

# Special Needs Resource List:

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## Support Groups:

**PICC LEAH:** Parents Instructing Challenged Children LEAH, Mary Fratianni, Chapter Leader, 167 Hickory St., Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776-2117; 1-631-473-8315 (please call after 4pm), E-mail: [piccleah@verizon.net](mailto:piccleah@verizon.net); website: [www.piccnys.com](http://www.piccnys.com).

**NATHHAN** – National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network, PO BOX 310, Moyie Springs, ID 83845; 1-208-267-6246; E-mail: [NATHANEWS@AOL.COM](mailto:NATHANEWS@AOL.COM); [www.nathhan.com](http://www.nathhan.com)

**CHASK: Christian Homes and Special Kids – Helping Families With an Adverse Prenatal Diagnosis;** NATHHAN/CHASK, PO BOX 310, Moyie Springs, ID 83845; 1-208-267-6246; For birth parents 1-800-266-9837; [www.chask.org](http://www.chask.org); email: chaskinfo@aol.com

**NYS LEAH:** New York State Loving Education At Home; website: [www.leah.org](http://www.leah.org); Check the website for support groups in your area.

## Outside Educational Consultants:

**Child Diagnostics, Inc. - Dianne Craft** 1-303-680-5551; Email: [craft@ecentral.com](mailto:craft@ecentral.com); website: [www.diannecraft.org](http://www.diannecraft.org)

**Christine Cacioppo Bertsch Educational Consultant** 1-631-244-5727

**Joyce Herzog Consulting** website: [www.joyceherzog.com](http://www.joyceherzog.com); Email [joyceoffice@aol.com](mailto:joyceoffice@aol.com)

**National Association for Child Development, Inc.;** 1-801-621-8606; website: [www.NACD.org](http://www.NACD.org)

**Reach For The Stars Tutoring:** Melanie Rasmussen 1-631-642-7876;

[www.ReachfortheStarsTutoring.com](http://www.ReachfortheStarsTutoring.com) (Region 10 Only!)

**Tutoring Touches Lives:** Linda Wigent 1-585-398-2109; Serving: Victor, NY - Farmington, NY - Canandaigua, NY - Shortsville, NY - East Bloomfield, NY - Gananda, NY - Fairport, NY - Macedon, NY; [www.tutoringtoucheslives.com](http://www.tutoringtoucheslives.com);

## Homeschool Friendly Attorneys:

**HSLDA** – Homeschool Legal Defense Association, P.O. Box 3000, Purcellville, VA 20134; 1-540-338-5600; website: [www.HSLDA.org](http://www.HSLDA.org) (ALL Regions!)

**Lawyers Specializing in Children with Special Needs and Special Education Law (These Attorneys Represent Parents, NOT School Districts. They do guardianships, wills, trusts, etc.):**

**Berger and Brandow, LLP**, 1320 Stonybrook Road, Suite 208, Stony Brook, NY 11790 1-631-689-7404 (Region 10 Only!)

**Deborah Rebore, Esq.**, 500 BiCounty Boulevard, Suite 214N, Farmingdale, NY 11735 1-631-587-0938 (Region 10 Only!)

**Pamela Tucker, Esq.**, 65 Park Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706, 1-631-665-6635 (Region 10 Only!)

**Wasserman Steen, LLP**, 50 Medford Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-758-3367 (Region 10 Only!)

## New York State LEAH Resources For Parents:

Available from NYS LEAH website: [www.leah.org](http://www.leah.org):

**Regulatory and Informational Manual for Home Education in New York State**

(This manual includes the NYS Homeschooling Law, an extensive Question and Answer section, sample reporting documents, and everything else you need know in order to begin homeschooling in New York State.)

## **New York State Department of Education Resources For Parents:**

Available from the New York State Department of Education – Office of Vocational and Educational Services (VESID) website: [www.vesid.nysed.gov](http://www.vesid.nysed.gov) ; 1-518-402-3353;

**Special Education in New York State for Children Ages 3-21**

**Test Access & Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities**

**Individual Evaluations and Eligibility Determinations for Students with Disabilities**

**Sample Individualized Education Program and Guidance Document**

## **Special Needs Support Services:**

**Arise** (Help for independent living) [www.ariseinc.org](http://www.ariseinc.org)

**Aurora of Central New York:** serving people who are blind, deaf, visually impaired, & hard of hearing; [www.human-services.org/agencies/a0018auroraofcentralny.html](http://www.human-services.org/agencies/a0018auroraofcentralny.html)

**New York State Talking Book & Braille Library:** [www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/index.html](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/index.html)

**The Trust Partners – Natalie Baye** 1-631-421-7938 website: [www.thetrustpartners.com](http://www.thetrustpartners.com);

They will write up a complete “users manual” for your special needs child so that in the event another caregiver must step in, all your child’s needs will be met.

## **Health Resources:**

**ADD Warehouse:** [www.addwarehouse.com](http://www.addwarehouse.com)

**Future Horizons** [www.FutureHorizons-autism.com](http://www.FutureHorizons-autism.com); E-mail: info@FutureHorizons-autism.com

**Gluten-Free Pantry** [www.glutenfree.com](http://www.glutenfree.com); 1-800-291-8386

**Kirkman Labs – Nutritional Supplements and Information** [www.kirkmanlabs.com](http://www.kirkmanlabs.com);  
1-800-245-8282

**Life Extension Foundation** [www.lifeextension.com](http://www.lifeextension.com); 1-800-544-4440; Monthly magazine with membership; membership discounts on supplements and multi-media products.

**Special Diets for Special Kids – Understanding and Implementing Special Diets to Aid in the Treatment of Autism and Related Developmental Disorders** by Lisa Lewis, Ph.D.; Published by Future Horizons, Inc. 1-800-489-0727; ISBN 1-885477-44-9; Website <http://www.FutureHorizons-autism.com>; E-mail: info@FutureHorizons-autism.com

**VNF Nutrition** 1-800-681-7099

**What To Do About Your Brain-Injured Child** by Glenn Doman ISBN 0-89529-598-9

## **Homeschool Scheduling, Reporting, & Organization Resources:**

**Homeschool Tracker Basic and Plus Edition** – The solution for all your homeschool record-keeping needs by TGHomeSoft (<http://www.homeschooltracker.com>) The “Plus” edition includes many more features not included in the “Basic” edition. Refer to the website for details. The Homeschool Tracker Plus Edition is the BEST homeschool reporting software available! The “Basic” edition can be downloaded FREE of charge from the website.

**Managers of Their Homes (MOTH) - A Practical Guide to Daily Scheduling for Christian Homeschool Families** by Steve and Teri Maxwell; Available at <http://www.Titus2.com> (1-913-772-0392)

**Put Your Home In Order** by Cheryl R. Carter; Jehonadah Communications, PO Box 712, Uniondale, NY 11553-0712

**Squibb’s** (organizers, plan books, assignment books, etc.) 1-800-722-0255

**The IEP Individual Education Planning Manual For the Homeschool Handicapped Student** by Jim and Debby Mills Available through NATHHAN; [www.nathhan.com](http://www.nathhan.com)

### **Adaptive Equipment:**

**EnableMart** 1-888-640-1999 website: [www.enablemart.com](http://www.enablemart.com)

**Enabling Devices** (toys for special children): [www.enablingdevices.com](http://www.enablingdevices.com)

**InfoGrip** 1-805-652-0770 website: [www.infogrip.com](http://www.infogrip.com)

**Key Technologies** 1-888-433-5303 website: [www.gokeytech.com](http://www.gokeytech.com)

**Laureate Learning Systems** (software, touch screens, adaptive computer equipment)

1-800-562-6801 website: [www.LaureateLearning.com](http://www.LaureateLearning.com)

**SpeedSkin.com** Keyboard Covers 1-800-558-7601; Keyboard covers for touch typing. Foreign language conversion covers. Braille covers. Website: [www.speedskin.com](http://www.speedskin.com)

**tfh** (adaptive toys): [www.tfhusa.com](http://www.tfhusa.com)

**WizCom Technologies:** 1-888-777-0552 website: [www.wizcomtech.com](http://www.wizcomtech.com) Reading pens, foreign language translation pens, and other scanning devices.

### **Physical and Occupational Therapy Resources:**

**Achievement Products** website: [www.Specialkidszone.com](http://www.Specialkidszone.com); 1-800-373-4699

**Abilitations** 1-800-850-8602 website: ([www.abilitations.com](http://www.abilitations.com))

**Pocket Full of Therapy** 1-800-PFOT-124 (<http://www.pfot.com>)

**Handwriting Without Tears** (<http://www.HWT.com>)

**Integrations Sensory Solutions** 1-800-845-1535 website: [www.integrationscatalog.com](http://www.integrationscatalog.com))

### **Vision Therapy Resources:**

Dr. Theresa Rua [www.kidzvision.com](http://www.kidzvision.com)

### **Auditory & Visual Sequential Processing:**

**Advanced Brain Technologies (BrainBuilder Software, The Listening Program, Sound Health)** [www.Advancedbrain.com](http://www.Advancedbrain.com)

**Simply Smarter Software by National Association for Child Development Inc.**  
[www.NACD.org](http://www.NACD.org)

### **Speech and Language Resources:**

**Cognitive Concepts, Inc.** (Earobics - Home Version: Listening and phonological awareness)  
[www.Coginitiveconcepts.com](http://www.Coginitiveconcepts.com) 1-888-328-8199

**Communication Aids for Children & Adults:** [www.communicationaids.com](http://www.communicationaids.com)

**Great Ideas For Teaching** 1-800-839-8339: [www.greatideasforteaching.com](http://www.greatideasforteaching.com)

**Integrations Sensory Solutions** (O/T, P/T, Speech, Special Education Needs) 1-800-845-1535  
[www.integrationscatalog.com](http://www.integrationscatalog.com)

**Imaginart** – Speech and Language 1-800-828-1376 website: [www.imaginarionline.com](http://www.imaginarionline.com)

**Kay-Pentax Sona-Speech II** [www.kayelemetrics.com](http://www.kayelemetrics.com) ; 1-800-289-5297 ext. 110 Bill Kiley

This software is for use with a child who is minimally verbal as well as for children with pitch and prosody problems.

**Laureate Learning Systems** 1-800-562-6801 (<http://www.LaureateLearning.com>)

**LinguiSystems:** Speech/Language products 1-800-776-4332 website: [www.linguisystems.com](http://www.linguisystems.com)

**National Association for Child Development, Inc.** website: [www.NACD.org](http://www.NACD.org)

**Sign Enhancers** (sign language resources): [www.americansignlanguageproductions.com](http://www.americansignlanguageproductions.com)

**Super Duper Publications** (Speech / Language) 1-800-277-9737 [www.superduperinc.com](http://www.superduperinc.com)

**Talk Tools** – Innovative Therapists International (speech therapy tools) 1-888-529-2879  
(<http://www.talktoolstm.com>)

**WizCom Technologies:** 1-888-777-0552 (<http://www.wizcomtech.com>) Reading pens, foreign language translation pens, and other scanning devices.

## **Special Needs Curriculum:**

**ABEKA** 1-877-223-5226 website: ([www.abeka.org](http://www.abeka.org))

**Around NY in 80 Days (NYS History):** [www.Aroundin80days.com](http://www.Aroundin80days.com)

**AVKO Dyslexia & Spelling Research;** 1-866-AVKO 612; <http://www.AVKO.org> Don McCabe's website for sequential spelling, reading comprehension, and helping to teach dyslexics (Lots of free stuff on this website)

**Big Book of Books and Activities** by Dinah Zike, M.Ed.; **Dinah Zike's Big Book of Projects** by Dinah Zike, M.Ed. 1-800-99-DINAH (993-04624); Catalog/Orders e-mail:

[orders@dinah.com](mailto:orders@dinah.com); website: <http://www.dinah.com>

**Barnes and Noble Books** – [www.Barnesandnoble.com](http://www.Barnesandnoble.com)

**Beautiful Feet Books** (timelines, history and science through literature) 1-508-833-8626 (<http://www.bfbooks.com>)

**Core Knowledge Series: What Your K-12th Grader Needs To Know** by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

**Children's Books** 1-800-344-3198 (<http://www.CHILDSBOOKS.COM>)

**Christian Book Distributors** (Curriculum) 1-800-247-4784 ([www.Christianbook.com](http://www.Christianbook.com))

**Classroom Visuals:** [www.classroomvisuals.com](http://www.classroomvisuals.com)

**Critical Thinking Books and Software** 1-800-458-4849 ([www.criticalthinking.com](http://www.criticalthinking.com))

**Design-A-Study** by Kathryn Stout 1-800-965-2719 website: [www.designastudy.com](http://www.designastudy.com)

**Dinah Might Adventures** 1-800-993-4624 website: [www.dinah.com](http://www.dinah.com)

**Dover Publications** ([www.doverpublications.com](http://www.doverpublications.com))

**Eagle's Wings Educational Materials** 1-580-252-1555; <http://www.EaglesWingsEd.com>

**Edmund Scientific's** - Science supplies and kits; <http://www.scientificsonline.com>;  
1-800-728-6999

**Educators Publishing Service** (Curriculum and Remedial Resources) 1-800-225-5750 (<http://www.epsbooks.com>)

**EnchantedLearning:** <http://www.EnchantedLearning.com> (membership fee required to get banner free pages)

**Fingerithmetic & Qweryqwik** by Frances Moore 1-610-724-6331 website: [www.fingerithmetic.com](http://www.fingerithmetic.com)

**Fun Places Publishing** website: [www.funplaces.com](http://www.funplaces.com)

**Hayes Workbooks** 1-800-245-6234 (<http://www.hayespub.com>)

**Keepers of the Faith** 1-906-663-6881 website: [www.keepersofthefaith.com](http://www.keepersofthefaith.com)

**KONOS:** [www.konos-reps.com](http://www.konos-reps.com)

**Handwriting Without Tears** – (<http://www.HWT.com>)

**Joyce Herzog** website: [www.JoyceHerzog.com](http://www.JoyceHerzog.com) (curriculum and helps)

**Laureate Learning Systems** (software, touch screens, adaptive computer equipment)  
1-800-562-6801 (<http://www.LaureateLearning.com>)

**Lakeshore Learning** (curriculum, classroom equipment) 1-800-778-4456 (<http://www.lakeshorelearning.com>)

**Love to Learn** 1-801-423-2009 website: [www.lovetolearn.net](http://www.lovetolearn.net)

**Learning Tower Toys** – Educational Products 4747-26 Nesconset Highway, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776; 1-631-928-2040; <http://www.learningtower.com>

**Mastery Publications:** 1-828-684-0429 <http://www.masterypublications.com>)

Mastery Mathematics : (grades 1-6 and most of 7 & 8), Math Skill Inventory (grades 1-6), Happy Handwriting (pre-K thru 1+), Fundamental Language Arts Games Supplement (F.L.A.G.S.) (pre-K thru 4+), NC in a Nutshell (Introductory History and Geography) (grades 3 - 7+)

**Math-U-See:** Receive a free Math-U-See Demonstration DVD/Video by calling 1-888-854-6284; [www.MathUSee.com](http://www.MathUSee.com)

**“Muggins!” Math:** [www.mugginsmath.com](http://www.mugginsmath.com)

**McGraw-Hill Publications** 1-800-417-3261 (<http://www.mhkids.com>)

## **Special Needs Curriculum (Cont.):**

**National Writing Institute:** [www.writingstrands.com](http://www.writingstrands.com)

**Passport Learning** (Reading Remediation Software) 1-866-727-7576 website:

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

**Phoenix Learning Resources** (Curriculum and Remedial Resources) 1-800-221-1274

(<http://www.phoenixlearning.com>)

**Rod and Staff Publications, Inc.** 1-606 522-4348

**Shurley English Homeschool** – Language Arts Program 1-800-566-2966

<http://www.shurley.com>

**Stevenson Learning Skills:** [www.StevensonSemple.com](http://www.StevensonSemple.com)

**The A to Z Guide to Homes School Field Trips** Edited by Gregg Harris; ISBN 1-56857-081-3;  
Noble Publishing Associates, P.O. Box 2250, Gresham, OR 97030

**Teacher Created Materials (unit studies)** 1-800-662-4321 (<http://www.teachercreated.com>)

**Usborne Books** (<http://www.ubah.com>)

**Veritas Press** (Curriculum) 1-800-922-5082

## **Music Resources:**

**Moutain Ocarinas (musical instruments):** [www.mountainocarinas.com](http://www.mountainocarinas.com)

**The House of a Song** (Recorders – musical instruments) 1-570-848-2425

## **Music Opportunities**

**LEAH Homeschool Orchestra (Region 10 Only!):** contact Trish Cisek

Email: [pcisek67@yahoo.com](mailto:pcisek67@yahoo.com)

## **Physical Education Opportunities:**

**Christian Youth Soccer League** website: [www.christianyouthsoccerleague.org](http://www.christianyouthsoccerleague.org) (Region 10 Only!)

**Coram Country Lanes – LEAH Homeschool Bowling League;** 1-631-732-2022 (Region 10 Only!)

**How to Teach Your Child to be Physically Superb** by Glenn Doman ISBN 0-89529-672-1  
(Appendix includes designs for various P/T equipment used in the book)

**Saf-T-Swim Aquatic Centers** [www.Saf-T-Swim.com](http://www.Saf-T-Swim.com) (Region 10 Only!)

**S.T.R.I.D.E. – Adaptive Sports** website: [www.stride.org](http://www.stride.org); 518-598-1279 (All Regions)

**Whispering Pines Farms** – Horseback Riding Lessons. Owner: Diane Soja, 1-631-475-2090 (Region 10 Only!)

## **Family Resources:**

**Driver Ed in a Box:** 1-800-562-6405; [www.teendriveamerica.com](http://www.teendriveamerica.com)

**Freedom from the Spirit of Anger** by Dr. S.M. Davis; [www.SolveFamilyProblems.com](http://www.SolveFamilyProblems.com)

(1-800-500-8853); Other titles in the Anger Series: Anger the Destroyer, What Impatience Does, Understanding What the Bible Says About Scorn & Mockery, How to Help a Man With Anger.

**Family Radio: The Sound of the New Life** <http://www.familyradio.com>

**Higher Rock Ministries** – Christian counseling, community education, and habilitation services to people with disabilities and their families (service coordination, counseling services, family support workshops); <http://www.higherrockministries.org>; 1-631-368-6081 (Region 10 Only!)

**Home Schooling Children With Special Needs** by Sharon C. Hensley, M.A.

ISBN 1-56857-010-4; AVCS Books, 6291 Vegas Drive, San Jose, CA; 1-408-997-0290;  
[www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com](http://www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com)

### **Family Resources (Cont.):**

**Homeschooling with a Meek and Quiet Spirit** by Teri Maxwell ISBN 0-9669107-1-0;  
Available at <http://www.Titus2.com> (1-913-772-0392)

**Miracles of Child Development** Tapes by Robert Doman (available through [www.NACD.org](http://www.NACD.org))

**Sandy Cove** 1-800-234-2683 Fun Family Vacations at Christian Conference Center

**Solve Family Problems** 1-800-500-8853 website: [www.SolveFamilyProblems.com](http://www.SolveFamilyProblems.com)

**The Family Book of Manners** by Hermine Hartley ISBN 1-55748-152-0

**Urban Homemaker** 1-970-527-7540 website: [www.urbanhomemaker.com](http://www.urbanhomemaker.com)

### **Teaching Resources:**

**Child Diagnostics, Inc. - Dianne Craft** 1-303-697-7511; Brain Integration Manual, The Biology of Behavior, Understanding and Helping the Struggling Learner, Is it Really ADD?, Teaching the Right Brain Child, other support materials; website: [www.diannecraft.org](http://www.diannecraft.org)

**Discover Your Child's Learning Style** by Mariaemma Willis, M.S. and Victoria Kindle Hodson, M.A. ISBN 0-7615-2013-9

**Easy Homeschooling Techniques** by Lorraine Curry ISBN 1-55306-048-2

**Guide to The Parent Teacher** Tapes by Robert Doman (available through [www.NACD.org](http://www.NACD.org))

**Guide to Learning Disabilities** Tapes by Robert Doman (available through [www.NACD.org](http://www.NACD.org))

**If / Then Chart** – To help children understand inappropriate behavior and its consequences.  
Available at <http://www.Titus2.com> (1-9131-772-0392)

**Teaching Assistance Program:** [www.etaf.org](http://www.etaf.org)

**The Complete Home Learning Source Book** by Rebecca Rupp; ISBN 0-609-80109-0

**The Well Trained Mind – A Guide to Classical Education At Home** by Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer ISBN 0-393-04752-0

**Practical Homeschooling Magazine** 1-636-529-0137 (<http://www.home-school.com>)

### **Testing Services and Testing Resources:**

**Hewitt Resources** 1-360-835-8707 PASS Test website: [www.hewitthomeschooling.com](http://www.hewitthomeschooling.com)

**Seton Testing Services** 1-800-542-1066 California Achievement Test website: [www.setontesting.com](http://www.setontesting.com)

**Bob Jones University** 1-800-845-5731 Stanford Achievement Test

**A Guide to 85 Tests for Special Education** by Carolyn Compton, Ph.D. ISBN 0-8224-3585-3

**Summitt Christian Academy** 1-800-362-9180 website: [www.scahomeschool.com](http://www.scahomeschool.com)

**Sycamore Tree** 1-800-779-6750

**Triangle Education Assessments** website: [www.homeschoolertests.com](http://www.homeschoolertests.com)