

Disability Concerns Community Resources

BRAIN INJURY SERVICES

The Brain Injury Association of Minnesota provides help, hope, and a voice for Minnesotans who live with disability as a result of a brain injury. 612-378-2742
www.braininjurymn.org ; info@braininjury.org

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare meets the special health-care needs of people - primarily children and teens -- who have disabilities. Gillette's mission is to help those it serves realize greater well-being, independence, and enjoyment in life. 651-291-2848
www.gillettechildrens.org; See "Resource Center" and "Family Resource Center" on web pages.

Parent Advocacy Coalition/Educational Rights (Pacer Center) seeks to expand opportunities and to enhance the quality of life for children and young people who have disabilities and to assist their families through classes, resources, and advocacy. 952-838-9000; 952-838-0190 TTY;
www.pacer.org. (On their home page go to the menu "Programs and Resources", select "Publications", sub category of "Handouts", click on "Resource List of Disability Organizations" PHP-c36) **This is an excellent comprehensive resource**

HEARING IMPAIRMENT SERVICES

Deaf Blind Services, Minnesota 612-362-8454 V/TTY
info@dbfm.org

Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens
www.minndeaf.org

Minnesota Dept. of Human Services, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services 651-297-1316
www.dhhsd.org

Minnesota Relay Service 1-800-627-3509 or 711 V/TTY
sprint.trscustserv@mail.sprint.com

Individual Disabilities

Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota-North Dakota 952-830-0512

www.alz.org/mnnd

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 651-631-3290

www.cff.org

Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota 651-603-0720

www.dsamn.org

Epilepsy Foundation 651-287-2300

www.efmn.org

Multiple Sclerosis Society provides programs, information, and resources for persons with MS. 612-335-7900; 1-800-582-5296 (v/tdd)

www.mssociety.org (link on MN).

Muscular Dystrophy Association 952-832-5517

www.mda.org

Spina Bifida Assoc. of Minnesota 651-222-6395

www.sbamn.com

Stroke Center, North Memorial Medical Center 763-520-5900

www.northmemorial.com

Twin Cities Autism Society 651-647-1083

www.ausm.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota 651-646-7588

ucpmn@cpinternet.com

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by mental illness. It provides support to individuals and families by offering support groups, classes, and information resources in print and on their web site.

651-645-2948 or 1-888-473-0237

www.nami.org/namimn

Mental Health Association helps individuals find access to services or problem solving situations on a one to one basis. 612-331-6840; 1-800-862-1799

www.mentalhealthmn.org

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICES

State Services for the Blind assists persons in regaining independence and self-confidence as they adjust to vision loss. The Communication Center, which is part of this agency, serves as a public library for persons with vision loss or physical difficulty in holding a book. 651-643-0500 or 1-800-642-0506

www.mnssb.org

Audiotape transcript services: 651-542-0849

Braille Transcript Services: 651-642-0852

Radio Talking Book/Dial-in News: 651-642-0503

Senior Services: 651-642-0838

Vision Loss Resources provides comprehensive services and information to people within the greater metro area. Services include in-home assessment, classes or individual instruction, volunteers, support groups, and activities just for fun through the Community Center. 612-871-2222.

OTHER RESOURCES

Helping Paws, Inc is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to further the independence of people with physical disabilities other than blindness or deafness. 952-988-9359

www.helpingpaws.org

Hearing & Services Dogs of Minnesota 612-729-5986; 1-800-627-3539 TTY;

h SDM@bitstream.net

TRANSPORTATION

Metro Mobility an ADA Paratransit Service, is available for people who are unable or have extreme difficulty using regular route transportation. Resources are available for persons wishing to purchase lifts, vans, etc. To apply for service call Customer Service at 651-602-111; TTY 651-221-9886; or download an application form (pdf format)

www.metromobility.org

