

Parent Resource Guide
Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana

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Innovations in Learning

This guide is being provided as a resource, it is not a recommendation or endorsement of services.

Crisis Hotline Numbers

Community Resource Directory

211

Provides information about health and human service organizations in your community; Call Specialist will empower the caller by referring and educating them about government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources; The Call Specialist will advocate on the behalf of those unable to help themselves.

Crisis Contact Hotline

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-219-938-0900 (local)

1-800-519-0469 (local toll-free)

Anonymous; free crisis, listening, information and referral service

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline

1-800-800-5556

Anonymous reporting of any suspected child abuse or neglect for state of Indiana.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress; provides crisis counseling and mental health referrals in your area

St. Jude House Crisis Line

1-800-254-1286

24-hour crisis line for support, information, and referral in cases of domestic violence and/or sexual assault; home provides safe emergency, temporary shelter for victims, counseling, education, and support groups

Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

24-hour confidential hotline; highly trained expert advocates available to talk with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship

Pre-Natal Helpline

1-800-995-7147

Geminus Community Partners

1-866-641-7181

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ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis)

ABA Chicago, Inc.

1-847-997-7157

30 E Huron St, #1106, Chicago IL 60611

www.abachicago.com

Insurance: Most major plans & TriCare ECHO/Demo

ABA Chicago provides BCBA supervised home-based ABA-Verbal Behavior programs.

Behavior and Learning Solutions

1-219-472-0628

8762 Louisiana St. Suite J, Merrillville, IN 46410

www.behaviorandlearningsolutions.com

Provides instructional alternatives and behavioral-based programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism, using scientifically-based methodologies of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and Precision Teaching; 1:1 therapy, group sessions, consultation and training services.

Behavior Specialists of Indiana

1-219-462-6705

7863 Broadway, Suite 239, Merrillville, IN 46410

www.bsitherapy.com

Treats individuals with autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, anxiety, attention deficits, and conduct disorders using ABA, behavior therapy, music therapy, individual and family counseling, evaluations and diagnostics, groups; works with Waiver, First Steps, and some Medicaid providers.

Innovations in Learning, PC

1-219-791-1400

8200 Georgia St. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.innovationsinlearning.net

Provides intensive ABA services to children with autism and related disorders, largest ABA clinic in northwest Indiana; educational and training programs, parent information and networking groups; accepts most major private insurance companies, and some Medicaid providers

Kidworks

1-219-983-9675

1120 South Calumet Road, Chesterton IN

www.kidworksonline.com

Insurance: Anthem/BC/BS, United Healthcare, Multiplan, PCHS, CSHCS (OT and PT); Medicaid and CSHCS for Nutrition, OT and PT; Waiver approved for OT, PT and Music Therapy

Offers Physical, Speech, Occupational, and Developmental Therapy; also provides Music Therapy, Nutrition Services, and Social Skills Groups

Life Strategies

1-219-359-3272

5521 W. Lincoln Hwy. Suite 105, Crown Point, IN 46307

www.life-strategies.net

Therapy services for children, couples, individuals, and families; autism services including ABA

Wee Care Therapy

1-219-322-1415

440 Edmond Drive, Dyer, IN

www.weecaretherapy.com

Insurance: Wee Care Therapy is in network with several insurance plans and provides services through First Steps. Please call for additional information.

Provides behavioral services (including ABA), developmental therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech and language therapy services.

Zeilbeck Group

1-219-575-1437

717 Monroe Street, LaPorte, IN 46350

www.zeilbeckgroup.com

Insurance: Most major plans and Medicaid

Provides many services, including ABA therapy, Environmental Modification, Facility Habilitation, Community Habilitation, and Respite Services.

Advocacy & Legal Assistance

ASK- About Special Kids

1-317-257-8683

1-800-964-4746 (Toll-Free)

www.aboutspecialkids.org

About Special Kids is a "Parent to Parent" organization that works throughout the state of Indiana to answer questions and provide support, information and resources; parents and family members of children with special needs are trained as Parent Liaison staff members and provide teaching on how to anticipate child and family needs, identify family and community resources, and access community systems to help meet needs of the children

Autism Society of Indiana (ASI)

1-800-608-8449

www.autismsocietyofindiana.org

Mission is to improve the lives of all people affected by autism in Indiana by providing individualized information and support referrals, advocacy, and to promote acceptance throughout the state

IN*Source

1-574-234-7101

1-800-332-4433

1703 South Ironwood Dr. South Bend, IN 46613

www.insource.org

The mission of IN*Source is to provide parents, families, and service providers in Indiana the information and training necessary to assure effective educational programs and appropriate services for children and young adults with disabilities

IPAS (Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services)

1-800-622-4845 ext. 452 (for general information)

1-800-622-4845 ext. 444 (for services in Northern Indiana)

www.in.gov/ipas

Mission of IPAS is to protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities through empowerment and advocacy. Some services provided include information and technical assistance to individuals, investigation concerning abuse or neglect, assistance to secure appropriate services, correcting discrimination, and more. Some disability issues addressed may be Advocacy, Abuse & Neglect, Special Education, Equal Access, and Assistive & Information Technology

Behavioral Management/Therapy

AccessAbilities, Inc.

1-219-755-4049

7442 Broadway Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.accessabilitiesinc.com

Provides services under Medicaid Waivers including Support Services, Autism, and Developmental Disabilities Waivers; services included are Respite care, Community and Facility Habilitation, Music Therapy, Behavior Management Services, Transportation, Family/Caregiver Training, Personal Care Services, Caregiver Support, and Residential Living Allowance

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Edgewater Behavioral Health Services

219-885-4264

1100 W 6th Avenue

Gary IN 46402

www.edgewaterstems.org

Family & Youth services program committed to the provision of quality psychotherapeutic interventions for children, adolescents and families in the community through a continuum of affordable behavioral health services

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HBS Counseling Services

219-795-1275

7863 Broadway Suite 220

Merrillville IN 46410

www.homebasedbehavioralsolutions.com

Committed to providing excellence in behavioral health services.

Biomedical Therapy

Phillip C. DeMio, M.D.

1-216-901-0441

320 Orchardview Ave, Suite 2, Seven Hills, OH 44131

www.drдемio.com

Mary Lou Hulseman, M.D.

1-317-621-1700

Fall Creek Family Medicine

9560 E 59th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46216

www.fallcreekmed.com

Eugene Justus, M.D.

1-317-486-2350

Speedway Family Physicians

1426 Main Street, Indianapolis, IN 46224

Renee Kimberling, N.D., R.N.
1-219-510-5623
Healing Arts (N.A.E.T.)
2307 LaPorte Ave., Suite 4, Valparaiso, IN 46383
<http://healingartsvalpo.com>

Rhonda Marsh, R.N., M.S.N., C.F.N.P.
1-317-580-9333
Integrative Health Specialists of Indiana
9333 N. Meridian St. Suite 202, Indianapolis, IN 46260
www.healthyindy.com

Anju Usman, M.D.
1-630-995-4242
True Health Medical Center
603 E. Diehl Rd. #135, Naperville, IL 60563

Michael Williamson, M.D.
1-765-524-6055
Autism Hope & Healing Clinic
616 E. Main Street, Muncie, IN 47305
www.autismhopeandhealing.com

Case Management

IPMG (Indiana Professional Management Group)
1-866-672-4764
www.gotoipmg.com

Provides person-centered case management services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; certified provider for the Indiana Medicaid Waiver Program; serves individuals who receive Family Supports Waiver and Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver.

Futures Case Management
www.futurescasemanagement.com

Case-management for individuals served on Indiana Medicaid Community Integration Waiver and the Family Supports Waiver; provides advocacy, planning and completion for Individualized Support Plans and Cost Comparison Budgets, assessments necessary, financial, health, and safety monitoring, and ongoing waiver maintenance.

Unity of Indiana
www.unityofindiana.com

Case management services to individuals exercising their choice in waiver services

Childcare

www.Care.com

Care.com offers a way for parents to search through their network of caregivers to find a sitter or nanny to best fit the family's needs (occasional date nights, part-time or full-time nannies, etc) upon entering the site, parents can select what kind of care is needed, with the ability to request Special Needs care.

CareFinder

1-800-299-1627

www.choldcarefinder.in.gov

If you are selecting child care, CareFinder can help you make an informed decision.

Caring Heart Open Arms Childcare and Development Ministry

1-219-942-0839

3440 W. 61st Ave, Hobart, IN 46342

Provides services to children with special needs if able to integrate into main classroom; will provide referrals if needed; works with First Steps program

Center for Possibilities

1-219-962-5751

22 Tyler Ave. Hobart, IN 46342

www.centerforpossibilities.org

Not-for-profit state licensed child care center; serves children ages 2-6 with developmental delays in both a Toddler & Childcare program and a Preschool & Childcare program; Children with an active IFSP (First Steps) or IEP (Special Education) are automatically eligible for program; Tuition= \$10/day (includes 5 hours of child care services, supplies, hot lunch, and snack); learning opportunities for adults with mild to moderate developmental disabilities. Center for Possibilities has received a Prevent Child Abuse grant from Geminus Community Partners, and now provides FREE counseling to Lake County parents of a child with a diagnosed disability

Happy Days Childcare Center

1-219-923-1333

2645 Main St. Highland, IN 46322

www.happydaysinc.com

Serves special needs children who are able to integrate into main classroom setting

Woodland Child Development Center

1-219-845-1507

3027 J F Mahoney Dr. Hammond, IN

Serves special needs children who are able to integrate into main classroom setting

Tradewinds Child Care

1-219-945-0100

3198 E. 83rd Pl. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.tradewindsnwi.org/our-solutions/child/child-care

Provides services to children of all abilities, ages 6 weeks to 13 years both during the day and after school; comprehensive program that allows children who need OT, PT, ST, or DT to receive services during the day while in childcare; children also participate in activities involving community outings, guest presenters, literacy programs, academic activities and socialization; Child care services available M-F from 630am-6pm, except on holidays; parents or guardians of students may use Lake County Child Care Development funds or may pay privately for the program

Community Resources

Club Wonder- Opportunity Enterprises

1-219-464-9621

www.oppent.org/spotlight-on-club-wonder

Provides support and social groups for children with special needs and their families; plans its own programming and events, as well as involvement with community projects; Parent Meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm at Opportunity Enterprises and include a guest speaker, followed by time for networking and socializing; Social Group meets 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 4-6 pm at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton and includes a craft project, as well as indoor or outdoor playtime depending on weather

C.S.R.I. (Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative)

http://www.lakecountyparks.com/activities/great_outdoors/special_recreation.html

The Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative is a partnership between the park and recreation departments of Crown Point, Dyer, Highland, Lake County, Merrillville, Munster, Schererville, St. John, and Whiting, as well as Hanover Central High School Key Club, Community Hospital, the Hammond Port Authority and several volunteers. CSRI is a cooperative venture seeking ways to increase recreational opportunities for individuals of all ages who have special needs and abilities.

For a calendar of events, visit the webpage.

Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative

www.nisec.org/NISEC_ParentNetwork.htm

NISEC posts community events and announcements for children with special needs and their families. Check the website for upcoming events!

West Lake Special Education Cooperative

www.westlake.lcsc.us/community-events.php

West Lake Special Education Cooperative posts community events for special needs children and their families. Check the website for upcoming events!

Haircuts:

Cool Cuts 4 Kids

1-708-226-9871

15230 S. LaGrange Rd. Orland Park, IL 60462

Stylists apply techniques that work with each kid's temperament, special needs, or sensory difficulties; At Cool Cuts 4 Kids, we create a safe, trusting, and fun environment for both kids and their parents

Pigtails & Crewcuts

1-708-226-9299

14225 95th Ave. Suite 414, Orland Park, IL 60462

Caters to children with and without disabilities; has a unique environment that is able and willing to make accommodations for children with various disabilities

Great Clips

1-219-663-0845

10815 Broadway Crown Point, IN 46307

Stylists have experience working with children with special needs

Family Fun:

BellaBoo's Play and Discovery Center

1-219-963-2070

2800 Colorado St. Lake Station, IN 46405

www.mybellaboos.com

BellaBoo's is a self-directed play facility providing colorful, fun, and secure areas where children from infants to age 9 can explore, create, and interact. See the website for hours and pricing.

Children's Museum of Indianapolis

1-317-334-4000

3000 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46208

www.childrensmuseum.org

Mission is to create extraordinary learning experiences across the arts, sciences, and humanities that have the power to transform the lives of children and families. The Children's Museum makes many accommodations for special needs including visual and hearing impaired services, wheelchair accessibility and seating, and sensory stories that are available to prepare your child for some of the sights and sounds they will experience (most helpful for children with ASD or sensory issues). If quiet space is needed during a visit, visitors may contact a security staff or the concierge. Reduced fees are also available through the Access Pass Program and Free Family Nights. See the website for more info.

Chicago Children’s Museum

1-312-527-1000

700 E. Grand Ave. Chicago, IL 60611

www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org

Committed to providing multisensory exhibits, programs, and public spaces that are inclusive and interactive for all families. Social story and museum kits: describes each of the exhibits from a child’s perspective and includes a social story, specially designed for children with developmental disabilities. Also now offering an event for children and families with disabilities on the 2nd Saturday of every month called “Play for All”- museum opens at 9am for registered visitors, first 250 visitors to register receive free admission

DuPage Children’s Museum

1-630-637-8000

301 N. Washington St. Naperville, IL 60540

www.dupagechildrens.org

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, the museum stays open until 8 pm to allow families of special needs to enjoy the museum during a quieter time; \$8.50 per person, seniors \$7.50

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

1-219-926-7561

Access Pass: A free, lifetime pass available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability; provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites; At many sites, the pass provides the pass owner a discount on Expanded Amenity Fees (such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours)

Sensory Friendly Films- AMC Showplace Hobart 12, Schererville 12

www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films

This program provides a special opportunity for families to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment. The auditoriums dedicated to the program have their lights up, the sound turned down and audience member are invited to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing! Visit the website to find out what film is coming up next!

Counseling Services

Catholic Family Services

1-219-844-4883

6919 Indianapolis Blvd. Hammond, IN

www.catholic-charities.org

Mental Health Counseling, Adoptions Counseling, Financial Assistance programs, Food pantry

Chicago Christian Counseling Center

1-219-864-4363

962 W. Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN 46375

www.chicagochristiancounseling.org

Mental Health Counseling for individuals, families, couples, individuals with special needs family members, coping skills, children on autism spectrum; Assessments and psychological testing; Does not accept Medicaid, but reduced fees possible through clinical interns

Crown Counseling Services

1-219-663-6353

250 N. Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307

www.crowncounselingservices.com

Provides services for individuals and families affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, mood and anxiety disorders, gender identity concerns, academic struggles, and more through individual, group, and rehabilitative programs; accepts most insurance companies, provides sliding scale fees, and is a Medicaid provider

NuSource Educational Services

219-980-6217

4795 Broadway Suite A

Gary IN 46409

www.nu-source.org

An academic & behavioral service agency that provides Individual & Family/Therapy/counseling, Case management, Parenting Education courses, Mentoring, & Tutoring.

Family and Youth Services Bureau

1-219-763-6623

253 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN 46383

www.fysb.org

Clinical services including individual, family, and group counseling, case management, mediation and advocacy, and substance abuse services; outreach services, parent and family support groups and programs, CASA program (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Prevention and Early Intervention Services, and Risk Management; sliding scale fees may be available

New Leaf Resources

1-219-226-1810

1450 Joliet St. Crown Point, IN 46307

www.newleafresources.org

Counseling for adults, children and families on issues such as ADHD, Addictions, Adjustment Disorders, Anxiety and Depression, Divorce/Blended Families, Grief and Loss, Family Issues, Life Transitions, Parenting Issues, and Psychological Testing

North Star Services

1-219-322-9904

425 US Route 30, Suite 309, Dyer, IN 46311

www.helpingindianayouth.com

Provides services for individual and family therapy, tutoring, mentoring, drug screening, parent education, independent living skills training, supervised visitation, anger management, parent aid, family functional assessments, and home-based casework services.

Porter County Family Counseling Center, Inc.

1-219-392-6001

1005 N. Campbell St. Valparaiso, IN 46385

www.pcfcc.org

Counseling Services for individuals, couples, or families; Courses and Training in topics such as Anger Management, Healthy Relationships, Women's Empowerment, etc.; payment options including sliding scale fees available

Porter-Starke Services, Inc.

1-219-531-3500

601 Wall St., Valparaiso, IN 46383

www.porterstarke.org

Counseling for children dealing with depression, anxiety, behavioral problems, ADHD, PTSD; Adult counseling, Day programs, Residential, Psychological Testing; sliding scale payment options available, Medicaid provider

Regional Mental Health Center (RMHC)

1-219-769-4005

8555 Taft Street Merrillville, IN 46410

Over 12 locations to serve Lake and Porter counties as well as residents throughout Indiana and Illinois with emergency mental health services, mental illness treatment, alcohol and substance abuse programs, and behavior health services. Psychiatrist services for children (6 & up) and adults, include diagnostic mental health evaluations, psychiatric management, and mental illness treatment with psychiatric medications. Many services covered by private insurance, managed care contract, HMO, Medicaid, Medicare or others.

Choices Counseling Services

219-548-8727 (Crown Point)

219-548-8727 (Valparaiso)

www.choicescounselingservices.com

Offers comprehensive services tailored to meet your needs. Works with infants, children, adolescents, young adults, adults, and the elderly, agencies, organizations, business, legal systems and firms, and education systems

HBS Counseling Services

219-795-1275

7863 Broadway Suite 220

Merrillville IN 46410

www.homebasedbehavioralsolutions.com

Provides counseling for individuals, couples, families, and groups of all ages.

Samaritan Counseling Center

1-219-923-8110

8955 Columbia Ave. Munster, IN 46321

www.samaritancenter-nwi.com

Focus to provide cost-efficient, faith-based counseling, education and consultation; counseling for individuals, families, and couples for a wide variety of mental health issues; adjusted fees available for those unable to afford full cost of counseling or who do not have insurance

St. Margaret Mercy Behavioral Health Center

1-219-852-2513 (Hammond)

1-219-322-5747 (Dyer)

www.franciscanalliance.org

Behavioral Health Outpatient Services provides a range of services to meet needs of children, adolescents, and adults. Conditions treated may include depression, anxiety, grief and loss issues, PTSD, ADHD and more through individual, marital and couples therapy, evaluation and treatment for children experiencing problems in school, medication evaluation and monitoring, and psychological testing.

Crisis-Emergency Rooms

In cases of extreme emergency, please call 911.

Franciscan St. Anthony Health- Michigan City

1-219-879-8511

301 W. Homer St. Michigan City, IN

www.franciscanalliance.org

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Franciscan St. Margaret Health- Dyer

1-219-865-2141

24 Joliet St. Dyer, IN

www.franciscanalliance.org

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Franciscan St. Margaret Health- Hammond

1-219-932-2300

5454 Hohman Ave. Hammond, IN

www.franciscanstmargaret.org

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Methodist Hospitals

1-219-886-4000

600 Grant St. Gary, IN

www.methodisthospitals.org

Methodist Hospitals Southlake Campus

1-219-738-5500

8701 Broadway, Merrillville, IN

www.methodisthospitals.org

Off Hour Urgent Care Medical

1-219-464-8115

1910 Calumet Ave. Valparaiso, IN

Open Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Weekends and Holidays 9am-3 pm

Pinnacle Hospital Express Care

1-219-756-2100

9301 Connecticut Dr. Crown Point, In

www.pinnaclehealthcare.net

Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 1-pm-9pm, Wed 9am-9pm, Sat 10am-4pm

Porter Hospital

1-219-983-8300

85 East US Highway 6, Valparaiso, IN

www.porterhealth.com

St. Anthony Medical Center

1-219-757-6310

1201 S. Main St. Crown Point, IN

www.stanthonymedicalcenter.com

St. Catherine Hospital

1-219-392-1700

4321 Fir St. East Chicago, IN

www.comhs.org

St. Mary Medical Center
1-219-942-0551
1500 S. Lake Park Ave. Hobart, IN
www.comhs.org

Day Programs

Willowglen Academy
219-886-1320
308 East 21st Street
Gary IN 46407
www.phoenixcaressystems.com/nj/index/php

Day treatment program providing intensive therapeutic intervention services. Serves children & adolescents 10-12 years of age who are emotionally and/or mentally challenged.

Innovations in Learning
219-791-1400
8200 Georgia Street
Merrillville IN 46410
www.innovationsinlearning.com

Adult Day program that focuses on teaching social, academic, and life skills to adults with Autism & Intellectual disabilities

Opportunity Enterprises
219-464-9621
2801 Evans Ave
Valparaiso IN 46383
www.oppent.org

An Adult Day program for individuals with special needs

Capitol City Academy
219-888-9541
5490 Broadway
Merrillville IN 46410
www.ccfes.com

The CCFES day treatment program provides community based interventions that allow youth to reside at home while they attend daily services. During the day, youth will receive intervention services and attend school in an academic setting

Edgewater Behavioral Health Services

219-885-4264

1100 W 6th Avenue

Gary IN 46402

www.edgewaterstems.org

Program provides a structured educational environment alongside of mental health services. The program is designed to serve children diagnosed with serious emotional disorders, behavioral problems, and mental health needs in a more structured setting

Disability Resources

The ARC of Northwest Indiana

1-219-884-1138

2650 West 35th Ave. Gary, IN 46408

www.thearcnwindiana.com

Provides support, training and care through day services, residential programs, and social services that help people with all levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities develop skills and abilities that assist movement toward more integration, independence, and happiness; residential, daily activity, social integration, senior activities, behavior management, respite services and more

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BDDS (Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services)

1-219-981-5313

1-877-218-3053 (toll-free)

110 W. Ridge Rd. Gary, IN 46408

www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2639.htm

Provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities that enable them to live as independently as possible in their communities; assists individuals in receiving community supports and residential services using a person-centered plan to help determine which services are needed and who can best provide them; monitors the quality of care and the facilities of those who are approved to provide these services in Indiana.

Behavior and Learning Solutions

1-219-472-0628

8762 Louisiana St. Suite J, Merrillville, IN 46410

www.behaviorandlearningsolutions.com

Provides instructional alternatives and behavioral-based programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism, using scientifically-based methodologies of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and Precision Teaching; 1:1 therapy, group sessions, consultation and training services.

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Children's Special Health Care Services

1-800-475-1355

2 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46204

www.in.gov/isdh/24680.htm

Provides supplemental medical coverage to help families of children who have serious, chronic medical conditions, age birth to 21 years of age, who meet financial and medical criteria.

First Steps

1-219-662-7790

11045 Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307

www.indianafirststeps.org

www.in.gov/fssa/4655.htm

Works with Indiana families with infants and toddlers experiencing developmental delays or disabilities to access early intervention services close to home when needed; brings together education, health, and social service agencies; children ages birth to 3 years who are experiencing developmental delays and/or have a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay.

Generation Rescue Family Grant Program

1-877-98-AUTISM

www.generationrescue.org/member-log-in/join-grant

National organization that provides information and immediate treatment assistance to families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders; over 1,300 volunteer parent mentors, a toll-free hotline, programming on autism treatment, a free national conference, virtual and local conferences, a list of recommended physicians, and medical grants

Head Start/Early Head Start

1-888-893-6891

8400 Louisiana St. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.indianaheadstart.org

Federal program for preschool children from low-income families, generally ages 3-5 years old; offers variety of educational activities and free medical and dental care, healthy meals and snacks, and indoor/outdoor play opportunities; services also available to meet special needs of children with disabilities; Children in foster care, homeless children, and children from families receiving public assistance (TANF or SSI) are eligible regardless of income; Early Head Start (for infants and toddlers) available at selected sites.

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8200 Georgia St. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.innovationsinlearning.net

Provides intensive ABA services to children with autism and related disorders, Behavior Management and Music Therapy to individuals in the Waiver program, Day Services for adults with disabilities, outpatient services for children and adults including individual, family, and group therapy; educational and training programs, parent information and networking groups; accepts clients through Waiver program, private insurance companies, and some Medicaid providers

IN-PACT

1-219-662-1905

12300 Marshall St. Crown Point, IN 46307

www.in-pact.org

Works with individuals with disabilities through affordable rental housing program, Department of Ed. Wrap-Around Services, Foster Care services (adults and children), Group Homes, Self-Advocacy, employment and supported services; supports Waiver program

IN*Source

1-574-234-7101

1-800-332-4433

1703 South Ironwood Dr. South Bend, IN 46613

www.insource.org

The mission of IN*Source is to provide parents, families, and service providers in Indiana the information and training necessary to assure effective educational programs and appropriate services for children and young adults with disabilities

Life Strategies

1-219-359-3272

5521 W. Lincoln Hwy. Suite 105, Crown Point, IN 46307

www.life-strategies.net

Therapy services for children, couples, individuals, and families; autism services including ABA

Mental Health America

1-219-736-4955

5201 Fountain Dr. Suite 1, Crown Point, IN 46307

www.mhai.net

Provides legal services, employment services, outreach and education, and Ombudsman services (government appointed public advocate)

Educational Assistance

ASK- About Special Kids

1-317-257-8683

1-800-964-4746 (Toll-Free)

www.aboutspecialkids.org

About Special Kids is a "Parent to Parent" organization that works throughout the state of Indiana to answer questions and provide support, information and resources; parents and family members of children with special needs are trained as Parent Liaison staff members and provide teaching on how to anticipate child and family needs, identify family and community resources, and access community systems to help meet needs of the children

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New Beginnings Life Center

317-622-4104

259 Indiana Avenue

Valparaiso IN 46383

2460 Broadway

Gary IN 46407

www.nblcs.net

Provides mentoring and tutoring services

Parents as Teachers

219-663-4230

1302 N Main Street

Crown Point IN 46307

www.ELPnwi.org

Offers a free voluntary family education and support program for parents of children ages 0-5. Program is designed to strengthen parent-child relationships while encouraging progressive language development and improving social and motor skills

NuSource Educational Services

219-980-6217

4795 Broadway Suite A

Gary IN 46409

www.nu-source.org

An academic & behavioral service agency that provides Individual & Family/Therapy/counseling, Case management, Parenting Education courses, Mentoring, & Tutoring.

Evaluations/ Assessments

New Beginnings Life Center

317-622-4104

259 Indiana Avenue

Valparaiso IN 46383

2460 Broadway

Gary IN 46407

Services provided include Diagnostic & Evaluations services, home based casework, and home based therapy, counseling, mentoring and Tutoring

Innovations in Learning, PC
1-219-791-1400
8200 Georgia St. Merrillville, IN 46410
www.innovationsinlearning.net

Provides a wide variety of psychological assessments services for children, adolescents, and adults.

Riley Children's Health
317-944-8162
Indianapolis IN
Therileycenter.org

Financial Assistance

Children's Special Health Care Services
1-800-475-1355
2 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.in.gov/isdh/24680.htm

Provides supplemental medical coverage to help families of children who have serious, chronic medical conditions, age birth to 21 years of age, who meet financial and medical criteria.

Generation Rescue Family Grant Program
1-877-98-AUTISM
www.generationrescue.org/member-log-in/join-grant

This grant program provides the opportunity to pursue treating underlying symptoms of autism including gut issues, sleep disorders, and mitochondrial dysfunction; Rescue Family grants are available to families that have NOT treated any underlying symptoms of autism

United Healthcare Children's Foundation
1-855-MY-UHCCF (698-4223)
www.uhccf.org

UHCCF is a charitable organization that provides medical grants to help children gain access to health-related services not covered, or not fully covered, by their parents' commercial health insurance plan; families can receive up to \$5,000 annually per child and do not need to have insurance through UHC to be eligible

Food/Nutrition

Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

1-219-980-1777

2248 W. 35th Ave. Gary, IN

www.foodbanknwi.org

Catholic Family Services Food Pantry

1-219-844-4883

www.catholic-charities.org

Family Christian Center Food Pantry

1-219-838-2295

1300 N. Broad St. Griffith, IN

Open Mon-Wed 9am-130pm

Franciscan St. Anthony Health

1-219-738-2100

1201 S. Main St. Crown Point, IN

Offers outpatient nutrition services (therapeutic and preventive services)

Greater Hammond Community Services

1-219-932-4800

824 Hoffman St. Hammond, IN

Love INC.

1-219-923-2775

1400 N. Broad St. Griffith, IN

www.loveincgrham.org

Non-profit organization through local churches that provides many services, including food pantries, supplies for mothers of newborns, furniture ministry, linens, cooking and dining equipment, personal hygiene supplies, and cleaning supplies.

Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation

1-219-794-1829

5240 Fountain Dr. Crown Point, IN

www.nwi-ca.com

Services residents of Lake, Porter, Jasper and Newton counties with lower incomes; Can provide assistance and education in many areas including utility costs, home weatherization, housing choice voucher programs, tax preparation and financial literacy, family development, individual development accounts, and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
1-219-886-6000 (Lake County Division of Family Resources)**

www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2691.htm

Provides food assistance to low and no income people and families

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

1-219-465-4129 (Valparaiso)

1-219-762-3185 (Portage)

1-219-887-1038 (Merrillville)

www.in.gov/isdh/19691.htm

WIC provides nutrition and health screenings and assessments, nutrition education/counseling, breast-feeding promotion and support, referrals, and supplemental healthy foods to meet special nutrition needs

Group Home/Supported Living

The Arc Northwest Indiana

219-884-1138

<http://www.arcnwi.com>

Dungarvin Indiana LLC

574-245-5400

<http://www.dungarvin.com>

Opportunity Enterprises

219-464-9621

<http://www.oppent.org>

Ministry

Ministry-Calvary Church

1-219-462-4026

1325 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383

www.calvaryweb.net

This ministry is dedicated to serving children from 5-12 years of age with special needs. We are committed to providing a safe, loving, and controlled environment for your child while you attend worship services. *Wonderfully Made* meets during the 11:15am service in room 503; Offers an adaptive program with interactive fun, education, and Bible teaching and the classroom contains a swing, bean bags, a therapy ball, and sensory games and toys.

Ministry-Hammond First Baptist

1-219-932-0711

473 Sibley St. Hammond, IN 46320

www.fbchammond.com

We believe every person deserves a chance to thrive and grow in God at First Baptist Church. Our Special Needs Ministry reaches out to children, teens, and adults with physical, cognitive, and/or emotional disabilities and gives them the proper love, tools, and care to help them develop spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Ministry- St. Mary's Catholic Church

1-219-663-0044

321 E. Joliet St. Crown Point, IN 46307

www.stmarycrownpoint.org

We are dedicated to providing a supportive learning environment for all children. We have a catechist experienced with special needs and the children receive instructions based on their individual needs.

Ministry- Suncrest Christian Church

1-219-365-9000

10009 Parrish St., St John, IN 46373

www.suncrest.org

Every child is special in SuncrestKids and we want you to feel terrific about bringing your child with special needs to SuncrestKids! If your child would benefit from some special accommodations, please contact us so that we can help create the perfect opportunity for your child to learn about Jesus

Music Therapy

AccessAbilities, Inc.

1-219-755-4049

7442 Broadway Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.accessabilitiesinc.com

Provides services under Medicaid Waivers including Support Services, Autism, and Developmental Disabilities Waivers; services included are Respite care, Community and Facility Habilitation, Music Therapy, Behavior Management Services, Transportation, Family/Caregiver Training, Personal Care Services, Caregiver Support, and Residential Living Allowance

Behavior Specialists of Indiana

1-219-462-6705

7863 Broadway, Suite 239, Merrillville, IN 46410

www.bsitherapy.com

Treats individuals with autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, anxiety, attention deficits, and conduct disorders using ABA, behavior therapy, music therapy, individual and family counseling, evaluations and diagnostics, groups; works with Waiver, First Steps, and some Medicaid providers

Innovations in Learning, PC
1-219-791-1400
8200 Georgia St. Merrillville, IN 46410
www.innovationsinlearning.net

Provides intensive ABA services to children with autism and related disorders, Behavior Management and Music Therapy to individuals in the Waiver program, Day Services for adults with disabilities, outpatient services for children and adults including individual, family, and group therapy; educational and training programs, parent information and networking groups; accepts clients through Waiver program, private insurance companies, and some Medicaid providers

Pediatricians

Southlake Children's Clinic
219-738-1916
504 E 86th Avenue
Merrillville IN 46410

St Anthony Pediatric
219-661-3255
9470 Broadway
Crown Point IN 46307

Dr Clark Kramer
219-736-1400
300 W 80th Place
Merrillville IN 46410

Dr Marc A Connery
219-940-9605
170 Bracken Parkway
Hobart IN 46342

Associated Pediatricians LLC
219-462-0555
1101 E Glendale Blvd # 101
Valparaiso IN 46383

Physicians (General)

**Franciscan Physician Network
219-662-9424
11161 Randolph Street
Crown Point IN 46307**

**Merrillville Family Medical Center
Dr Ahmed Nadira MD
219-769-6363
270 W 90th Drive
Merrillville IN 46410**

**Porter Physicians Service
219-465-0940
1401 Calumet Avenue
Valparaiso IN 46383**

**Portage Medical Group Inc.
Sikoski Daniela MD
219-364-3700
3630 Willowcreek Road
Portage IN 46368**

**Dr Yaser Alobeid MD
219-736-0900
3903 US 30
Merrillville IN 46410**

Physicians (Specialist)

**The Neurological Institute & Specialty Centers
219-769-0777
521 E 86th Avenue
Merrillville IN 46410**

**Dr George F Abu-Aita MD (Neurologist)
219-736-6955
200 E 89th Ave # 3B
Merrillville, IN 46410**

Midwest Neurology

219-836-2096

1001 Main Street

Dyer IN 46311

Associates in Neurology

219-476-7777

2000 Roosevelt Road # 201

Valparaiso IN 46383

Clinic for Pain Relief (Chiropractor)

219-465-1140

4004 N Campbell Street

Valparaiso IN 46383

True Health Chiropractic & Rehab

219-769-7787

8913 Broadway

Merrillville IN 46410

Special Medicine Clinic (Gastroenterologist)

219-756-1020

209 E 86th Court

Merrillville IN 46410

Digestive Healthcare Associates (Gastroenterologist)

219-476-3498

2206 Roosevelt Road Valparaiso IN 46383

Psychiatrists

Dr. Dewnzar Howard

1-219-934-4100

701 Superior, Suite K, Munster, IN 46321

Does not accept Medicaid

Dr. Ashish Jain

1-219-864-2160

24 Joliet St. Dyer, IN 46311

www.franciscanalliance.org

Dr. Michael Frampton

1-219-793-1233

9120 Connecticut Dr., Suite A, Merrillville, IN 46410

Evaluations for children age 6 and up; does not accept Medicaid

Drs. Sanker & Vijay Jayachandran

1-219-934-6410

720 45th St., Munster, IN 46321

Services for children age 10 and up; does not accept Medicaid

Dr. Daniel Kim

1-219-836-2322

601 Wall St., Valparaiso, IN 46383

www.porterstarke.org

Porter Starke is a Medicaid provider

Dr. Stacey Parks, Dr. Mahim Vora, Dr. Shahnour Yaylayan, Dr. Kirti Ramnivas

1-219-864-2160

24 Joliet St. Dyer, IN 46311

www.franciscanalliance.org

Medicaid accepted

Dr. Sonia Yballe

1-219-931-0427

5900 S. Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN 46320

Services provided to children age 5 and up; Medicaid accepted

Dr. Sandovol (RMHC)
1-219-769-4005
3903 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN 46312
Medicaid accepted; works with Headstart program

Recreational Therapy

The ARC of Northwest Indiana
1-219-884-1138
2650 West 35th Ave. Gary, IN 46408
www.thearcnwindiana.com

Provides support, training and care through day services, residential programs, and social services that help people with all levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities develop skills and abilities that assist movement toward more integration, independence, and happiness; residential, daily activity, social integration, senior activities, behavior management, respite services; recreational services include a recreation department that also participates in Special Olympics programs and a therapy pool program that provides opportunities for exercise, relaxation, social interaction, and competition.

Blazing Prairie Stars
1-630-365-5550
47 W. 635 Beith Rd. Maple Park, IL 60151
www.blazingprairiestars.com

Provides therapeutic riding, hippotherapy (PT, OT, ST incorporating the horse as a treatment strategy), equine assisted mental health programs, and social skills groups

C.S.R.I. (Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative)
http://www.lakecountyparks.com/activities/great_outdoors/special_recreation.html

The Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative is a partnership between the park and recreation departments of Crown Point, Dyer, Highland, Lake County, Merrillville, Munster, Schererville, St. John, and Whiting, as well as Hanover Central High School Key Club, Community Hospital, the Hammond Port Authority and several volunteers. CSRI is a cooperative venture seeking ways to increase recreational opportunities for individuals of all ages who have special needs and abilities.
For a calendar of events, visit the webpage.

Equestrian Connection
1-847-615-8696
600 N. Bradley Rd. Lake Forest, IL 60045
www.none1235.publishpath.com

Provides a variety of therapeutic services for children and adults with special needs including art therapy, therapeutic riding, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and clinical psychology

Pediatric Therapy- Community Healthcare System Fitness Pointe
1-219-924-5348

9950 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321

www.comhs.org/community/therapy_pediatric.asp

Aquatic Therapy offered for children 6 months and older with a diagnosis of Autism, Cerebral Palsy/neurological disorders, orthopedic issues, Hemiparesis, Muscular Dystrophy, or other diagnoses; benefits include strengthening, increased range of joints, pain relief, sensory awareness, balance and coordination, and core control; other pediatric therapy services offered including traditional and more advanced techniques such as myofascial release, sensory integration, infant massage, and electrical stimulation; uses variety of activities including therapeutic play, balance and coordination games, the Wii, handwriting and pediatric aquatic therapy

Rehabilitation Services

Children's Therapy Plus

1-219-662-7654

6504 East 129th Avenue, Crown Point IN 46307

www.childrenstherapyplus.com

Insurance: Most major plans accepted; Medicaid provider

Pediatric OT, ST, and PT; also provides hippotherapy (horse-riding therapy) as spots open up

Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehabilitation Center

1-219-764-4888

332 W. Highway 6, Valparaiso, IN 46368

www.jsladder.org

Insurance: Provider for First Steps program, most major providers and some Medicaid providers

Provides Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy Services at the center; also provides home-based pediatric therapy for a variety of conditions

KV Health Centre (Jasper County)

1-219-956-4000

4109 West State Road 10, Wheatfield IN

<http://www.jchh.com/kvhc.html>

Insurance: Most Major Plans accepted; Medicaid provider

KV Health Centre is an outpatient facility that provides Speech, OT, and PT to all ages

Opportunity Enterprises, INC

1-219-464-9621

2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383

www.oppent.org

Provides children and adults with a wide variety of disabilities with a supportive environment where they can learn and increase skills through many programs; provides respite care, day services, art enrichment programs, job placement support, supported living, group homes, and transportation; early intervention services for children ages birth – 3 years including PT, OT, ST, DT and group activities

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Restore Therapy Services

1-219-427-0196

6100 Miller Ave. Gary, IN 46403

Insurance: most major plans accepted; Medicaid provider

Restore therapy services offers Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy for children and adults

St. Margaret Mercy Pediatric Rehabilitation

1-219-322-2037

221 U.S. Highway 41, Suite G, Schererville, IN 46375

Insurance: Most major plans accepted; Indiana Medicaid provider

Adult and Children rehabilitation services including Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy

Wee Care Therapy

1-219-322-1415

440 Edmond Drive, Dyer, IN

www.weecaretherapy.com

Insurance: Wee Care Therapy is in network with several insurance plans and provides services through First Steps. Please call for additional information.

Provides behavioral services (including ABA), developmental therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech and language therapy services

Respite Care

AccessAbilities, Inc.

1-219-755-4049

7442 Broadway Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.accessabilitiesinc.com

Provides services under Medicaid Waivers including Support Services, Autism, and Developmental Disabilities Waivers; services included are Respite care, Community and Facility Habilitation, Music Therapy, Behavior Management Services, Transportation, Family/Caregiver Training, Personal Care Services, Caregiver Support, and Residential Living Allowance

Help at Home, Inc.**1-800-404-3191**www.helpathome.com

Offers care for adults and children with developmental disabilities through residential services, family caregiver support (Respite), protection and welfare of children at risk, and services for people with sustained brain injuries

In-Pact**1-219-662-1905****12300 Marshall St. Crown Point, IN 46307**www.in-pact.org

Provide a range of services that allow full participation of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their local community through the Affordable Rental Housing Program, Structured Family Care Giving Services, Group Home Services, Supported Services, and Day Service

Michiana Resources**1-219-874-4288****4315 Michigan Blvd. Michigan City, IN 46360**www.michianaresources.org

Michiana Resources is a rehabilitation agency developed to help individuals with disabilities and/or vocational disadvantages help themselves through the cooperative development of an individual program plan to provide vocational, developmental, support and advocacy for the purpose of enhancing the consumer's ability to become as self-sufficient as possible; provides transition and employment services, occupational skills training, habilitation training, sensory and environmental awareness training, community connections, information and referral, assistive technology, adult day services, BIN program, and arts and crafts management

Opportunity Enterprises, INC**1-219-464-9621****2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383**www.oppent.org

Provides children and adults with a wide variety of disabilities with a supportive environment where they can learn and increase skills through many programs; provides respite care, day services, art enrichment programs, job placement support, supported living, group homes, and transportation; early intervention services for children ages birth – 3 years including PT, OT, ST, DT and group activities

Tradewinds Services**219-945-0100****3198 East 83rd Place****Gary IN 46410**www.tradewindsnwi.org

The Arc of Northwest Indiana
219-884-1138 ext 6565
9600 Kennedy Ave
Highland IN 46322
www.arcnwi.com

Respite Care Services
219-972-8172
9000 Indianapolis Blvd
Highland IN 46322
www.respitecareservices.org

Social Groups

Behavior Specialists of Indiana
1-219-462-6705
7863 Broadway, Suite 239, Merrillville, IN 46410
www.bsitherapy.com

Treats individuals with autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, anxiety, attention deficits, and conduct disorders using ABA, behavior therapy, music therapy, individual and family counseling, evaluations and diagnostics, groups; works with Waiver, First Steps, and some Medicaid providers.

Club Wonder- Opportunity Enterprises
1-219-464-9621
www.oppent.org/spotlight-on-club-wonder

Provides support and social groups for children with special needs and their families; plans its own programming and events, as well as involvement with community projects; Parent Meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm at Opportunity Enterprises and include a guest speaker, followed by time for networking and socializing; Social Group meets 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 4-6 pm at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton and includes a craft project, as well as indoor or outdoor playtime depending on weather

Fun for All (Behavior and Learning Solutions)
1-219-472-0628
8762 Louisiana St. Merrillville, In 46410
www.behaviorandlearningsolutions.com/funforallprogram.htm

Social group designed for children with skill deficits and/or behavior issues; teaches children to cooperate, attend, interact, communicate, play, wait, reference others appropriately, and more; open to all ages and functional levels; Hosted at Behavior and Learning Solutions Mon, Tues, and Fri at 445pm

Innovations in Learning, PC

1-219-791-1400

8200 Georgia St. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.innovationsinlearning.net

Provides intensive ABA services to children with autism and related disorders, Behavior Management and Music Therapy to individuals in the Waiver program, Day Services for adults with disabilities, outpatient services for children and adults including individual, family, and group therapy; educational and training programs, parent information and networking groups; accepts clients through Waiver program, private insurance companies, and some Medicaid providers

Kidworks

1-219-983-9675

1120 South Calumet Road, Chesterton IN

www.kidworksonline.com

Insurance: Anthem/BC/BS, United Healthcare, Multiplan, PCHS, CSHCS (OT and PT); Medicaid and CSHCS for Nutrition, OT and PT; Waiver approved for OT, PT and Music Therapy
Offers Physical, Speech, Occupational, and Developmental Therapy; also provides Music Therapy, Nutrition Services, and Social Skills Groups

Sports and Classes

Aquatots

1-219-232-5032

655 East US Hwy 30, Schererville, IN 46375

www.aquatots-schererville.com

SNAP (Special Needs Aquatic Program) is designed to provide a beneficial, motivating, and enjoyable experience for children of all ages with special needs; helps children learn new swimming skills, focus on adaptability, and to help aid in the therapeutic process; 1 course per week, 30 minute private lesson costs \$179 per month

The Dance Connection

1-219-844-6225

6635 Kennedy Ave. Hammond, IN 46323

Special needs class offered- an imaginative and fun class encompassing various styles of dance for our students with special needs; Wednesday afternoon and Saturday afternoon

Duneland Adaptive Tennis

www.dunelandadaptivetennis.weebly.com

Duneland Adaptive Tennis is a registered USTA tennis program for people with special needs that are high school age and older. Duneland Adaptive is founded on the belief that people with differing abilities should be extended the same rights and responsibilities as the rest of society. Through playing the game of tennis, special athletes will gain confidence in their abilities, relieve stress, and enhance relationships. During practice sessions, athletes will be taught at their own level of ability to benefit them most. Each athlete will be partnered with a volunteer that will work with them through each of the drills.

Kindermusik-

www.kindermusik.com

1-219-926-5022 (Chesterton, LaPorte, Valpo, and surrounding areas)

www.dunelandkindermusik.com

1-219-765-4363 (Dyer, Highland, Munster and St. John, IN; Lansing and S. Holland, IL)

www.nancy.kindermusik.net

Designed to introduce children (birth to 7 years old) to music, each Kindermusik unit provides a variety of activities that encourage creativity, exploration, language, movement and social development. With Kindermusik, children can experience the magic of music without the pressure to perform; see individual websites for enrollment information

Special Olympics Indiana

1-317-328-2000

www.soindiana.org

Special Olympics Indiana is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in more than 20 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Check the website to find your County Coordinator.

TOPSoccer (Dyer Indoor Soccer Arena)

1-219-798-7566

14914 101st Ave. Dyer, IN 46311

www.dyerindoorsoccer.com/topps.htm

Soccer program for children with disabilities. No matter the extent of the disability, a skill program will be designed to ensure your athlete will be a valued and successful soccer player. Call to find out dates of program...scrimmages held Fridays from 530-630 pm for ages 6 to 18 years

YMCA-Hammond

1-219-845-1507

7322 Southeastern Ave. Hammond, IN 46324

Provides a Special Needs Swimming Class Saturdays at 2 pm for 5 week, 45 minute sessions; Members pay \$20, Non-Members pay \$85

Support Groups

Caring Piece- Innovations in Learning

1-219-791-1400 – Maryann Frumento

Email: mfrumento@innil.net

Free services offered include individual, family, or couple's counseling to those who have a child with a disability, Parent Information and Networking Group (PING meetings held on the fourth Tues of each month from 530pm-730 pm), Workshops for parents and siblings, and training sessions; free childcare is available through a grant from Geminus Community Partners

Club Wonder- Opportunity Enterprises

1-219-464-9621

www.oppent.org/spotlight-on-club-wonder

Provides support and social groups for children with special needs and their families; plans its own programming and events, as well as involvement with community projects; Parent Meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm at Opportunity Enterprises and include a guest speaker, followed by time for networking and socializing; Social Group meets 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 4-6 pm at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton and includes a craft project, as well as indoor or outdoor playtime depending on weather

Center for Possibilities

1-219-962-5751

22 Tyler Ave. Hobart, IN 46342

www.centerforpossibilities.org

A full day, full year educational program along with therapy and nutrition programs for preschool aged children with developmental and physical disabilities with a strong focus on the development of self-care skills and learning opportunities for adults with mild to moderate developmental disabilities. Center for Possibilities has received a Prevent Child Abuse grant from Geminus Community Partners, and now provides FREE counseling to Lake County parents of a child with a diagnosed disability

Down Syndrome Association of Northwest Indiana

1-219-838-3656

www.dsaofnwi.org

Serves families of children and adults with Down Syndrome; volunteers aim to provide support, information, and services to better educate those facing a new journey with pre or post-natal diagnosis as well as families that might be new to the area; provides group meetings and seminars featuring speakers on a variety of topics including education, speech therapy, medical challenges, and social development

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Porter County)

1-219-764-2958

www.namiporterco.org

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Porter County is a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by serious mental illness. NAMI Porter County is comprised of families, consumers, and professionals that are dedicated to helping families through a network of support, education, and advocacy throughout Northwest Indiana. NAMI provides support groups twice monthly, and educational programs such as the Peer-to-Peer class, and "In Our Own Voice" presentations.

National Autism Association of Northwest Indiana

1-219-947-0229

www.northwestindianaautism.com

Provides services for families with autism including information and referral and support groups; All meetings are held at 7pm at Indiana Wesleyan University, 8415 Georgia Street, Merrillville, IN 46410. Meetings are always free unless otherwise indicated.

Opportunity Enterprises, INC

1-219-464-9621

2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383

www.oppent.org

Provides children and adults with a wide variety of disabilities with a supportive environment where they can learn and increase skills through many programs; provides respite care, day services, art enrichment programs, job placement support, supported living, group homes, and transportation; early intervention services for children ages birth – 3 years including PT, OT, ST, DT and group activities