

Homeschooling The Special Needs Child

A RESOURCE GUIDE

Homeschooling a special needs child is both legal and possible in the state of North Carolina. If your child is at least 7, but not yet 16, or 16 and over and planning to drive, you will need to file with the state a "Notice of Intent to Operate a School." Contact the N.C. Division of Non-Public Education (DNPE) (919-733-4276) to request a homeschool packet, or download it from their web site.

Department of Administration
Division of Non-Public Education
1309 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1309
(919) 733-4276
Website <www.ncdnpe.org>

There are no exemptions for special needs children. They must meet all the requirements, including testing. The law does not specify what level test the child must receive.

Join your local support group. To locate your closest support group, contact NCHE. Support groups provide activities, resources, encouragement and support.

NCHE recommends that you have a plan for short and long term goals. This will help you choose your curriculum and other resources.

Note: Children in school settings may be identified as having learning problems when what they really need is time to mature. For information on this subject read: *Better Late Than Early* and *School Can Wait* by Raymond and Dorothy Moore.

RESOURCES

GENERAL

How to Write an IEP (Individualized Education Program), John Arena

Growing up Learning, Walter Barbe

You Can Teach Your Child Successfully, Ruth Beechick

The Disabled and Their Parents, Leo Buscaglia

The IEP Primer, Beverly A. School, Arlene Cooper

Homeschooling Children with Special Needs, Sharon Hensley

Learning in Spite of Labels, Choosing and Using Curriculum for Your Special Needs Child, Luke's Life Long List, Luke's Academic List, Joyce Herzog

Developing Your Child for Success, Dr. Kenneth Lane

The Impossible Child, Doris Rapp

Strategies for Struggling Learners, Joe P. and Connie J. Sutton

The Way They Learn, Cynthia Ulrich Tobias

To a Different Drumbeat: A Practical Guide to Parenting Children with Special Needs, P. Clarke, H. Kofsky, and J. Lauruol

NICHEY (The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities)
(800) 695-0285, www.nichey.org

ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

Maybe You Know My Kid: A Parent's Guide to Identifying, Understanding, and Helping Your Child with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Mary Cahill Fowler

Attention Deficit Disorder, Glen Hunsucker

The Hyperactive Child, Dr. Grant Martin

A Guide for Parents of Children with ADHD, Larry Silver, MD, 1993

The Parent's Guide to Attention Deficit Disorder, Stephen B. McCarney, Ed. D., and Angela Marie Bauer, M. Ed.

You and Your ADD Child, Paul Warren

The Attention Deficit Child, Dr. Grant Martin
Solid Answers: Attention Deficit Disorder/Adult ADD, cassette published by Focus on the Family

AUTISM

Shepherd Boy
www.shepherdboy.org
Quarterly newsletter

Children with Autism: A Parent's Guide, Michael D. Powers
A Parent's Guide to Autism: Answers to the Most Common Questions, Charles A. Hart
Teach Me Language, Sabrina K. Freeman
Teaching Children with Autism, Robert L. Koegel, ed and Lynn Kern Koegel, ed

BLIND

Just Enough to Know Better, Eileen P. Curran
The Xavier Society for the Blind
(212) 473-7800, ask for catalog and information

CEREBRAL PALSID

Handling the Young Cerebral Palsied Child at Home, Nancie Finnie

DEAF

National Association of the Deaf Bookstore
(301) 587-6282 ask for catalog (This association uses signing.)

John Tracy Clinic
(800) 522-4582 - educational center, ask for information (This clinic uses oral training.)

Gallaudet University Bookstore
<www.gallaudet.edu>

DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED

When Slow is Fast Enough, Educating the Delayed Pre-School Child, Joan F. Goodman
Slow and Steady Get Me Ready, June R. Oberland

DOWN SYNDROME

Teaching the Infant with Down Syndrome, Marci Hansen
Teaching Reading to Children with Down Syndrome, Marci Hansen
New Perspectives on Down Syndrome, Siegrfried Peuschel
Down Syndrome, A Resource Handbook, Carol Tingey

DYSLEXIA

The Gift of Dyslexia, Ronald D. Davis

The International Dyslexia Association
(410) 296-0232 National
(800) 284-1990 NC Branch

FRAGILE X SYNDROME

Children with Fragile X Syndrome, edited by Abigail & Gregory Barr

GIFTED

Guiding Your Gifted Child, Janice Baker and Maggie Hogan

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Help Me to Help My Child, A Sourcebook For Parents Of Learning Disabled Children, Jill Bloom

Living With a Learning Disability, Barbara Cordoni
How to Identify Your Child's Learning Problems and What to Do about Them, Duane Gagnon
Making the Words Stand Still, Donald E. Lyman
Helping Children Overcome Learning Difficulties, Jerome Rosner
The Misunderstood Child, Larry Silver, MD (1992 ed.)

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Phonics for Reading and Spelling, Bonnie Dettmer
Straight Talk: A Parent's Guide for Correcting Childhood Mispronunciations, Marisa Lapisch
Straight Talk 2: A Parent's Guide to Language Development, Marisa Lapisch
The Joy of Signing, Lottie Reikoff

ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPLIERS, PUBLISHERS

When contacting these resources, please state your needs and ask for information and/or catalog.

A.D.D. Warehouse
(800) 233-9273, <www.addwarehouse.com>

Cambridge Development Lab, Inc.
Special Times Computer Software for Special Education (Quarterly Catalog)
Free subscriptions
(800) 637-0047, <www.edumatch.com>

CH.A.D.D. (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders)
(800) 233-4050, <www.chadd.org>
Attention!® Magazine, quarterly newsletter and resources

Educators Publishing Service Inc. (EPS)
(800) 435-7728, <www.epsbooks.com>

Focus on the Family
(719) 531-5181, information, (800) 232-6459, purchases,
<www.family.org>

Hewitt Homeschooling Resources Special Needs Program
(800) 348-1750 [catalog requests], <www.hewitthomeschooling.com>
(800) 890-4097

Home School Legal Defense Association
(504) 338-5600, <www.hslda.org>

Learning Services
(800) 877- 9378, <www.learningservicesinc.com>

Mastery Publications
(828) 684-0429, <www.masterypublications.com>

NATHHAN (National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network)
(208) 267-6246, <www.nathhan.com>
Newsletter, Family Directory, Lending Library

Pro-Ed
(800) 897-3202
<www.proedinc.com>

Joyce Herzog
(800) 745-8212, <www.joyceherzog.com>

Small Ventures/In His Step
(940) 566-6123 (Phonics materials for special needs)

The Exceptional Parent (Magazine)

(877) 372-7368, <www.eparent.com>

The Moore Foundation
Special Needs Full Service Program
(360) 835- 5500, <www.MooreFoundation.com>

Woodbine House
(800) 843-7323, <www.woodbinehouse.com>

NCHE does not officially recommend nor endorse any resources listed. This is just a small sample of an ever increasing list of available products and services for special needs children.

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27609-6125
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E-mail <nche@nche.com>
Web site <www.nche.com>

Other brochures available from NCHE:

- Getting Started, A Step-by-Step Guide to Establishing a Homeschool in North Carolina
- Home Education in North Carolina
- Homeschooling High School

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