National & Statewide Resources

Colorado Department of Education
- Office of Special Education 303-866-6694
  www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp
  CDE offers extensive information regarding special and general education, special education law and the IEP process.
- Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee 303-866-6943
  www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/CSEAC.asp
  Serves as a liaison between parents, local school districts, and the Colorado Dept of Education Exceptional Student Unit.

Colorado Respite Coalition  303-233-1666
www.coloradorespitecoalition.org
Provide respite information, resources and referrals to family and professional caregivers and community partners.

Family Voices 800-881-8272
www.familyvoices.org
Information on Medicaid, private insurance, and navigating the healthcare system.

Parent to Parent 877-472-7201
www.p2p-co.org
Provides access to an online network of families with sons or daughters with a disability or special health care needs.

PEAK Parent Center 800-284-0251
https://www.peakparent.org/
Peak assists families, birth-26 with a parent advisor, trainings, Conference on Inclusive Education and statewide calendar.

Wrightslaw  877-529-4332
https://www.wrightslaw.com
Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

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For students with special needs

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PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

The Thompson Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is committed to encouraging inclusive education, providing resources and support for students, families, staff and the community to enhance the quality of education for students with exceptional needs within the Thompson School District Community

Thompson School District R2-J
Special Education Advisory Committee
Loveland, Colorado
sammi.burchfield@tsd.org
Opening Doors: Connecting Parents to Community Resources for Special Education

This community pamphlet is available to assist you in finding a variety of resources, both local and national, for your children with special needs. If you don’t see what you need listed here, please email us at sammi.burchfield@tsd.org and we will happily guide you to the appropriate resource.

YOUR SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

There are professionals at your child’s school with whom you and your child may interact during the evaluation and educational process. These school district personnel may include the following.

- Audiologist
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- Teacher of Hearing Impaired
- School Social Worker
- Special Education Teacher
- Speech & Language Pathologist
- Gifted & Talented Teacher
- Vision Specialist

Local Community Resources

Adaptive Recreation

Both city agencies provide access to equal opportunity recreation and leisure activities to community members with disabilities.

- City of Loveland Adaptive Recreation (970) 962-2462
  www.cityofloveland.org/departments/parks-recreation/chilson-recreation-center/adapted-recreation
- City of Fort Collins Adaptive Recreation (970) 224-6027
  www.fcgov.com/arco/

Arc of Larimer County (970) 204-6991
www.thearcoflarimercounty.org
The Arc of Larimer County seeks to help individuals with I/DD and their families get connected to the right services and supports through advocacy & education.

Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County (970) 223-1709
www.begreatlarimer.org/
The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The local clubs offer afterschool and summer programs, which focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles, character and leadership.

Foothills Gateway, Inc. (970) 226-2345
https://foothillsgateway.org/
Foothills Gateway’s mission is to advocate for and empower individuals with disabilities to lead lives of their choice.

Hearts & Horses (970) 663-4200
www.heartsandhorses.org/
At Hearts & Horses Therapeutic Riding Center, our mission is to promote the physical, cognitive, emotional and social well-being of people with special needs through equine-assisted therapy.

Fort Collins Social Security Administration (970) 336-7385
www.ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_child_eng.htm
Agency will assist with determining Social Security Income (SSI) eligibility based on your child’s disability.