

ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

The Arc of the United States

National organization of and for people with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families that works to include people with these disabilities in all communities. Advocates for services and supports for these individuals and their families and fosters research and education regarding prevention of MR in infants and young children. Its 140,000 members include individuals with intellectual disabilities, family members, professionals in the field of disability, and other concerned citizens.

1010 Wayne Ave., Suite 650
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-565-5456
<http://www.thearc.org>

Autism Society of America

Mission is to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum and their families to be fully participating members of their community. Promotes education, advocacy at state and federal levels, active public awareness, and research.

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300
Bethesda, MD 20814-3067
301-657-0881 or 800-3-AUTISM
www.autism-society.org

Best Buddies International, Inc.

Organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with MR by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

100 SE Second Street, Suite 1990
Miami, FL 33131
305-374-2233
www.Bestbuddies.org

Epilepsy Foundation

Organization committed to the prevention and cure of epilepsy. Goals are to broaden and strengthen research, provide easy access to reliable information, and assure access to appropriate medical care.

4351 Garden City Drive
Landover, MD 20785
Phone: 800-332-1000 or 301-459-3700
www.epilepsyfoundation.org

National Fragile X Foundation

Mission is to unite the fragile X community to enrich lives through educational and emotional support, promote public and professional awareness, and advance research toward improved treatments and a cure for fragile X syndrome.

PO Box 190488
San Francisco, CA 94119
925-938-9300 or 800-688-8765
www.fragilex.org

The National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD)

Organization for professionals, care providers, and families to promote understanding of and services for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health needs. Mission is to advance mental wellness for persons with developmental disabilities by pro-

moting excellence in mental health care. Provides educational services, training materials, and conferences.

132 Fair Street
Kingston, NY 12401
845-331-4336
www.thenadd.org

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)

Dedicated to eliminating birth defects caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy, the leading known preventable cause of mental retardation and birth defects, and to improving the quality of life of affected individuals and their families. Provides national and community-based public awareness campaigns; a national curriculum for medical and allied health students; training workshops for professional and lay audiences; peer education and youth outreach initiatives; and an information, resource, and referral clearinghouse.

900 17th Street, NW, Suite 910
Washington, DC 20006
202-785-4585 or 800-66NOFAS
www.nofas.org

National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC)

Works to create a national climate in which all persons will recognize and embrace the value and dignity of persons with Down syndrome. Operates the NDSC Center, a clearinghouse for up-to-date information on topics of interest to people with Down syndrome, family members, friends, professionals, and others. Publishes the Down Syndrome News and the Down Syndrome Headline News.

1370 Center Drive, Suite 102
Atlanta, GA 30338
800-232-NDSC or 770-604-9500
www.ndscenter.org

National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)

Mission is to benefit people with Down syndrome and their families through national leadership in education, research, and advocacy. Largest nongovernmental supporter of Down syndrome research in the United States. Provides information about Down syndrome and referral to local parent support groups and other resources.

666 Broadway
New York, NY 10012
212-460-9330 or 800-221-4602
www.ndss.org

TASH

International association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals. Mission is to promote full inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life and to eliminate physical and social obstacles that prevent equity, diversity, and quality of life. Known for its major annual conference and other training opportunities. Membership benefits include publications and opportunities for networking and participation in national and international disability rights efforts.

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www.tash.org