students who have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading level or higher. Centers in Lakewood, Denver, and Aurora.

### Literacy Program- McLain Community High School

13600 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Lakewood, CO 80228

303-982-7488

FAX 303-982-7494

**Website:** [rglandt@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:rglandt@jeffco.k12.co.us)

**Contact:** Ann Mezo

**Hours:** M-F, 9:00-1:00 PM; 6:00-9:00 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth 21 years of age and older with low reading skills.

**Description:** Offers one-to-one tutoring for adults who need to improve their reading, writing, and math comprehension skills. Applicants are accepted throughout the year. There is no tuition unless the student is otherwise enrolled in McLain Community High School.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **National Institute for Literacy Hotline**

P.O. Box 81826, Lincoln NE, 81826

(800) 228-8813

FAX 402-464-6974

**Website:** [www.nifl.gov](http://www.nifl.gov)

**Contact:** Jaleh Behroozi

**Hours:** M-F, 9:00-6:00 PM EST

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** None

**Description:** Offers information and referral regarding literacy programs.

### **Open Book**

1547 Gaylord St. Suite 201, Denver, CO 80206

303-573-5169

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

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Brooke Waggenseller

**Hours:** Classes 12-4 PM, Tutoring varies

**Fees:** YES, \$40 books, \$5 assessment fee

**Eligibility:** Must be 17 years old and have a reading level below 8<sup>th</sup> grade, not enrolled in public school, or post-secondary education. Appointment needed for assessment/intake.



Section 5: Advocacy and Support

**Advocacy, Support and Information**

**ARC Disability Advocate**

1905 Sherman Street Suite 300 Denver, CO 80203  
303-831-7733

**Website:** [www.arcofdenver.org](http://www.arcofdenver.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-4:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves people with developmental disabilities.

**Description:** Advocates for persons with developmental disabilities and their families through information and referral, individual and system change advocacy legislation, program development, and community education.

**Autism Society of Colorado**

701 South Logan, Suite 103, Denver, CO 80209-4169  
720-214-0794

FAX 720-274-2744

**Website:** [www.autismcolorado.org](http://www.autismcolorado.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 9:00-4:30 PM

**Fees:** \$15 membership

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Information referral and advocacy organization for people with autism and their families and caregivers.

**Brain Injury Association of Colorado**

4200 West Conejos Place #524, Denver, CO 80204  
303-355-9969

**Website:** [www.biacolorado.org](http://www.biacolorado.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES, membership fees

**Eligibility:** Open to people with brain injuries, their families and health professionals.

**Description:** Provides information, referral, support groups, self-advocacy training, and legislative support for people with brain injuries and their families.

**CHARG Resource Center**

709 E. 12th Ave. Denver, CO 80203 (Main Office)  
303-830-8805

FAX 303-830-8918

**Website:** [www.charg.org](http://www.charg.org)

**Contact:** Jennifer Miller 3/830-2130

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Program is designed to serve people with mental illness over 18 years of age.

**Description:** CHARG offers a drop-in center with a variety of social and health services and advocacy support and information.

**Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)**

**Website:** <http://www.chadd.org>

**Description:** Offers resources and information about ADD/ADHD.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### Colorado Cross Disability Coalition

655 Broadway, Suite 775, Denver, Colorado 80203

303-839-1775 (voice), (303) 839-0015 (TTY)

FAX 303-839-1782

**Website:** [www.ccdconline.org](http://www.ccdconline.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves all people with disabilities.

**Description:** Provides advocacy services and legal resources for people with disabilities. Organization is run and directed solely by people with disabilities.

### Colorado Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

1575 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203

303-866-4824, TTY 303-866-4734

**Website:** [www.cdhs.state.co.us/deafcommission](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/deafcommission)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 9-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be deaf or hard of hearing.

**Description:** Provides information via the web site on variety of resources for people with hearing impairments. Helps to advocate for the needs of people with hearing impairments.

### Coloradodeaf.Com

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

**Description:** Provides public and private resources for deaf people living in Colorado including listings for interpreters, "deaf friendly" businesses, etc.

### Commission for People with Disabilities

201 W. Colfax Ave., Dept. 1102, Denver, Co. 80202

720-913-8480 Voice or 720-913-8492 TTY

**Website:** [www.denvergov.org/dephome.asp?depid=468](http://www.denvergov.org/dephome.asp?depid=468)

**Contact:** See list on website for contact info regarding specific issues.

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Provides advocacy for people with disabilities within the City of Denver, deaf interpreters for city based programs, and coordinates compliance with ADA law for the city.

### Denver Options

9900 East Iliff Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80231

303-636-5600

FAX 303-636-5603

**Website:** [www.denveroptions.org](http://www.denveroptions.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves people with developmental disabilities and their families.

**Description:** Provides support, information and referral for people with developmental disabilities and their families.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **Family Voices/CP of Colorado**

2200 Jasmine Street, Denver, CO 80222

303-691-9339, ext 26

**Website:** [www.cpcoco.org](http://www.cpcoco.org)

**Contact:** Jennifer Vasquez or Christy Blakely

**Hours:** 8-5 PM, M-F

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves people with or without disabilities.

**Description:** Family Voices assists families, service providers and other advocates in navigating health care and other services necessary for people with chronic health and/or disability related issues and needs. Family Voices can assist consumers in accessing public and private health and related systems. Although the focus is on children, adults are also encouraged to call.

### **Learning Disabilities Association of Colorado (LDAC)**

4400 East Iliff Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80222

(303) 894-0992

FAX 303-830-1645

**Website:** [www.ldacolorado.com](http://www.ldacolorado.com)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** The LDAC participates in lobbying legislators and school board members on behalf of learning disabled individuals. LDAC also collects current research on the subject of learning disabilities. LDAC attends staffings and presents workshops and conferences throughout Colorado to provide parents and teachers with the most up-to-date information on learning disability issues. LDAC also offers IEP advocacy.

### **Mental Health Association of Colorado**

6795 Tennessee Ave., Suite 425, Denver, CO 80224

303-377-3040

FAX 303-377-4920

**Website:** <http://www.mhacolorado.org/>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-5 PM, M-F

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to people with mental illness and their supporters.

**Description:** Provides education and advocacy services for people with mental illness. MHAC offers a leadership program for people with mental illness that develop organizational, advocacy and leadership skills ([www.wecancolorado.org](http://www.wecancolorado.org)) as well as pro bono services for community agencies that lack resources for mental health services.

### **Mile High Down Syndrome Association**

1899 Gaylord Street, Denver, CO 80206

303-797-1699

FAX 303-336-5669

**Website:** [www.mhdsa.org](http://www.mhdsa.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:**

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to people with Down Syndrome and their families, professionals and the community.

**Description:** Provides education, resources and support in partnership with individuals, families, professionals, and the community.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **National Alliance of the Mentally Ill Colorado**

1100 Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80206

303-321-3104

FAX 303-321-0912

**Website:** [www.namicolorado.org](http://www.namicolorado.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to people with mental illness and their families.

**Description:** Provides support, advocacy and resources to people with mental illness and their families.

### **Office of Civil Rights**

Federal Building, 1244 Speer Boulevard Suite 310, Denver, CO 80204

303-844-5695, TDD: 303-844-3417 FAX 303-844-4303

**Website:** [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.html?src=rt](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.html?src=rt)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Provides information and support to uphold Federal laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **Rocky Mountain Dyslexia Association**

P.O. Box 461010, Glendale, CO 80246

(303) 721-9425

FAX N/A

**Website:** [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

**Contact:** Lynn Kuhn, President

**Hours:** Varies

**Fees:** YES for membership

**Eligibility:** Open to the public

**Description:** Information and referral as well as educational conferences are available to people with dyslexia/reading disorders and to the general public.

### **Parent Resources**

#### **Colorado Families for Hands And Voices**

PO Box 371926, Denver CO 80237

303-492-6283

**Website:** [www.handsandvoices.org](http://www.handsandvoices.org)

**Contact:** Janet DesGeorges

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES, dues for membership

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Provides support and resources to parents of children with hearing impairments.

#### **El Grupo Vida**

P.O. Box 16347, Denver, CO 80216

303-904-6073

FAX 303-295-7850

**Website:** <http://www.elgrupovida.org/about.asp>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** Free

**Eligibility:** open to the public; geared toward Latino families.

**Description:** El Grupo Vida is a network of parents and families who have children with disabilities. They offer support, information and community events.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **N.O.V.A. (Nurturing Our Village Association)**

P.O. Box 390726, Denver, Colorado 80239

303-371-CARE (2273)

**Website:** [www.novalsm.org](http://www.novalsm.org)

**Contact:** Bridgette Larkin

**Eligibility:** Program is open to the public but is designed to serve African American families.

**Description:** NOVA is a leadership development, support and program to aid Black families and those with children who have "special needs"\* in navigating through the education and healthcare systems.

### **Parent To Parent**

c/o CP of Colorado

2200 S. Jasmine Street, Denver, CO 80222

1-877-472-7201 (English and Español)

**Website:** [www.p2p-co.org](http://www.p2p-co.org)

**Eligibility:** Open to parents who have sons or daughters with special health care needs and/or disabilities.

**Description:** Connects and empowers parents through support, 1 to 1 matching, information and resources.

### **Peak Parent Center**

611 N. Weber Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(800) 284-0251

FAX (719) 531-9452

**Website:** [www.peakparent.org](http://www.peakparent.org)

**Contact:** Shirley Swope

**Hours:** M-F, 8-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to parents of children with disabilities, professionals working with youth with disabilities and other supportive people.

**Description:** Provide technical assistance to parents and advocates who have or are working with children with learning disabilities. Spanish speaking counselor is available. Also, provide newsletter.



## Section 6: Youth Development

### Adam's Camp

5251 S. Quebec Street, #150, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

303-563-8290

FAX 303-563-8291

**Website:** [www.adamscamp.org](http://www.adamscamp.org)

**Contact:** Jonah Berger

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES; \$650- scholarships available

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 13 and older with disabilities.

**Description:** Summer camp for youth with disabilities. Offers 5 day overnight camping experience.

### Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver

2017 West 9th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204

303-892-9200

FAX 303-892-9210

**Website:** [www.bgcmd.org](http://www.bgcmd.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** After school and evenings

**Fees:** \$2 for membership

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 6-18.

**Description:** Clubs are located across Denver (see website for details). Clubs offer recreational activities for youth. No special programming for youth with disabilities. Most clubs are wheelchair accessible.

### Boy Scouts

2901 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80204

303-455-5522

FAX 303-455-4689

**Website:** [www.denverareacouncil.com](http://www.denverareacouncil.com)

**Contact:** Andrea Mosby-Jones

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** Yes, for some events

**Eligibility:** Open to all youth (male and female); program supports inclusion of youth with disabilities in all programming. Special Needs Scouting also available.

**Description:** Provides outdoor recreational events and activities.

### City Wild

3532 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80205

303-293-8737

**Website:** [www.citywild.org](http://www.citywild.org)

**Contact:** Reed McCullough

**Hours:** See below

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 11-14.

**Description:** Program provides experiential and environmental education program using outdoor activities such as rock climbing, skiing, hiking, etc. Program is offered at Bruce Randolph Middle School (hours: 2:35-5:00 PM) and Wyatt Edison Charter (4:00-6:00 PM). No specific services for youth with disabilities; many activities require heavy physical activity.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### Colorado UpLift

3914 King Street, Denver, CO 80211

303-830-6615

FAX 303-830-6763

**Website:** <http://www.coloradoupplift.org>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary (in and after school)

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Elementary, middle and high school youth can participate. UpLift is available at Manual, Bruce Randolph, East and others.

**Description:** Provides long-term support to youth from elementary to high school. Youth who complete their program get a scholarship to college. Offer cultural and recreational activities. No specific services for youth with disabilities; however, the program has served youth with developmental disabilities, hearing impairments and learning disabilities in the past.

### Denver Parks and Recreation- Special Needs Programs

1849 Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80218

303-839-4800

FAX 303-839-4819

**Website:** [www.denvergov.org/recreation](http://www.denvergov.org/recreation)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary per activity

**Fees:** YES; scholarships available

**Eligibility:** Open to people with disabilities.

**Description:** Parks and Recreation offer a variety of adapted recreational activities to people with disabilities including Special Olympics. TRAC is also available to help people with disabilities integrate into standard recreation center programs (303-839-4814).

### Environmental Learning For Kids (ELK)

Education Section, 6060 Broadway Street, Denver, Colorado 80216

303-371-8658

FAX 303-371-3009

**Website:** [www.elkkids.org](http://www.elkkids.org)

**Contact:** Stacie Gilmore

**Hours:** Vary  
year

**Fees:** \$50 per youth, \$75 per family per

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 8-18 years old.

**Description:** Environmental education program for urban youth who would not normally seek a career in natural resources (females, youth of color). Activities are geared toward the outdoors. Do classroom-based programs and fishing activities for youth with disabilities and has an inclusion policy.

### Girls Inc.

1499 Julian Street, Denver, CO 80204

303-893-4363

FAX 303-893-4352

**Website:** [www.girlsincedenver.org](http://www.girlsincedenver.org)

**Contact:** Angell Perez-Williams (ext 106)

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** Yes, scholarships available

**Eligibility:** Open to girls ages 6-18 years old.

**Description:** Provides workshops and classes that are geared toward teenage girls health, empowerment and well-being. Programs are offered in summer and during the school year. No specific programming for youth with disabilities; work to include youth with disabilities in the program. Building is wheelchair accessible.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **National Sports Center for the Disabled**

1801 Bryant Street, Denver, CO 80204

303-293-5711

FAX 303-293-5448

**Website:** [www.nscd.org](http://www.nscd.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary per activity

**Fees:** YES, for *some* activities

**Eligibility:** Serves youth and adults with a broad range of disabilities.

**Description:** Provides a variety of outdoor and sports activities including skiing, soccer, rock climbing, etc. for children, youth and adults with disabilities.

### **N.O.V.A. (Nurturing Our Village Association)**

P.O. Box 390726, Denver, Colorado 80239

303-371-CARE (2273)

**Website:** [www.novalsm.org](http://www.novalsm.org)

**Contact:** Bridgette Larkin

**Eligibility:** Program is open to the public but is designed to serve African American families.

**Description:** NOVA is a leadership development, support and program to aid Black families and those with children who have "special needs"\* in navigating through the education and healthcare systems. Sponsored by Parent to Parent.

### **One Nation Enlightened**

1536 Wynkoop Street Suite 303, Denver, CO. 80202

303-572-1663

FAX 720-855-8273

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Soyun Park

**Hours:** 8-5 PM, M-F

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth must be from East, West, Manual Leadership or George Washington High School from the ages of 13-20 and interested in making a change in their school and community.

**Description:** One Nation Enlightened works with youth and families to better understand public education and criminal justice systems so that they are aware of their rights and options. It is a grassroots membership based organization working to strengthen youth and community voices and provide skills training for members so that those youth and their families can lead efforts for social change. No disability information available.

### **The Spot**

2100 Stout Street, Denver, CO 80205

303-291-0442

**Website:** [www.thespot.org](http://www.thespot.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** S-Th, 5:30-10:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 14-24.

**Description:** A night time urban youth recreation center that offers break dancing, computer graphics, a dark room, music production, graffiti murals and GED classes. Frequently serve youth with mental illness.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### VSA Arts of Colorado/Access Gallery

909 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204

303-777-0797

**Website:** [www.vsaco.org](http://www.vsaco.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Gallery Hours:** W-F, 10-6 PM, Sat 10-2 PM

**Fees:** In some cases

**Eligibility:** Designed for individuals with disabilities and their families.

**Description:** VSA provides art classes for people with disabilities (all ages) and education programs for teachers. They also have a gallery space that displays the work of local artists that have a disability.

### Youth Works

700 Kalamath Street, Denver, CO 80204

303-308-8121

FAX 303-308-8120

**Website:** [www.microbusiness.org](http://www.microbusiness.org)

**Contact:** Brendan Landry

**Hours:** T, W, Th 9 AM-7 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth must be under 25 years old and interested in entrepreneurship.

**Description:** Youth Works provides entrepreneurship training through 1:1 mentorship to help youth start a business or improve an existing business. Micro loans may be available to youth who complete the training program. Able to accommodate youth with disabilities.



## Section 7: Legal Resources

### Colorado Legal Services

1905 Sherman St., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80203  
303-837-1313

**Website:** [www.coloradolegalservices.org](http://www.coloradolegalservices.org) **Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** (Walk in) 8:30-11:00, M-F **Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must meet income requirements. Must complete an intake interview prior to receiving services.

**Description:** Provide referral for low-income individuals to legal information and resources.

### The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People

455 Sherman Street, Suite 130, Denver, CO 80203  
303-722-0300, 303-722-3619 TTY

FAX 303-722-0720

**Website:** <http://www.thelegalcenter.org/index.htm>

Contact: Staff

**Hours:** 8:30-5 M-F

**Fees:** Yes, on occasion

**Eligibility:** Must be seeking legal services that are offered by the Legal Center and have a documented disability. No income requirements.

**Description:** Provide very specific legal services for people with disabilities such as dispute resolution for cases concerning Vocational Rehabilitation (called the Client Assistance Program), assistance with ensuring children get appropriate education, representation for housing complaints, and advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities regarding assistive technology needs. Also, provide assistance with PABSS (Protection and Advocacy of Beneficiaries of Social Security).

### Metro Volunteer Lawyers (formerly Legal Aid)

1905 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203  
303-830-8210

**Website:** [www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org](http://www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org) **Contact:** 303-837-1313

**Hours:** Vary **Fees:** Based on income level

**Eligibility:** Must be a resident of Denver, Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin or Jefferson counties. Must call Colorado Legal Services at 303-837-1313 for intake interview.

**Description:** Provides low cost or free law services for guardianship, landlord/tenant disputes, people with HIV/AIDS, etc. (See full listing on website)

### University of Denver Law Clinics

2255 East Evans Avenue, Room 335, Denver, Colorado 80208  
303- 871-6140

FAX 303-871-6378

**Website:** <http://www.law.du.edu/clinics>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8:30-5:00 PM, M-F

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Based on income (125% of poverty level)

**Description:** Provide legal representation for criminal defense (misdemeanors only), civil disputes (landlord/tenant, wage and hour claims and evictions), tax clinic, disability civil rights, mediation and arbitration.



## Section 8: Mentoring

### Big Brother Big Sisters

2420 West 26th Ave., Suite 450-D, Denver, CO 80211  
303-433-6002

**Website:** <http://www.bbbscolo.org>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Ages 7-17 for the Community Mentoring program (currently full) and REACH (mentoring for youth with incarcerated parent). Must live within Denver metro area.

**Description:** Provide variety of mentoring programs including a school-based and sports based program. No specific service for people with disabilities.

### Colorado Disability Mentoring

Assistive Technology Partners, 1245 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80218  
303-315-1284, 303-837-8964 TTY

FAX 303-837-1208

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Julia Beems

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to students and job seekers with disabilities.

**Description:** Provides year round job shadowing, hands-on career exploration, internship opportunities and one-on-one time with mentors.

### Colorado Youth At Risk

1156 Delaware St., Denver, CO 80204  
303-623-9140

FAX 303-623-9139

**Website:** <http://www.coloradoyouthatrisk.org>

**Contact:** Patty Bennett

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Program serves highly at risk youth who are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade who are at risk of dropping out of school at Manual and George Washington.

**Description:** Provides mentoring as well as a follow up program that provides services geared toward graduation, tutoring and college prep. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

### Denver Kids

1330 Fox St., Denver, CO 80204  
720-423-8266

FAX 720-423-8264

**Website:** <http://www.denverkidsinc.org>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** A teacher, counselor, nurse or other school personnel through DPS, refer youth to the program. Youth cannot be enrolled in another mentoring program such as Denver Partners, I Have A Dream, etc.

**Description:** Provide academic and emotional support to students in DPS. Provide counseling and mentorship as well as recreational activities. No specific services for youth with disabilities.



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### Denver Partners

701 South Logan Street, Suite 109, Denver, CO 80209

303-777-7000

FAX 303-777-0150

**Website:** [www.metrodenverpartners.org](http://www.metrodenverpartners.org) **Contact:** John Kraft

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves Adams, Douglas and Denver counties and ages 10-18. Must be at risk of dropping out, teen pregnancy, and gang activity. Referral comes through the school; cannot be referred by social services.

**Description:** Provides mentoring and tutoring services. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

### Save Our Youth

3443 West 23rd Avenue, Denver, CO 80211

303-455-1126

FAX 303-480-1397

**Website:** [www.saveouryouth.org](http://www.saveouryouth.org) **Contact:** Trudy Swain

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** SOY serves 11-19 year old youth, primarily minority youth residing in poor urban Denver neighborhoods. Must be self referred.

**Description:** Mentoring program with a spiritual focus. Mentors meet with youth once a week for one to two hours. Have served youth with learning disabilities.



Section 9: Mental Health Services

**Asian Pacific Center**

1875 York Street, Denver, CO 80206  
303-393-0304

**Website:** [www.apdc.org](http://www.apdc.org)

**Contact:** RELAY: Gee Thao, 303-782-5225  
Karl Chwe, 303-365-2959, ext 112

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Denver resident, high school youth only, usually nominated by high school counselor. Must go through an interview to enroll. Target group- Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders.

**Description:** Provides mental health services, youth programs and a multicultural interpreters bank. Youth programs are RELAY, which provides mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, recreation and cultural activities (T,Th 2:30-4:00 PM) and "Youth Strengthening Youth" program which is a peer counseling and leadership program held in Aurora.

**Aspen Youth Experience**

110 E. Hallam St., Suite 133, Aspen CO 81611  
970-925-6671

FAX 970-920-1855

**Website:** [www.agae.org](http://www.agae.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Winter and Summer Programs

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** At risk youth from across the US.

**Description:** Provides challenging outdoor activities such as ropes course and downhill skiing coupled with intensive "rap sessions" designed to help youth take a close look at their lives. Follow up services are also provided.

**Colorado AIDS Project**

2490 W. 26th Ave., Building A, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80211  
303-837-0166

FAX 303-861-8281

AIDS Info: 1-800-333-2437

**Website:** [www.coloradoaidsproject.org](http://www.coloradoaidsproject.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 9-5 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be infected by or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

**Description:** Provide a wide variety of services including case management, counseling and support, housing, prevention and testing.

**Conflict Center**

4140 Tejon Street, Denver, Colorado 80211  
303-433-4983

FAX 303-433-6166

**Website:** [www.conflictcenter.org](http://www.conflictcenter.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Teaches non-violent methods for dealing with conflict.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **ECCOS Family Center**

655 Broadway, Ste. 450, Denver, CO 80203  
303-480-1920

FAX 303-433-9627

**Website:** [www.eccosfamilycenter.org](http://www.eccosfamilycenter.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Services are geared toward Latino children, youth, adults and families.

**Description:** ECCOS provides a variety of programs including counseling, support groups, mentoring, parenting classes, etc.

### **El Futuro**

1070 Bannock, Suite 150, Denver, Colorado 80203  
720-904-7125

FAX 303-433-9627

**Website:** [www.eccosfamilycenter.org/e\\_futuro.htm](http://www.eccosfamilycenter.org/e_futuro.htm)

**Contact:** Chris Medina

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Geared toward gay and bisexual Latino men.

**Description:** El Futuro provides educational, social, and counseling interventions to the Latino community at risk or living with HIV/AIDS through support groups, individual counseling and community center activities.

### **FACES**

3915 E. Exposition Ave., Denver, CO 80209  
720-570-9333

FAX 720-570-9339

**Website:** [www.facesonline.org](http://www.facesonline.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** By appointment

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Social service agencies or programs refer most clients served by FACES. Others may sign up for waiting list for services.

**Description:** FACES provides counseling to children ages 0-12, teen parenting in-home counseling and support in both English and Spanish.

### **GRASP (Gang Rescue and Support Project)**

701 S. Logan Street, #109, Denver, CO 80209  
303-777-3117

FAX 303-777-0150

**Website:** <http://www.graspyouth.org>

**Contact:** Francisco Gallardo

**Hours:** 5:30 W and Th

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Male/female youth, ages 14-19, gang-involved (ranked in or associated with gang members, and/or family history of gang involvement), substance abuse issues, history of juvenile justice involvement, family dysfunction or family involvement in any of the above.

**Description:** Gang Rescue and Support Project is a peer-run, intervention program that works with youth who are at-risk of gang involvement or are presently active in gangs, helps families of gang victims, and serves as a youth advocate. They help with tattoo removal and provide educational programs.



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### **Judi's House**

1600 St. Paul Street, Denver, CO 80206

720-941-331

FAX 720-941-0728

**Website:** [www.judishouse.org](http://www.judishouse.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** By appointment

**Fees:** Based on what the family can afford

**Eligibility:** Services are for children 3-18 years old and families that have lost a sibling, parent, friend or grandparent.

**Description:** Provide support groups for children coping with grief after a significant loss.

### **MDS (Maria Droste) Counseling Services (Options Program)**

1355 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80222

303-756-9052, ext 2

FAX 303-756-0308

**Website:** [www.mdscounseling.org](http://www.mdscounseling.org)

**Contact:** Intake

**Hours:** By appointment

**Fees:** Sliding scale

**Eligibility:** This program serves children, adults and families who are ineligible for state-funded counseling services, or do not have adequate insurance coverage or the financial resources to pay for counseling through the private sector.

**Description:** The Options program was created to provide quality mental health services regardless of a client's ability to pay.

### **Mental Health Corporation of Denver**

1555 Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80206

303-504-1250 (intake)

**Website:** [www.mhcd.com](http://www.mhcd.com)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-5 PM

**Fees:** Sliding scale or Medicaid/Medicare

**Eligibility:** Call intake (number above) for initial screening.

**Description:** Provides mental health assessment and treatment, crisis intervention and care coordination, medical evaluation and management.

### **One Way Youth Services**

2949 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80211

720-422-1518

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Cisco Gallardo or Joseph "JoJo" Padilla

**Hours:** Every T, 5:30-7:00 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth must be referred.

**Description:** Two tiered process that motivates gang involved youth to change their lives.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### People House

3035 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80211

303-480-5130

FAX 303-480-3646

**Website:** [www.peoplehouse.org](http://www.peoplehouse.org)

**Contact:** Lori Ohlson, 303-525-3038

**Hours:** By appointment

**Fees:** Sliding Scale

**Eligibility:** Services are for people with low income who do not have financial resources for counseling.

**Description:** Provide low cost counseling to adults, families and couples. May extend to youth as well in the future.

### Project PAVE

2051 York Street, Denver, CO 80206

303-322-2382

FAX 303-322-0032

**Website:** [www.projectpave.org](http://www.projectpave.org)

**Contact:** Amy Stambuck, Program Director or  
Johanna Ulloa (Bilingual)

**Hours:** 9-5 or by appointment

**Fees:** Sliding Scale

**Eligibility:** Youth and families who are or have been impacted by domestic violence, abuse and or neglect

**Description:** Provides individual and family counseling for youth and families impacted by domestic violence, abuse and or neglect, group counseling also available. PAVE also has school-based counselors in three schools in DPS, Adams 50, and Aurora.

### Rainbow Alley

1050 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203 (mailing address: P.O. Box 9798, Denver, CO 80209-0798)

303-733-7743

FAX 303-282-9399

**Website:** [http://www.coloradoglbt.org/rainbow\\_alley.html](http://www.coloradoglbt.org/rainbow_alley.html)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** T & Th 3-8 pm, W 3-9 pm, F 3-10 pm, and Sat 4-10 pm

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Services are for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning young people, aged 21 years and younger.

**Description:** A drop in youth center that provides health services, counseling and referral, and youth lead events and activities.

### Servicios de La Raza

4055 Tejon St., Denver, CO 80211

303-458-5851, Annex 303-477-3817

FAX 303-455-1332

**Website:** <http://www.serviciosdelaraza.org>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** M-F, 8:00 to 5:00

**Fees:** \$45 fee for sub abuse intake, sliding scale for other services

**Eligibility:** Open to the public. Services are geared toward adults and families.

**Description:** Provides domestic violence victim services (free), mental health services such as counseling, and psychiatric and medication evaluation (paid for through Medicaid or self-pay, sliding scale) and emergency services such as food and clothing banks. La Vereda (The Path) is the WIA case management based program for youth 16-21 years old.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **Shaka Franklin Foundation**

5929 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, CO 80207  
303-370-6733

**Website:** [www.shaka.org](http://www.shaka.org)

**Contact:** Johnnie Williams

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must be between 13 and 18 years old.

**Description:** Provides a variety of activities including music production, computer lab, and martial arts. Geared to support at risk youth, especially those who might be at risk for suicide.

### **VORP of Denver Parent-Teen Mediation**

430 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80204  
303-534-6167

FAX 303-796-9593

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Ann Schrader, Director

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** Free

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** VORP provides family mediation within two; two-hour sessions with a two-month follow up. Mediation helps resolve conflicts and improve family's ability to talk about and solve problems.



## Section 10: Assistive/Adaptive Technology

### Ability Hub

**Website:** <http://www.abilityhub.com>

**Description:** Provides basic information on adaptive equipment options.

### Assistive Tech Partners/The Colorado Assistive Technology Project

1245 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80218

303-315-1280, 303-837-8964 TTY

FAX 303-827-1208

**Website:** <http://www.uchsc.edu/atp>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-5, M-F

**Fees:** YES (see below)

**Eligibility:** Open to the public. Medical insurance is accepted; some scholarships may be available for evaluations and attendance at the annual conference.

**Description:** Provide clinical evaluations for people with disabilities, training for professionals and an annual conference.

### Denver Public Schools Assistive Technology Team

(Through Assistive Tech Partners- see above)

1330 Fox Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor South, Denver, CO 80204

720-423-8031

FAX 720-423-8249

**Website:** [www.dpsk12.org](http://www.dpsk12.org)

**Contact:** Linda Cordts

**Eligibility:** Youth must be referred by a teacher or family member and an established IEP. Referral form is on the DPS website under Student Services Manual.

**Description:** Provides assistive technology assessments to determine what devices or strategies will allow the youth to best access the curriculum.

### Digital Federal Credit Union- Access Loans

1-800-328-8797, ext 9402

**Website:** <http://www.dcu.org>

**Contact:** Shane Hoover

**Eligibility:** Open to people with disabilities or people purchasing equipment on their behalf.

**Description:** Provide loans to purchase adaptive equipment, including computer software, and durable medical equipment that require no down payment for up to 72 months. Loan amounts can range from \$1,500 to \$25,000.

### Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

2211 W. Evans, Denver, CO 80223

303-866-2500

**Website:** [www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/ods\\_dvr1.html](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/ods_dvr1.html) **Contact:** Staff

**Eligibility:** Must be determined at time of application. Services are restricted to people with disabilities. Testing may be provided to determine whether client is disabled before services can be rendered.

**Description:** Provide funding for equipment needs for people with documented disabilities to enhance employability on case-by-case basis.



## Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

### **Recordings For The Blind and Dyslexic**

1355 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite C-406, Denver, CO 80222

303-757-0787

**Website:** [www.rfbid.org](http://www.rfbid.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** M-Th: 8:00 AM-8:00 PM, F: 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

**Fees:** Personal Membership: \$35/year + \$85 set up fee

**Eligibility:** Must have a documented disability.

**Description:** Sliding scale fee for books on tape. They offer a wide selection of titles.



**Section 11: Equipment/Service Needs/Home Adaptations**

**Colorado Center for the Blind**

2233 W. Sheppard Ave., Littleton, CO 80120

303-778-1130

FAX 303-778-1598

Website: [www.cocenter.org](http://www.cocenter.org)

Contact: Staff

Hours:

Fees:

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Website: <http://www.dcu.org>

Contact: Shane Hoover

**Eligibility:** Open to people with disabilities or people purchasing equipment on their behalf.

**Description:** Provide loans to purchase adaptive equipment, including durable medical equipment that require no down payment for up to 72 months. Loan amounts can range from \$1,500 to \$25,000.

**Friends of Man**

PO Box 937, Littleton, CO 80160-0937

303-798-2342

Website: N/A

Contact: Staff

Hours: 9:00-5:00 PM

Fees: NO

**Eligibility:** Varies according to the service being requested. Ex. If requesting car repair, must bring repair estimate. Person must be referred by a helping professional and complete application to get help.

**Description:** Provides financial assistance with wheelchairs, prostheses, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medications, and medical bills.

**Hear Now**

4248 Glen Road, Minneapolis, MN 55415

1-800-648-4327

Website: N/A

Contact: Staff

Hours: Regular

Fees: NO

**Eligibility:** Services are for the hearing impaired and are offered after all other sources have been exhausted.

**Description:** Provides reconditioned hearing aids to people with limited resources.

**Home Builders Foundation**

1400 S. Emerson, Denver, CO 80210

303-778-1400, ext 335

FAX 303-733-9440

Website: <http://www.hbfdenver.org/>

Contact: Staff

Hours: Vary

Fees: Services are granted based on person's financial resources.

**Eligibility:** Home adaptation services are offered to people with disabilities who have exhausted all other resources.

**Description:** Provides home adaptation including wheelchair ramps, accessible entry points and modified appliances.



**International Hearing Dog**

303-287-3277 V/TTY

**Contact:** Valerie Foss-Brugger

**Eligibility:** Available to deaf individuals.

**Description:** Provides hearing dogs free of charge to deaf individuals.

**Kids Mobility Network, Inc.**

2687 W. Bitterroot Place, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

303-242-8281

**Contact:** info@kidsmobility.org

**MS Society- Colorado Chapter**

700 Broadway, Suite 808, Denver, CO 80203-3442

303-831-0700

FAX 303-831-8001

**Website:** [http://www.nationalmssociety.org/COC/event/event\\_detail.asp?e=286](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/COC/event/event_detail.asp?e=286)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8:00-5:00 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to anyone with MS.

**Description:** Provides referrals and resources for durable medical equipment.

**Rebuilding Together**

5480 E. Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80222

720-524-0840

FAX 303-300-6949

**Website:** [www.rebuildingdenver.org](http://www.rebuildingdenver.org)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-4:30 PM

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Must have low income (\$2000 or less per month gross income for the month), own a home and have a documented disability.

**Description:** Rebuilding Together Metro Denver unites volunteers to repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income elderly and people with disabilities in the Denver metropolitan area.

**Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program**

1793-2 Quentin Street, Aurora, CO 80110

720-859-0769 (Main TTY), 720-859-0767 (Voice or TTY) FAX 720-859-3113

**Website:** [www.cdhs.state.co.us/DeafCommission/tedp.htm](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/DeafCommission/tedp.htm)

**Contact:** Staff

**Eligibility:** Must be a Colorado resident, have a certified hearing loss, have access to phone service and meet income requirements.

**Description:** Provides free communication devices such as TTY machines, amplified phones, speaker phones, ring signaling devices, and specialized telephone equipment for citizens who are Deaf-Blind.



## Section 12: Transportation

### Transportation Assistance

#### **Colorado Transport**

3455 York Street, Denver, CO 80205

720-296-932

FAX 303-394-4604

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Larry Benford

**Hours:** Call for appointment

**Fees:** YES, \$15.19 each way for w/c van +

.61 per mile, car ride \$12.60 each way + .61 per mile

**Eligibility:** Open to the public. Accepts Medicaid and Medicare.

**Description:** Provides transportation services to the community. Call 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

#### **Red Cross**

444 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203

303-722-7474

FAX 303-722-7588

**Website:** [www.denver-redcross.org](http://www.denver-redcross.org)

**Contact:** Transportation Dept.

**Hours:** 9:00-3:00 PM

**Fees:** YES, \$11 for car ride, \$18 for w/c van each way

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Provides transportation services starting at 9:00 AM and ending with the last ride of the day beginning at 3:00 PM. Allow 3 business days to schedule a ride and 24 hours to cancel.

#### **RTD Access-A-Ride**

1600 Blake Street, Denver, Colorado 80202

303.299.2960 or TTY 303.299.2980

**Website:** <http://www.rtd-denver.com/SpecialRides/access-a-ride/>

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-5, M-F

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Must have a documented disability that prevents use of unable to access or use a wheelchair lift equipped bus, does not have a wheelchair life equipped bus in their area or whose disability does not allow them to get to or from a bus stop. Requires a functional assessment and a doctor's statement. Services are available to people ages 6 and up.

**Description:** Provides door-to-door transportation service for people with disabilities.



**Driving**

**Adaptive Automotive**

333 E. 76th Avenue, Denver, CO 80029  
303-288-6342

FAX 303-288-0366

**Website:** [www.adaptiveautomotive.com](http://www.adaptiveautomotive.com)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8-5 PM

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Provides accessible vans, mini-vans and vehicle equipment.

**Colorado Adaptive Driving Programs**

Spaulding Rehabilitation- OT Department  
900 Potomac Street, Aurora, CO 80111  
303-367-1166

**Contact:** Ray Ericson

**Website:** N/A

**Fees:** YES, \$400 (DVR may cover)

**Hours:** 8-4:30 PM, M-F

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Provide driver safety assessments and adaptive vehicle evaluation and training.

**Division of Motor Vehicles- Oral Driver's License Testing**

1865 W. Mississippi Avenue, Denver, CO 80223  
303-937-9507

**Contact:** Staff

**Website:** [www.mv.state.co.us](http://www.mv.state.co.us)

**Fees:** YES, \$15.60 for license

**Hours:** 8-12 PM, T, W, Th

**Eligibility:** Available to the public.

**Description:** Provides a taped driver's license test.

**Master Drive of Denver**

15659 E. Hinsdale Dr., Englewood, CO 80112  
303 627-4447

FAX 303-627-6474

**Website:** [http://www.masterdrive.com/frame\\_rehab.html](http://www.masterdrive.com/frame_rehab.html) **Contact:** Denise Kaplan

**Hours:**

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Program is designed to serve people who are stroke survivors and people with traumatic brain injuries, MS, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, and ADD/LD.

**Description:** Provides evaluation and interventions to help people with disabilities develop the skills needed to drive.

**Morning Star Mobility**

7100 N. Broadway, Unit 7-A, Denver, CO 80221  
303-412-8700

FAX 303-487-6181

**Website:** [www.msmobility.com](http://www.msmobility.com)

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** 8:00-5:30 PM, M-F

**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** **Eligibility:** Open to the public.

**Description:** Provide driver safety assessments and service.



## Section 13: Independent Living Centers

### **Atlantis Independent Living Center**

201 S. Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80223

303-733-9324

TDD 303-733-0047

**Website:** [www.atlantiscom.org](http://www.atlantiscom.org)

**Contact:** Mike Auberger

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves people with all types of disabilities.

**Description:** Provides a variety of services including advocacy, assistance with benefits, attendant services, education including life skills and basic skills/GED, financial literacy, some assistance with assistive technology, etc.

### **Disability Center for Independent Living**

5900 E. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #4, Denver, CO 80207

303-320-1345, 303-320-2330 TTY

FAX 303-320-1355

**Website:** N/A

**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** Regular

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves people with all types of disabilities.

**Description:** Provides independent living skills training, advocacy, information and referrals, food and clothing bank, financial management classes, peer counseling services and jail diversion programs.



Section 14: Housing

**Shelters for Youth**

**Comitis**

9840 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aurora 80010  
303-343-9890

**Eligibility:** Shelter for youth 12-17 years old.

**Description:** Comitis offers a “crisis time out program” which is a 2-week program to provide respite for parents and children. Comitis is currently closed due to funding; call for status.

**Family Tree Gemini House**

1629 Simms Street, Lakewood, CO 80215  
303-235-0630

**Website:** [www.thefamilytree.org](http://www.thefamilytree.org)

**Contact:** Don Moseley

**Hours:** Vary

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Serves youth ages 11 to 18.

**Description:** Gemini is an adolescent center providing, in a structured environment, emergency shelter, counseling, education, 24-hour referral line, aftercare and street outreach to homeless and runaway youth. Youth in unsafe situations can stay at Gemini for up to 90 days. The shelter is wheelchair accessible for females; arrangements can be made for males as needed.

**Urban Peak**

1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223  
303-777-9198

FAX 303-777-9438

**Website:** [www.urbanpeak.org](http://www.urbanpeak.org)

**Contact:** Intake staff

**Hours:** Vary, call for appointment

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to homeless youth ages 15-20.

**Description:** Provide shelter and services to homeless youth including family reunification, counseling, health care, GED and employment services. Urban Peak is wheelchair accessible and equipped to work with youth with mental illness.

**Transitional Housing**

**Mayor’s Transitional Housing Program for Youth**

1545 Ogden Street, Denver, CO 80218  
303-777-9198 (Urban Peak: Contact- Suzanne Kittleson)  
303-297-0408 (VOA: Contact- Rachel Knost)

**Eligibility:** Youth who are 16 to 22 years old, must be engaged in work or school or both full time. Must be homeless or borderline homeless (“couch surfing”); rent is based on 30% of income (if through VOA) or \$200 starting and then increases (if through UP). The apartment building is not wheelchair accessible.

**Description:** Provide transitional housing for up to 18 months. Case management and life skill training is included in the program.



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### **Urban Peak Transitional Housing for Disabled Youth**

1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223

303-777-9198

FAX 303-777-9438

**Website:** [www.urbanpeak.org](http://www.urbanpeak.org)

**Contact:** Intake staff

**Hours:** Vary, call for appointment

**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Open to homeless youth with a documented disability.

**Description:** Provide 16 unit transitional housing complex for youth with disabilities ages 18-24 and one for youth with substance abuse issues.



## Section 15: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

### Information on Applying for SSDI

**Website:** <http://www.ssa.gov/dibplan/dapply.htm>

**Description:** Has links to apply for SSDI on line and to help locate a local Social Security office.

### Social Security Disability Benefit Eligibility

**Website:** <http://www.ssa.gov/best>

**Description:** The Social Security Administration provides a simple web-based tool to see if an applicant might be eligible for benefits from any of the programs they administer. This tool will provide eligibility information based on the answers given by an applicant; however, BEST is not an application for benefits.

### Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Information

**Website:** <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/d&s1.htm>

**Description:** Provides basic information about SSDI for children and adults.