

A user-friendly GUIDE TO

# Special Needs

FOR FAMILIES in Macomb County



## About This Book

This *Small Book* is designed to assist families in locating free or low-cost community services in Macomb County and is designed to be user-friendly.

The book first lists a "SITUATION" followed by a short descriptive phrase about each of the known services listed for that situation, an explanation of the services and eligibility requirements (if applicable), and finally, the telephone number for the service.

This book lists services by a service category, not by agency. This helps to speed the finding of needed services. For the most part, only Macomb County resources are listed. Exceptions to this are out-of-county resources included if a Macomb County facility is filled or county or state services that may be accessed in Macomb County.

To aid you in your use of this book, you will notice the following format: Each "*Situation*" is enclosed in a black box to differentiate it from other situations.

The symbol (~) is placed in front of each new service under that category. All known services for a situation are grouped under it regardless of what agency offers those services.

As names of agencies and programs frequently change, please note that the former name is indicated in brackets { }.

Every effort has been made to assure that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Due to the dynamic nature of organizations, information changes often.

We hope that you enjoy this resource and that you are able to locate help more quickly. For your information, *Small Books* are available on the following topics:

Adoption	Literacy
Child Abuse	Mental Health
Child Care	Parenting
Dementia	Recreation/Leisure
Dental	Runaway Services
Domestic Violence	Senior Citizen Services
Employment & Training Services	Sexual Assault
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Special Needs
Financial Assistance	Substance Abuse
Food	Suicide Prevention
Gambling Addiction/Problems	Support Groups
Resources	Teen Pregnancy Service
Health	Transportation
Homeless Services	Utility Assistance
Housing	Vision and Hearing Services
Legal Issues	Glossary

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## SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**STATEWIDE REFERRAL SOURCE TO SPECIAL EDUCATION:**  
[www.ProjectFindMichigan.org](http://www.ProjectFindMichigan.org) or call (800) 252-0052.

### DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

The Michigan Directory of Service Providers for Infants, Toddlers, and Students with Disabilities is available at:

[www.cenmi.org/se\\_directory.asp](http://www.cenmi.org/se_directory.asp)

The directory is intended for parents, educators, and other service providers seeking resource information related to the educational needs of children, students, and clients. The directory contains contact information about resources for children ages birth to three with special needs and their families (Michigan's *Early On*<sup>®</sup> population) and students ages 3-26 with disabilities.

**SITUATION: An infant or toddler appears to be developmentally delayed (emotionally, mentally, or physically) or at-risk of developmental delay due to a variety of conditions.**

- ❖ **Identification of children with disabilities for educational evaluations, services and referrals** is available from the MISD\* - Project Find\* for persons with disabilities, aged birth to 25. Self referrals accepted. Call Project Find\* at (586) 228-3463.

**SITUATION: A youth appears to be developmentally delayed (emotionally, mentally, or physically) or at-risk of developmental delay due to a variety of conditions.**

- ❖ **Evaluations, services, and referrals, presentation of cases to specific agencies and case management/follow up services for developmentally-disabled\* youth.** Available from CMH\* Sustaining and Integrating Services Division\*, (586) 469-5950.

**SITUATION: An infant or toddler has been diagnosed as developmentally delayed (emotionally, mentally, or physically) or at-risk of developmental delay due to a variety of conditions and the family needs supportive services.**

- ❖ **Specialized instructional and therapeutic services and instruction for newborns to three-year-olds who have a developmental delay or physical condition which can affect their ability to keep up with other children.** Available from Macomb Infant Preschool Programs (MIPPS), (586) 412-2680.
- ❖ **Family-centered care case management,** including such services as monthly visits and regular telephone contacts to link families to clinical services such as therapy or parent support groups in the community. Available from *Early On\**, (586) 228-3331.

**SITUATION: An infant or toddler has been diagnosed as developmentally delayed (emotionally, mentally, or physically) or at-risk of developmental delay due to a variety of conditions and needs medical care.**

- ❖ **Early identification and diagnosis and family assessment and case management for persons with special health needs.** Services are aimed at limiting disability, fostering maximum function and reducing chronicity of associated problems. Available from Children's Special Health Care Services\*, Toll Free Hotline, (800) 359-3722.

**SITUATION: A family needs resources for their child/ren with disabilities.**

- ❖ **Information and support of families of children with special needs** in Michigan, Available from Project PERFORM, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (800) 522-4821
- ❖ **BOOK: Possibilities: A Financial Resource Book for Parents of Children With Disabilities**, a guide to money management and financial resources for parents of children with disabilities, including how to maintain financial eligibility for programs such as Medicaid and SSI. Cost: \$3.00. Mail to: Publications Desk, Bazelon Center, 1101 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, #1212, Washington, D.C. 20005. Please note that you are ordering the PACER Center Resource Book.

**SITUATION: An adoptive family needs to locate financial resources for their child/ren with a disability.**

- ❖ **Financial support to families with special needs adoptive children living at home** from the Michigan Adoption Subsidy Program\*. Contact Debbie Holland for referrals and information to the state program, (586) 416-2300.

**SITUATION: A family with a developmentally-delayed child needs babysitting or respite services.**

- ❖ **Ten to twelve hours of babysitting service for in-home care for a developmentally disabled person by trained sitters**, giving the family members a chance to attend to personal business. The family is responsible for a co-payment for the services provided. Available from the Special Sitter Program at CMH\* Sustaining and Integrating Services\*, (586) 469-5950.
- ❖ **Brief, temporary, in-home or residential services for developmentally delayed children** is available to clients of CMH\*/Sustaining and Integrating Services. Respite care is provided by licensed foster homes and small group homes. The cost is based on a sliding fee scale. Available from CMH\* Sustaining and Integrating Services, available at:

<b>CMH* FIRST - North</b> (Clinton Township)	(586) 469-7629
<b>CMH* FIRST - SE</b> (St. Clair Shores)	(586) 466-6912
<b>CMH* FIRST - SW</b> (Warren)	(586) 274-0200

## **SITUATION: A family needs to locate a support group.**

### **Macomb County Groups**

- ❖ **Families Exploring Down's Syndrome Monthly Support Group.** Available on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:00 P.M. at the Macomb Intermediate School District\* (MISD\*) 44001 Garfield, Clinton Twp., MI 48038 (586) 228-3300.
- ❖ **Family Support Network of Michigan** for families with special-needs children offers peer support on a one-to-one basis with a support parent who lives as near as possible and whose child has similar needs. Group meetings are also available. Available from the Children's Special Health Care Services, (800) 359-3722.
- ❖ **Families Supporting Families** for families rearing children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. The group meets the second Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. at CARE, 31900 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48026. For more information, call CARE at (586) 541-0033.

### **OTHER RESOURCES**

- ❖ ***Early On\** - Macomb Media Resources** is a catalog of resource centers which have books, magazines, and videotapes on issues of parenting the special needs child, information on child development, and other related topics. For a copy of the catalog, call *Early On\**, Macomb Intermediate School District\*, (586) 228-3331.
- ❖ **Pamphlet: Social Security and SSI Benefits for Children with Disabilities (SS Publication Number 05-10026).** Available from the Social Security Administration, (800) 772-1213.

## RESOURCES FOR FATHERS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS

**Organization:** National Fathers' Network  
Kinderling Center  
16120 N.E. Eighth Street  
Bellevue, Washington 98008-3937  
(425) 747-4004 ext. 4286  
[www.fathersnetwork.org](http://www.fathersnetwork.org)

## NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

❖ **Information on disabilities and disability-related topics** is available from The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities, NICHCY, P.O. Box 1492, Washington, DC 20013 (800) 695-0285 or (202) 884-8203. For voice and TTY, call (800) 695-0285 and ask to be transferred.



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For the complete Resource Directory, please go to [www.misd.net/connection](http://www.misd.net/connection)





GREAT PARENTS MACOMB\*  
Serving families with children birth to age 5

For information on other resources for families of children  
age birth to 5 years, please call:

1.866.4MACOMB

1.866.464.2662

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