

Parent Resource List
Greater Richmond Metropolitan Area and Regional Contacts
(August 2007)

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Business Address</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Description</u>
2-1-1 Virginia	Denny Huff	540-985-0131 ext 215 540-982-2935	Council of Community Services PO Box 598 Roanoke, VA 24004	dennyh@councilofcommunityservices.org	www.211virginia.org www.councilofcommunityservices.org	
American Cancer Society, VA Division	No specific contact person	888-227-6333	8219 Town Center Drive Baltimore, MD 21236	No email address at this time	www.cancer.org	Provides medicine, transportation, and funds for adults with cancer. Financial capabilities offered and determined by the society. Reach to recovery.
American Lung Association of Virginia	Catherine Hamm, Director Donna Reynold Com Relations	804-267-1900 Fax: 804-267-5634	9221 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, VA 23235	resourcecenter@lungva.org	http://www.lungusa.org/virginia/	Volunteer health organization for the fight against lung disease. Special interests include: asthma, tobacco control, and environmental health.
Arc of Virginia	Clarissa Riely, Executive Director Jamie Trosclair, ED	804-649-8481 Fax: 804-649-3585	2025 E. Main Street Suite 120 Richmond, VA 23223	criely@arcofva.org	www.arcofva.org	State wide organization advocating on behalf of people with individual support needs due to mental retardation, autism, developmental delays or other developmental disabilities and their families.
Arc of Virginia	Debra Holloway, Family Involvement Project Manager	888-604-2677 ext. 103	2025 E Main Street Suite 120 Richmond, VA 23223	dholloway@arcfip.org	www.arcofva.org	State wide organization advocating on behalf of people with individual support needs due to mental retardation, autism, developmental delays or other developmental disabilities and their families.
Arthritis Foundation, VA Chapter	Traci Pryor	804-359-1700 Ext. 305 Toll Free: 800-456-4687	3805 Cutshaw Avenue Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23230	info.va@arthritis.org	www.arthritis.org	A source of help for 1in3 Virginians living with arthritis. Information and education services, community programs, research, support and fundraising available. Part of National organization serving 70

						million + 300,000 children with arthritis and related diseases.
ASK - The Association for the Support of Children with Cancer	Anne Cuomo, Executive Director	804-828-1531	PO Box 17184 Richmond, VA 23226		www.askweb.org	ASK, a private, nonprofit organization, provides unique social, spiritual and financial support for children with cancer and their families.
Autism Center of VA Registry--Virginia Commonwealth University	Collin Pottie	804-827-3801 Ext. 315 Toll Free: 866-628-2268 Fax: 804-827-3822	PO Box 980489 Richmond, VA 23298-0489	autismreg@vcu.edu	www.vcuhealth.org/vtcc/vcu_autism_center.html	A registry available for those children with autism to help track the progression, treatment and possible cures for the disease.
Autism Society of America, Central Virginia Chapter	Bradford Hulcher, Information and Referral Specialist	804-257-0192	PO Box 29364 Richmond, VA 23242	asacv@aol.com	www.asacv.org	Support group for parents and professionals; newsletters, library, conferences, and social activities.
Bereaved Parents of the USA Mechanicsville Chapter	Carol Lowry	804-769-2491	1008 Mount Elba Road Walkerton, VA 23177 Or The Episcopal Church of the Creator, Mechanicsville, VA 23111	Chipsmom5978@earthlink.net	No website at this time.	Support group for parents, grandparents and siblings of deceased children.
Brain Injury Association of Virginia	Christine Baggini, Director of Family Resources	804-355-5748 Toll Free (800) 334-8443; Fax (804) 355-6381	3212 Cutshaw Avenue Suite 315 Richmond, VA 23230	info@biav.net	www.biav.net	Statewide organization providing information on brain injury, referral to resources, education and advocacy. Network of support groups around the state; Richmond group of adult survivors & family members meets twice a month.
Care Connection for Children	Please contact them for a referral	804-827-1795 866-737-5965 804-827-1798	PO Box 980021 Richmond, VA 23298-0021	careconnect@vcu.edu	www.careconnections.vcu.edu	Services are provided to families and their child who has special health care needs including: care coordinators, education consultation, insurance benefits and assistance with advocacy.

Cerebral Palsy of Virginia	Kathy Pendergast (Executive Director)	757-497-7474	5825 Arrowhead Drive Suite 201 Virginia Beach, VA 23462	cerebralpalsy@cerebralpalsyofvirginia.com	www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org	Serves all persons with CP and other developmental disabilities. Information, referral, advocacy, technology resource center, and respite weekends.
Ch.A.D.D. Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder		804-423-6332 or 804-379-6706	Bon Air Presbyterian 9201 W. Huguenot Road Richmond, Va 23235-2307	junkstman@aol.com	www.chadd.org	Support group meetings for parents and adults. Meetings held every second Tuesday at 7:30pm.
Children's Justice Center	Cheryl Frydrychowski Sharon England	804-501-0171	Courthouse Commons 4102 E. Parham Road Richmond, VA 23228	Mom4kidlaw@verizon.net	No website address at this time	Provides legal advocacy for children services.
Commonwealth Autism Service	John Toscano	804-355-0300 Toll Free: 800-649-8481 Fax: 804-355-0932	2201 W. Broad Street Suite 107 Richmond, VA 23220	information@autismva.org	www.autismva.org	Consultation & follow-up; training; networking for parents, consumers & professionals; collaboration with other organizations, agencies, etc.
Commonwealth Coalition of Community	Lani Bacharach	Email is the best contact.	P.O.Box 2786 Woodbridge, Va 22195	lani_bacharach@yahoo.com	www.commcoal.org	Networking and social club to promote, include, and support people with disabilities in the community; monthly meetings (dinners).
Commonwealth Parenting Center	Elizabeth Pearce (Executive Director)	804-545-1272	4121 Cox Road Suite 110 Glen Allen, VA 23060	info@commonwealthparentingcenter.org	www.commonwealthparentingcenter.org	Our mission is to help families help themselves through support, education and skill development. Our focus is on all families. Some services we provide are individual consultations, classes and educational testing and assessment. We also have classes on infant massage which is very helpful. We have conducted the Sibshops for siblings of children with special needs.
Compassionate Friends	Kelly Farthing Jean Lane	804-254-0588	PO Box 37368 Richmond, VA 23234 or St. Mathias Episcopal Church 11300 Huguenot Road Richmond, VA	TCFRichmond@aol.com		Grief support for people who have lost a child at any age. Monthly meetings, library, and newsletters.

ADHD: A Parent's Toolkit	Whitney Kern	804-768-7204	60801 Lucy Corr Court. Chesterfield, VA 23832; Mailing address: PO Box 92 Chesterfield, VA 23832	kernw@chesterfield.gov	www.co.chesterfield.va.us/HumanServices/YouthServices/classes.asp	Parenting class for parents of children with ADHD. It is held 2-3 times a year with priority given to Chesterfield county residents; children aged 5-11.
CSA - Richmond Celiac Sprue Support Group #87	Bill and Debbie Locke	804-794-7476	1347 Sweet Willow Drive Midlothian, VA 23113	csa.rcssg87@csaceliacs.org	http://www.csaceliacs.org	Support group for all persons with Celiac Sprue and family members; support, recipes, vendor contacts, education; meets 3rd Mondays at Johnson Willis Hospital, Johnson Willis Drive
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Karen Dennis (Executive Director)	804-527-1500 Toll Free: 888-233-4682	2727 Enterprise Pkwy Suite 201 Richmond, VA 23294	virginia@cff.org	www.cff.org	A resource of information about cystic fibrosis whose mission is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis, and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease.
Diabetes Institutes Foundation		757-446-8420 866-DIF-CURE Fax: 757-446-8429	855 W. Brambleton Ave Norfolk, VA 23510	foundation@dif.org	www.dif.org	Located at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA, the Diabetes Institute is one of the leading researchers in the cure and treatment of Diabetes.
Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond	George Williams	804-796-5141	PO Box 145 Richmond, VA 23218	info@dsg.com DSAGRInfo@yahoo.com	www.dsg.com	Family support group; meetings and social activities, packets for parents with newborns; referrals, networking, resources.
Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, Central Virginia Chapter	Kiki Larkin, RN or Kathy O'Hara, RN	804-751-1505	P.O. Box 980324 Richmond, Va 23298-0324	rlarkin@mcvh-vcu.edu	www.efva.org	Support groups for persons living with epilepsy; community outreach, training for seizure/first aid; educational issues. Provides financial assistance for medication and living expenses. Epilepsy awareness day. Support group meetings 2nd Monday of the month.
Family Intervention Program: Chesterfield Community Services Board	Ed Nicely	804-748-1227	PO Box 92 Chesterfield, VA 23832	nicelye@chesterfield.gov	www.chesterfield.gov and use link for Family Intervention Program	Family Intervention Services are available for Chesterfield County residents with a child that has a developmental disability. Behavioral, sibling, socialization, and disability awareness supports are available.

Family Members of Children with Aspergers Syndrome	Nancy Toscano	804-553-3267	Brook Road Academy St. Joseph's Villa 8000 Brook Road Richmond, VA 23227	ntoscano@sjymail.net	No website at this time.	A support group for families to provide knowledge and support about Aspergers Syndrome
Family Voices of Virginia	Maureen Mitchell, Director	202-494-8383 fax 703-955-7331	12617 Thunder Chase Dr, Reston, VA 20191	va_familyvoices@yahoo.com fgallagher@medhopleplus.org	http://www.familyvoices.org/st/VA.htm	Family Voices, a national grassroots network of families and friends, advocates for health care services that are family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent for all children and youth with special health care needs; promotes the inclusion of all families as decision makers at all levels of health care; and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals.
G.I.F.T.S.: Giving Individuals a Future Through Skills	Lisa Mansini	804-651-9938	1756 Early Settler's Rd. Richmond, VA 23235	specialneedgifts@yahoo.com	www.geocities.com/specialneedgifts	Support network for adults with children who have special needs or learning difficulties.
GRACE: Greater Richmond Autism Coalition for Equality	Deanna Parker	804-257-9007	P.O.Box 314 Mechanicsville, Va 23111	parkerdl@unos.org		Parent education, advocacy, and support group for parents or any person raising/caring for a child with autism or related pervasive developmental disorder. Meets 2 nd Friday of each month at 7pm.
HADDA: Hyperactivity/ Attention Deficit Disorder Association	Pat Ellis	804-781-0219	Shady Grove United Methodist Church 3280 Black Creek Dr. Mechanicsville, VA 23111	ellisps@aol.com	No website address at this time	Parent support group.
Infant and Toddler Connection of Glen Allen-Henrico	Theresa Edwards	804-727-8372	10299 Woodman Road Glen Allen, VA 23060-2798	fle10@co.henricostatelate.va.us	No website address at this time	Early intervention services for young children through age 2 with developmental disabilities for residents of Charles City, Henrico County, and New Kent.
Infant and Toddler Connection of Richmond	Leslie Snead Deana McGuire Buck	804-828-2742 (804) 827-0198	700 E. Franklin St. PO Box 843020 Richmond, VA 23284-3020	lasnead@vcu.edu dbuck@vcu.edu	www.vcu.edu/richmondinfantcouncil/	Early intervention services for young children with developmental disabilities for residents of the City of Richmond.

Infant and Toddler Connection of Chesterfield	Carol Granger	804-768-7205	60801 Lucy Corr Court PO Box 92 Chesterfield, VA 23832	grangerc@chesterfield.gov	www.co.chesterfield.va.us/itc/default.asp	Early intervention services for young children ages birth to 3 with developmental disabilities who are residents of Chesterfield County.
Infant and Toddler Connection of Goochland-Powhatan	Chris Power	804-598-2200 24 Hour Emergency 804-598-2697 Fax: 804-598-3114	3910 Old Buckingham Rd., Powhatan, VA 23139	cpower@co.goochland.va.us	www.gpcsb.org	Early intervention services for young children with developmental disabilities who are residents of Goochland and Powhatan.
Infant and Toddler Connection of Hanover	Karen Walker Director of Special Ed	804-365-4593	200 Berkley Street Ashland, VA 23005-1399	No email address at this time	No website address at this time	Early intervention services for young children with developmental disabilities who are residents of Hanover County.
International Dyslexia Association: Virginia Branch	Carolyn Russ Exec Assistant	804-285-1946 800-988-8336	PO Box 17605 Richmond, VA 23226	vbida@hotmail.com	www.interdys.org/servelet/viawbranch?branch_id=40	Resources for parents and professionals; annual statewide conventions. Support groups for adults with dyslexia (but no parent support group).
Learning Disabilities Association of Richmond	Charlene Lee, President	804-754-0231 Parenting class #	Jewish Community Center of Richmond 5403 Monument Ave. Richmond, VA 23226	info@ldvirginia.org	No website address at this time	Parent support group with state and national affiliations.
Medical Home Plus	Dr.Colleen Kraft, Medical Director	877-264-8366 804-330-5030	8719 Forest Hill Ave. Bon Air, VA 23235	cjones@medhomeplus.org ckraft@medhomeplus.org	http://medicalhomeplus.org/	Facilitates access to supports and services for children with special health care needs, including behavioral and mental health. MHP provides continuing education for primary care physicians, parents, and other community providers. MHP is home for Family Voices and PACCT(Parents and Children Coping Together).
Muscular Dystrophy Association	Rebecca Niedzwecki	804-285-2961	8001 Franklin Farms Dr. Suite 139 Richmond, VA 23288	richmondistrict@mdausa.org	www.mdausa.org	New patient packets; support group for adult; no parent support group at this time.

National Kidney Foundation of VA, Inc.	Eleanor W. Myers (Vice President)	804-288-8342 Toll Free: 888-KIDNEY-8	2601 Willard Road Suite 103 Richmond, VA 23294	welcome@kidney.org	www.kidneyva.org	Volunteer, non-profit health agency whose mission is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, to improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and to increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.
National Spinal Cord Injury Association, Old Dominion Chapter	Shawn Floyd	804-726-4990 National: 800-962-9629	PO Box 8326 Richmond, VA 23226	info@odcnsca.org	www.odcnsca.org	Information and referral services for SCI survivors and their families; peer and family support groups; prevention programs in schools. Quarterly meetings scheduled now meet monthly.
Parent Resource Center: Hanover	Danette Hodges	804-365-4596	201 Archie Cannon Dr. Ashland, VA 23005	hanoverprc@hanover.k12.va.us	www.hcps.us/instruction/parentresource/default.htm	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Hanover County.
Parent Resource Center: Henrico	Jane Carlucci	804-343-6523	2401 Hartman St. Richmond, VA 23223	SRCHASE@HENRICO.K12.VA.US	www.co.henrico.va.us/schools/parentres.html	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Henrico County.
Parent/Teacher Support Center: Richmond	Jane Brinkley Parent Coord.	804-780-4052	Richmond Technical Center, North 2015 Seddon Way, Room 205 Richmond, VA 23230	jbrinkle@richmond.k12.va.us	www.richmond.k12.va.us	Provide support, resources and information for parents of exceptional education students of Richmond.
Parent/Teacher Resource Center: Chesterfield County Public Schools	Charlene Lee	804-743-3703	Thomas Fulghum Center 4003 Cogbill Rd. Richmond, VA 23234	cmlee@chesterfield.k12.va.us	http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/html/parents_pages/ptrc/parent_teacher_center.htm	Provides support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Chesterfield County.
Parent-to-Parent	Dana Yarbrough, Exec Director	804-795-1481 804-795-1486 fax	PO Box 38341 Richmond, VA 23231	ptpofva@aol.com	www.ptpofva.com	The state Parent to Parent office provides training and technical assistance to families and providers on best practice in supporting families with children with disabilities. Feature programs include parent matching for IEP support and training on coordinating health care supports.

Virginia Federation of Families	Vicki Hardy-Murrell	804-559-6833	PO Box 26691 Richmond, VA 23261-6691	pacct@infionline.net	www.pacct.net	"A support group for support groups." Mini-grants for parent support groups; newsletter and lending library; develops and maintains state network of local support groups and promotes statewide advocacy network.
Parents of Allergic Children	Paula Bush	804-739-1495	St. Mark's United Methodist Church PO Box 1808 Midlothian, VA 23113	queries@parentsofallergicchildren.org	www.parentsofallergicchildren.org	Support group for parents of children with learning or behavioral problems due to allergies. Meets on the 1 st Friday of every month at 10:30 am.
Partnership for People with Disabilities	Fred Orelove	804-828-3908 Fax: 804-828-0042	700 E. Franklin Street 10 th Floor PO Box 843020 Richmond, VA 23284-3020	forelove@mail1.vcu.edu	www.vcu.edu/partnership	This University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities works to increase choices for individuals, change systems, improve services and affect public policy.
PEATC: Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center	Pierre Ames Cherie Takemoto, ED	Toll Free: 1-800-869-6782 Local/TDD: 804-819-1999 Fax: 804-819-1990 Main Office – Springfield 703-923-0010	2922 West Marshall St. Richmond, VA 23230 100 N Washington St. Suite 234 Falls Church, VA 22046-4523	partners@peatc.org	www.peatc.org	Training for parents and professionals working with children with disabilities on how to negotiate special education rights and processes for obtaining services and supports for their children.
Respite Resource Project	Monica Uhl	804-828-8587	700 E. Franklin Street 11 th Floor, Room 1110 Richmond, VA 23284	muhl@vcu.edu	No website address at this time	Respite service directory, summer camp listings, resource lending library and family resources.
Richmond Area Cleft Lip & Palate Association	Patty Moffitt	804-794-1564	13611 Hailsham Circle Midlothian, VA 23113	No email address at this time	No website address at this time	Partnership between parents and health professionals. Provides support for new parents, and for people with the condition and their families, from infancy through adulthood.

Greater Richmond SCAN's Family Support Program	Angela Merritt Verdery, MSW	804-257-7226 ext 4 To Report Abuse: 800-552-7096	1506 Staples Mill Rd. Suite 203 Richmond, VA 23230	averdery@grscan.com	www.grscan.com	Parenting groups and simultaneous children's groups throughout Richmond. Gives the support and tools parents and care-givers need to build healthier relationships with their children; assessment, referrals, case management, and counseling services.
SENSE, Parent Advocacy Network	Lauren M. Rokenbrod, Director	No number at this time.	No address listed.	lmrokenbrod@comcast.net	SENSErichmond@yahoo.com	S.E.N.S.E Parent Advocacy Network is a Richmond-based group designed to assist parents or caregivers of children diagnosed with Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD). Members and guest presenters help each other make SENSE out of Sensory Processing Disorder through Education, Networking, Support, and Encouragement. The group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Edwards School, Room 105, 700 Dolfield Drive, Richmond, VA 23235.
SipShops @Bon Secours	Please call for more information.	804-545-1CPC (804-545 – 1272)	Commonwealth Parenting Center 4121 Cox Road Richmond, VA 23060	info@commonwealthparentingcenter.org	www.commonwealthparentingcenter.org	For siblings of children with special health care needs. Meet one morning/afternoon for a workshop of socializing and fun Most meetings held in Bon Secours Family Health Institute Education Center (Innsbrook Ironworks Building).
SNAP: Special Needs Advocate for Parents	Marla Kraus, Exec Director	1-888-310-9889	248 Columbia Turnpike Bldg 3, LL Fordham Park, NJ 07932	info@snapinfo.org	www.snapinfo.org	Medical Insurance problem-solving, special needs estate planning, individualized assistance in locating+ resources from nationwide database, quarterly educational newsletter, and informative articles, archived newsletter articles and resource links.
SNAP: Supporting the Needs of Autistic Parents'	Joe Maciejczyk	804-501-2820	4801 Stony Creek Parkway Chester, Va 23831	http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/SNAP-Chesterfield/	jmaciejczyk@comcast.net	Information and support for parents of children newly diagnosed with Autism.

Special Olympics of Virginia	Rick Jeffrey President	804-346-5544 Toll Free: 800-932-GOLD	3212 Skipwith Rd. Suite 100 Richmond, VA 23294	rjeffrey@specialolympicsva.org	www.specialolympicsva.org	State program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with Intellectual disabilities.
Spina Bifida Association	Kathy O'Hara	804-828-3862	1510 Darrell Dr. Midlothian, VA 23113	kaohara@vcu.edu	No website address at this time	New parent packets; networking and annual newsletters.
Virginia SIDS Alliance	Pat Franco	800-849-7437	P.O. Box 15578 Chesapeake, Va 23328	info@vasids.org	www.vasids.org	Parent and grandparent support groups, newsletter, and outreach. Meet 2 nd Tuesday every month from 6-7:30pm.
Tourette Syndrome: Association of Greater Washington	Lyn Mox Exec Director	877-295-2148 Office 301-681-4133	33 University Blvd East Silver Spring, MD 20901-2485 (Chapter Address)	tsagw@aol.com	www.tsagw.org	Offers resource ideas and networking. A local chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Washington.
Lives Worth Saving Hotline		1-800-637-2316			www.thearclink.org/news/article.asp?ID=697	A transplant hotline for persons with disabilities and their families. The hotline provides people with disabilities with authoritative information on organ transplantation and how to maximize one's chance of being listed and transplanted.
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities	Henry Street	804-786-0016 800-846-4464 804-786-1118	202 N. 9 th Street 9 th Floor Richmond, VA 23219	No email address at this time Henry.Street@vboard.virginia.gov	www.vboard.org	The Board encourages public comment on its planning activities and at Board meetings, and encourages individuals to contact the Board with needs information or concerns about disability-related issues. The Board offers two statewide self-advocacy training, Partners In Policymaking and Youth Leadership Forum.
Virginia Fragile X Resource Center	Michelle Rocker	434-964-1283	4213 Kingcrest Parkway Richmond, Va 2321	vafragile@yahoo.com	www.fragilex.org/html/virginia.htm	
Virginia Leadership Excellence in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	Janet Willis	804-828-0073 Fax: 804-828-0098	1000 E. Marshall Street Room 320 PO Box 980405 Richmond, VA 23298-0405	jwillis@mail2.vcu.edu	www.vcu.edu/partnership/Va-LEND/	Interdisciplinary training and leadership development program for health professionals and related disciplines to develop advanced clinical skills and leadership abilities in the field of childhood

(Va-LEND)						neurodevelopmental disabilities.
Virginia Safe Kids	Corri Miller-Hobbs	804-628-2077	PO Box 985917 Richmond, Va 23298	cmillerhobbs@mcvh-vcu.edu	www.safekids.org	Part of National Safe Kids-the first national org dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional injuries in children 14 and under.
Virginia Sickle Cell Awareness Program	Jene Shipman	804-828-4879	Department of Pediatrics PO Box 980158 Richmond, VA 23298	jshipman@vcu.org	www.views.vcu.edu/pediatrics/vascap	Medical and related treatment and follow-up for patients; matching sickle cell families for support.