

SPECIFIC DISORDERS AND CONDITIONS

ANGELMAN SYNDROME

Angelman Syndrome Website

The official website of the Canadian Angelman syndrome society. Has a link to local chapters but the link is not yet functional www.angelmancanada.org/

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER

ADHD

This website has basic information about ADHD. It also connects the user to other useful websites www.adhd.ca

The BC Ministry of Education's Official ADHD Website.

It includes information about definition and characteristics, gives examples of the characteristics and provides teachers with guidelines on managing children with ADHD in their classrooms. This website also has case studies and support plans for the children described in the case studies www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/adhd/

Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance

This is a basic website for parents, educators and children who have ADHD. The child section is very nice and provides children and youth with basic information about ADHD (including what it is, the use of medication and how one can tell his/her friends that he/she has ADHD) www.caddra.ca/english/parents.html

The Centre for ADD/ADHD Advocacy, Canada.

This website provides a lot of information about advocacy for children with ADD/ADHD and their families. It also connects you to many other useful websites.

www.caddac.ca/cms/page.php?2

Children and Adults with ADD, Vancouver Chapter

Phone: (604) 222-4043

There is a resource library that is open to all. Members can borrow books for free. Non members have to pay a 20 dollar annual fee for library privileges. www.vcn.bc.ca/chaddvan/

AUTISM

ACT: Autism Community Training Society

The website has a lot of information about training and autism. www.actbc.ca/

The Association for Behavior Analysis International.

This website provides basic information about ABA. www.abainternational.org/

Autism Inspiration

Autism inspiration is a website that has a lot of useful tips on how to handle different behaviors associated with autism. In order to access most of the tips and suggestions, you have to sign in as a member. When you do, you will be able to access all the material free of charge. www.autisminspiration.com/public/main.cfm

Autism Society of BC.

This is a basic local BC website for autism. 303-3701-East Hastings street, Burnaby, BC V5C 2H6 (604) 434-0880 www.autismbc.ca/

The Autism Website

This website provides parents of children with autism with tips on how to deal with their children's teachers in order to get the best education possible for their children.

www.autism-pdd.net/autism-tips.html

Kyle's Tree House

This is a nice parent oriented website that introduces you to autism. It has discussion boards that one can join as well as information about support groups (unfortunately, the support groups are in the US) http://www.kylestreehouse.org/

Picture Exchange Communication System: PECS

Official website for PECS and information on how to order the program www.autismnetwork.org/modules/comm/pecs/



BRAIN INJURIES

The Brain Injury Chat Room and Homepage

You may have to sign in to get access to the chat rooms. There are several. Many are for peer support.

www.braininjurychat.org/

Community Brain Injury Program For Children And Youth

This site is part of the BC centre for ability program. It helps you connect with all sorts of services and websites that may be of use to you.

2805 Kingsway, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5R 5H9

Phone: (604) 451-5511 Fax: (604) 451-5611

http://www.centreforability.bc.ca/content.php?ContentID=37&SectionID=3

Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association

This website provides basic information about brain injuries and offers a variety of services to those who have suffered a brain injury or those whose child has suffered a brain injury

204 - 2890 Garden St, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 4W7

Phone: 604-557-1913 Fax: 604-850-2527 www.fvbia.org

Lower Mainland Brain Injury Association

This website gives you tips on how to manage your day, how to access information and resources and a lit of support groups that are available in your area.

209-88 10th street, New Westminster, BC, V3M 6H8 Phone: (604) 521-0833 OR TOLL FREE (800) 510-3221

Fax: (604) 521-9141

This is a basic brain injury website that cater to individuals with brain injury of all ages.

www.lmbia.org

Parents and Special Education

This website will connect you to many different websites about many different disabilities. However, the information about each disability is quite brief and short. www.parentpals.com

The TBI Chat Room and Homepage

Through this website, you can join a number of message boards and chat rooms. www.tbichat.org

CEREBRAL PALSY

CP Association of BC.

This is the basic website for cerebral palsy in BC 801-409 Granville street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2 (604) 408-9484 OR TOLL FREE (800) 663-0004 www.bccerebralpalsy.com/

CLEFT PALATE

Cleft Palate Foundation

This is a basic cleft palate website. It includes useful information like how to feed your baby and other useful tips. www.cleftline.org/

DEAF/BLIND

A-Z to Deafblindness

This is a basic website that contains a lot of information about what it is like to be deafblind. It also connects you to different resources. www.deafblind.com/

British Columbia Chapter: Canadian Deaf Blind Rubella Association

713 Columbia street, New Westminster, BC, V3M 1B2

Erin Jeffery: chapter contact: (604) 517-6174

Allison Mail: early intervention program contact: (604) 517-6175

This is a basic deafiblind website. It gives information about CDBRA and

cdbrabc.ca

BC Provincial Outreach Program for Students with Deafblindness

This website provides information about services for those who are deafblind 10300 Seacote road, Richmond, BC, V7A 4B2

Phone:(604) 668-7810 Fax: (604) 668-7812

public.sd38.bc.ca:8004/DeafBlindWeb/

Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Research Foundation

1409, sperling avenue, Burnaby, BC, V5B 4J8 (604) 444-3773 OR (888) 464 DSRF

This is a basic website that tells about current research projects on Down Syndrome www.dsrf.org/



Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society

201-13281 72nd avenue, Surrey, BC, V3W 2N5 (604) 591-2722

This website has a list of support services for different areas in BC. The website has a list of resources and a library for parents of children with Down Syndrome. It also has a message board.

www.lmdss.com/index.php?id=22

DYSLEXIA

The International Dyslexia Association.

This website has a lot of information about dyslexia and also has a lot of resources that one can purchase (unlike the resources on other websites, these resources are actually quite reasonably priced!!!).

www.interdys.org/

International Dyslexia Association, BC Branch

This is the basic dyslexia website for BC residents 4918, 55B street, Delta, BC V4K 3B9 (604) 940-004₅

http://www2.vpl.vancouver.bc.ca/DBs/RedBook/orgPgs/1/1131.html

EPILEPSY

British Columbia Epilepsy Society:

This is a basic epilepsy website. It gives information on epilepsy and has a list of resources available. It has a lending library, however if you are not a member, you must provide credit card information before you can borrow a book. This is just in case you lost a book. If this happens, the cost of the book will be charged to your credit card. You can also connect to other websites from this main site www.bcepilepsy.com/

BC Ministry of Education's Epilepsy Website

This is the BC ministry of education's main epilepsy website. It gives a lot of practical advice regarding how to handle a child with epilepsy in the regular classroom, including information regarding what to do in case a child has a seizure in the classroom.

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/awareness/51.htm

Epilepsy Canada

This website has basic information about epilepsy and its treatment www.epilepsy.ca/eng/mainSet.html

Phone: (514)845-7855

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD)

BC Ministry of Education's Main FASD Website

This website contains very useful information about FASD. In addition to defining the disorder, the website contains a lot of resources for those who are parents of or who work with children with FASD. It contains checklists that can be downloaded and used and offers guidelines as to how one can develop an IEP for a child with FASD.

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/fas/

FAS Link Fetal Alcohol Disorders and Society

This is a great site as it shows a video that shows the startle reflex in an in utero alcohol-exposed baby. It also has a discussion form and information about parenting and educating children with FASD. http://www.faslink.org/

FASD Resources

This website contains a list of resources about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

http://www.ades.bc.ca/resources/fasd.html

Ministry of Children and Family Development

This website contains general information about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and also tells you where to go for help, in the province of British Columbia. http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/fasd/

Public Health Agency of Canada

This website contains general information about FASD, what is it and what its characteristics are.

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fasd-etcaf/fag-eng.php

GIFTED

The BC Ministry of Education's Gifted Website

This is the BC ministry of education's main gifted website. It offers teachers a lot of useful information about gifted children in the regular classroom. It also informs teachers about different educational programs designed specifically for those who are gifted.

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/gifted/

Gifted Canada

This website has a lot of useful information about what it is like to be gifted. It has a special section about young gifted children www3.bc.sympatico.ca/giftedcanada/



Gifted Children's Association of B.C.

This website provides information about the B.C. organization. It also has links to a lot of different websites and resources. http://www.gcabc.ca/

Hoagies Gifted Page

This is a major source of info on all aspects of gifted children. It also connects you to different interesting websites www.hoagiesgifted.org

Teachers and Families

This website has lots of cool information about gifted children, their characteristics and how parents can help them at home

www.teachersandfamilies.com/sped/gt/index.cfm

HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

BC Family Hearing Resource Centre

This website promotes different of communication, has useful website links and a resource library 15220-92 Avenue, Surrey (604) 584-2827 www.bcfamilyhearing.com/

BC Ministry of Child and Family Development Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

This website provides information on services available for the hearing impaired Phone: (604) 660-5507 www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/psdhh/services_for.htm

BC Ministry of Education and Hearing Impairments

This is the BC ministry of education's main website regarding resources and information about hearing impairments www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/hearimpair/toc.htm

Deaf Children's Society of BC

This website offers support to parents of children who are deaf. Has a library and a bookstore

7355, Canada Way, Burnaby Phone: (604) 525-6056 www.deafchildren.bc.ca/

Family Network for Deaf Children

This is a great resource for children, parents and teachers. It has a lot of information about and for the deaf community

Box: 50075, RPO, Burnaby Phone: (604) 684-1860

www.fndc.ca/

Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf

This website addresses issues that are important to the deaf community www.gvad.com

Hand Seak

This nice website is actually an online dictionary of ASL www.handspeak.com

Hard of Hearing Association BC Parents' Branch

This is another great website for parents of children who are hard of hearing. It connects you to different sites and resources and give you a lot of information as well.

10150, Gillanders Road, Chilliwack

Phone: (604) 794-3772

www.chhaparents.bc.ca/index.html

Help Kids Hear

This website helps parents find information about different kinds of resources. It also has discussion boards for parents and chat rooms for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. It also has interactive games for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

www.helpkidshear.org

The Itinerant Connection

This website has a lot of practical information on hearing impairments in the classroom. It also has a very useful IEP checklist that a teacher can use in her classroom. It also gives a lot of information regarding what might be hindering the child's learning in the classroom. It actually offers quite a lot of practical advice to teachers. This website also has a lot of information about what it means to be deaf and hard of hearing and how parents can help their children.

www.theitinerantconnection.com

OR www.theitinerantconnection.com/teachers.htm

Strategies for Teaching Students with Hearing Impairments

This website is for teachers. It gives a lot of effective and quite useful strategies for teaching children with hearing impairments in the regular classroom www.as.wvu.edu/~scidis/hearing.html



Teachers and Families

This website provides a lot of useful information on hearing impairments. It also provides classroom strategies for teachers www.teachersandfamilies.com/sped/prof/deaf/strategies.html

Vancouver Oral Centre for Deaf Children

This website has a lot of information about the education of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. It has listings of schools that offer special services to those who are deaf.

3575, Kaslo street, Vancouver

Phone: (604) 437-0255 www.oraldeafed.org/

Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

This website provides information about hearing impairments, speech and language milestones, the effects of hearing loss and also has an on line store. 2125, West 7th Street, Vancouver

Phone: (604) 736-7391

Phone (TTY): (604) 736-2527

www.widhh.com

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION (INCLUDING APRAXIA)

Apraxia and Dyspraxia

Great website for apraxia and dyspraxia. Includes sample IEPs and resource lists, as well definitions of terms www.tayloredmktg.com/dyspraxia/index.shtml

Apraxia Kids

Apraxia kids is a good website for parents of and professionals who work with children with apraxia. It has separate links to a parent page and a professional's page and also has a link to an apraxia library that contains all sorts of information about apraxia. (The library has an "En Espanol" section. www.apraxia-kids.org/

The British Columbia Association for People Who Stutter (BCAPS)

This BC website tells you what stuttering is and gives you basic information about stuttering. It also gives you a list of clinics in BC and a list of support groups, also in BC. The BCAPS also has a lending library that provides a wide range of books on stuttering and what can be done about it (in early childhood settings, for teens and for adults). The books are available to borrow, free of charge.

www.bcaps.bc.ca/

Expressive Communication Help Organization.

This is a basic website that includes definitions and general information about oral/motor disorders. It also includes information about support groups and whom to contact in your province

www.apraxia.ca

Friends: The National Association of Young People Who Stutter

This website is geared towards young people who stutter. It has a teen list where teens can get connected with other teens and share information and feelings with them and a parent list where parents can get connected with other parents who have children who stutter. It also has letters from young people who stutter that are guite inspirational.

www.friendswhostutter.org/

National Stuttering Association

This is the official website of the American national stuttering association. It tells you what stuttering is. It also has information that is geared towards children, teens and adults. It also has information for clinicians and educators. www.nsastutter.org/index.php

Pediatric Voice Disorders

This is part of a larger website on voice disorders. This section highlights voice disorders in children and give general descriptions and red flag information about voice disorders in children

www.voicefoundation.org/voicedisorders pediatric.html

Speech and Language Pathologists: The Quick Screener

This website is about developmental phonological disorders. In addition to describing the disorder, this website contains a quick screening tool that anyone can use to screen for language delays in children.

http://speech-language-therapy.com/tx-a-quickscreener.html

Speech Sound Development Chart

This is a simple online chart that indicates at what age each of the typical speech sounds are developed

isd742.org/ecassessment/assets/SpeechSoundDevelopmentChart.pdf

The Stuttering Foundation

This is a great website. It has all sorts of information about stuttering, why it happens and how one can help the person who stutters. It has a kid corner, a teen corner and a parent corner. It also connects to other useful resources www.stutteringhelp.org/

Typical Speech Development

This is a nice website that has a lot of information of how and when different facets of language develop. It offers developmental milestones and relate the development of language to the overall development of the child members.tripod.com/Caroline Bowen/acquisition.html



LEARNING DISABILITIES

LD Association of BC (Vancouver Chapter).

This is a basic website for BC parents of children with learning disabilities 3292, East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5M 1Z8 (604) 873-8139 www.ldav.ca/

The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada.

This website is for parents and teachers of children with LD and for adults who have LD. It gives a lot of basic and useful information about LD and how it can best be managed at home and in school. www.ldac-taac.ca/index-e.asp

Learning Disabilities Association/Fraser South Chapter

Basic information for the south Fraser area 201-13766 72nd avenue, Surrey, BC V3W 2P4 (604) 591-5156 www.ldafs.org/

LD on Line

This site has a lot of information about learning disabilities, their definitions, types and characteristics. It also has a list of warning signs for all ages, up to and including adulthood. It has a parent and child section. The child section includes live testimonies from children all over the world. Quite cool. www.ldonline.org

Learning Disabilities Worldwide.

This website has child, teen and parent sections. The child and teen sections are quite cool as they offer advice and support for children and www.ldworldwide.org/?gclid=CLXdyMeT0I0CFSEhYQodflXGHA

National Centre for Learning Disabilities.

This website has information and resources and parents can access discussion boards and chat rooms. www.ncld.org/

Non Verbal Learning Disorders

This website contains basic information about non verbal learning disabilities. It also includes a list of books that can be purchased from amazon.com www.nldline.com/

PREMATURITY/LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

About kids Health: Premature Babies

This is a website for parents who have premature babies. It gives information regarding what it means to have a premature baby. It also gives parents advice as to how they can help their baby at home.

http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/PrematureBabies/Premature-Babies.aspx?articleID=7880&categoryID=PI

BC Health Guide: Premature Infant

This website contains a general introduction to the topic of premature birth. It has information about premature birth and what to expect if someone has a premature baby. It also provides information regarding the development of premature infants and where a family can go for additional resources. http://www.bchealthquide.org/kbase/topic/special/tn5684/sec1.htm

Parent books: premature baby/NICU

This website contains a list of books about premature babies and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

http://www.parentbooks.ca/Premature Babies.html

Parents of premature babies, Inc.

This is a nice website for parents of premature babies. It connects the user to many resources, lists of conferences on premature babies and also has a "frequently asked questions" section. One especially interesting section is the "supporting siblings of premature babies" section, which addresses the issue of caring for your other children, while your baby is in the NICU. http://www.preemie-l.org/

Preemies.org

This website contains general information about premature babies. It also has a chat room where one can connect with parents of premature babies. http://www.preemies.org

Premature Babies: Medline Plus

This is a comprehensive website that defines prematurity and then connects you to all kinds of information about premature babies. Information available includes caring for your baby at home and the growth and development of premature babies.

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/prematurebabies.html

Premature baby-premature child

This website contains links to many topics related to prematurity, including a site that has a lot of testimonies from parents who have had a premature child. Another link within this website contains information about older premature children.

http://www.prematurity.org/



SPINA BIFIDA

Children with Spina Bifida Web Page: A Resource for Families and Providers

This is a basic website for spina bifida information. It includes definitions, treatment options and a list of resources. It also has a section that includes tips from parents regarding different issues that are usually encountered by parents of children with spina bifida.

www.waisman.wisc.edu/~rowley/sb-kids/index.html

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Canada

This a general website for spina bifida. www.sbhac.ca

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of BC

This is a basic website for information about spina bifida and hydrocephalus. It includes a resource list and links to other websites.

4480, Oak street, Vancouver, BC, V6H 3V4 Phone: (604) 878-7000, Fax (604) 677-6608 www.sbhabc.org/

TOURETTE SYNDROME

Tourette Syndrome.com

This is a basic website that is mostly geared towards children and teens with Tourette syndrome and their families. It tells you about Tourette syndrome and allows to read stories written by children and teens, regarding their experiences with having Tourette syndrome. This site also has Tourette syndrome chat rooms. www.tourette-syndrome.com/

Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada-Vancouver Chapter

P. O. Box: 53556, 984 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 4M6 Phone/Fax: (604) 732-3594

This is a basic Tourette syndrome website that introduces you to the disorder. It has a number of books and videos on Tourette syndrome that you can order online.

www.tourette.ca/chapters_greatervancouver.php

VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

BC Ministry of Education's Main Website for Visual Impairments

This is a great website for teachers. It introduces to visual impairments and offers you a lot of practical advice regarding how to best serve a child with visual impairments in your classroom www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/visimpair/

Canadian Blind Sports Association

325-5055 Joyce street, Vancouver, BC, V5R 6B2 Phone: (604) 419-0480, Fax: (604) 419-0481 This site is currently under construction www.canadianblindsports.ca

Canadian Council of the Blind

This website has information about local chapters of the council as well as general information about being blind. http://www.ccbnational.net/new/index.php

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

This website has a lot of information on resources for the blind. It offers suggestions about safe travel and Braille and other issues that are important to the blind population. It also has a library that contains many books in Braille, talking books and descriptive videos www.cnib.ca/en/Default.aspx

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired (NAPVI)

This site contains basic information for parents of children who are visually impaired. It also has a list of resources and a list of additional useful links. This page is available En Espanol. www.spedex.com/napvi

NAPVI Chat Rooms

This website gives you access to all sorts of chat rooms where you can connect with other parents, get advice from them and hear their stories www.spedex.com/napvi/links.html#Listserves (email discussion groups) & Chat Rooms

The Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired

This is a ministry of education program. It is hosted by the Vancouver school board and offers a variety of alternate forms of instructional materials and specialized equipment. Its library offers books about visual impairments and also sells books in formats that are "blind-friendly" at cost to those who are blind or visually impaired.

www.prcvi.org/



VI Guide

This website is a guide to internet resources for parents of children who are blind or visually impaired www.viguide.com/