

Special Needs Resources

This Website provides resources to military families who have a child with special needs. The information is provided to assist families with preparing for PCSing and adjusting to a new community. The website provides links to the wide array of military and civilian services in Utah. Take a look at the Resource Links and Question and Answers sections.

Currently there are two Special Needs Service Navigators located at HAFB. They are available before, during and after a PCSing. They may be contacted at **801-586-4735** and can provide information about HAFB services, local school programs, parent training, support groups and other Utah based services for children with developmental disabilities.

Other Navigator supports and services:

- One to one planning and linking to disability supports and services
- Assistance with program applications, appeals and other advocacy needs
- Information and referral to childcare, housing, respite, education, recreation, medical, assistive technology, support groups and general disability supports and services.

The following is a list of resource links that are relevant to families who have children with special needs. Each resource organization or site is involved in the disability community and offers a variety of resources and publications.

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Disability Related Resources & Information:

Statewide Referral and Information Systems

Utah 211 Get Connected, Get Answers;

www.informationandreferral.org

Statewide Service Referral and Information

Access Utah Network; www.accessut@utah.gov

Statewide information and referral concerning people with disabilities and disability issues

Utah Parent Center; Utah Disability Resource Book

www.utahparentcenter.org

Military Information Systems :

militaryonesource.com

militaryhomefront.dod.mil

Advocacy/Parent Training/Support Groups

STOMP-Specialized Training of Military Parents

www.stompproject.org/

STOMP(Specialized Training of Military Parents) is a federally funded Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center established to assist military families who have children with special education/health needs.

Baby Watch; utahbabywatch.org

Early intervention services in Utah.

People First of Utah; www.utahddc.org

Advocacy/support groups for adults with disabilities

Utah Parent Center and Autism Information

Resources; www.utahparentcenter.org

Provide information, referral, training and support for parents of individuals with disabilities

Support Groups on Facebook: Use Search words:

Families With Special Needs Children at Hill

AFB or Hill AFB Autism Support Group

Assistive Technology

Utah Center for Assistive Technology (UCAT);

www.uatf.gov

Assistive Technology, Loaner equipment, Computer Lab

Utah Assistive Technology Program; www.uatf.org

Provide assistance with low interest loans for adaptive equipment

Child Care

Child Care Resource and Referral;

www.weber.edu/ccrr

Information and referral to local child care services

Locate a Care Provider: www.care.com

Find quality care for your children, parents, pets and home

Family Connecting Center: [801-771-4647](tel:801-771-4647)

Assist with adoptions, respite care, crisis childcare and parent trainings

Disability Supports

Tri-County Independent Living Center of Utah;

www.tri-county-ilc.com

Promote independent living for all people with disabilities

Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Services for People with Disabilities;

www.hsdspd.utah.gov

Provide supports for persons with disabilities to lead self-determined lives

Education

Davis School District; www.davis.k12.ut.us

Includes the cities of North SLC, Woods Cross, Bountiful, Centerville, Farmington, Fruit Heights, Kaysville, Layton, Clearfield, Syracuse, Clinton, South Weber, Sunset and West Point

Weber School District; www.weber.k12.ut.us

Includes the cities of: Ogden, Plain City, Roy, Pleasant View, Farr West, Harrisville, Hooper, Huntsville, Marriott-Slaterville, North/South Ogden, Riverdale, Uintah, Washington Terrace, West Haven

Ogden City School District; www.ogden.k12.ut.us

Includes schools in the city of Ogden

Valley Mental Health, Carmen B. Pingree Center for Children with Autism; www.vmh.com

Provide day treatment services to pre-school and elementary aged children with Autism spectrum diagnoses

Spectrum Academy; www.spectrumcharter.org

Provides educational services to children with Autism

Financial

Social Security Administration; www.ssa.gov

Determine eligibility for federal programs

Utah Department of Workforce Services/Clearfield Office; www.jobs.utah.gov

Employment services, food stamps, childcare assistance, medical assistance.

Crossroads Urban Center: Community Food Co-op of Utah; www.food-co-op.net

Significant savings on food

Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund: Home Choice Program;

www.housing.utah.gov/owhlf/programs.html

Low interest loans to individuals with disabilities and/or their family members

Utah Individual Developmental Accounts;

www.uidan.org

Matched savings account to starting small business, homeownership, education and assistive technology related to employment

Legal

Disability Law Center; www.disabilitylawcenter.org

Statewide advocacy and litigation services to protect the rights of people with disabilities

Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake, Inc; www.lassic.org

Legal services for low-income individual with/without disabilities

Utah Department of Human Services, Office of Public Guardian; www.opg.utah.gov

Information, referral and education about guardianship, provide court appointed guardianship and conservatorship services

Medical

Utah Department of Health: Children With Special Health Care Needs; www.health.utah.gov/cshcn

Health care programs for children with special needs

Primary Children's Medical Center;

www.primarychildrens.com

Provide quality and comprehensive pediatric medical services

Shriner's Hospitals for Children Salt Lake City;

www.shrinershq.org

Provide expert pediatric orthopedic medical care free of charge

Recreation

Camp Kostopolus; www.campk.org

Recreational opportunities for children with disabilities ages 7 and up

Splore; www.splore.org

Accessible outdoor adventures

National Ability Center; www.nac1985.org

Adaptive Recreation program and Para-Olympic training center

Transportation

Utah Transit Authority; www.rideuta.com

Provide mobility for the general public as well as disabled and senior persons

Handi Van; [801-281-8416](tel:801-281-8416)

Provide transportation to medical appointments, private pay

Utah Department of Health; Pick Me Up Service

www.health.ut.gov

Provide Medicaid recipients transportation to medical appointments

Questions and Answers

Q. What paperwork will be needed in order to start services for my child with a special need?

A. Any information that you can bring with you will be helpful when starting your child in a new school setting but the most important document is a current Individualized Family Service Plan or Individual Education Plan. It is VERY important to work with your current education program to be sure that the dates of the IFSP/IEP remain current during your transition to Utah. For example, if the IEP runs out during the summer and you PCS to Utah, you will be required to meet with the school district to design a new plan before services will start. If your IEP is current, the school district can start services immediately when the new school year begins.

Q. Will my child get the same specialized services as they are receiving now?

A. Each IFSP/IEP is based on the needs of your child and the available supports within the early intervention program and school district.

Q. Why does my child's medical diagnosis differ from the school classification?

A. Education and medical systems are driven by different funding streams and federal and state regulations. The medical system diagnoses using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (4th Ed.). Early intervention and school programs must comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and managed by state rules and regulations of the Department of Health (Early Intervention) and the Department of Education (school age programs).

Q. If my child has just been recently diagnosed and has never received specialized supports how long will we have to wait for services?

A. A referral can be submitted to the school district at any time during the scheduled school year. If you arrive during the summer months when school is not in session, you will have to wait to the beginning of the new school year to submit your referral.

- B.** Early intervention is a 12 month program and is available whenever you reach Utah. Services should start within 45 days of your contact with the early intervention provider.