

Parent Resource List
Greater Richmond Metropolitan Area and Regional Contacts
(June 2011)

<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	Barb Putney	Phone: (540) 985-0131 ext 211 Fax: (540) 982-2935	P.O. Box 598 Roanoke, VA 24004	barbp@councilofcommunityservices.org	www.211virginia.org www.councilofcommunityservices.org	I&R Center on health and human services includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing • Financial Assistance for Rent or Utilities • Basic Needs such as Food and Shelter • Legal Assistance • Mental Health Services • FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Security Plan) • Employment and many other services • Information on subjects like government agencies, recreation, support groups, domestic violence, welfare reform, maternal and child health issues, and many others that may be of interest to the public.
ADHD: A Parent's Toolkit	Sherry Callear	Phone: (804) 717-6739	60801 Lucy Corr Court. Chesterfield, VA 23832; Mailing address: PO Box 92 Chesterfield, VA 23832	no e-mail address	http://www.chesterfield.gov/content3.aspx?id=3147&terms=parenting+classes	Parenting class for parents of children with ADHD. Please call for dates and location.

American Cancer Society, VA Division	No specific contact person	Phone: (804) 527-3700 Fax: (804) 527-3797	4240 Park Place Court Glen Allen, VA 23060	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.
The Arc of Virginia	Jamie Liban, Executive Director	Phone: (804)649-8481 Fax: (804) 649-3585	2025 E. Main Street Suite 107 Richmond, VA 23223	jliban@arcofva.org	http://www.thearcofva.org/index.html	State wide organization advocating with and for people with cognitive and other developmental disabilities and their families.
Arthritis Foundation, VA Chapter	Tanya Scott	Phone: (800)365-3811 Fax: (804) 359-4900	2201 West Broad Street Suite 100 Richmond, VA 23220	info.va@arthritis.org	www.arthritis.org/chapters/virginia/	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	Debra Abney, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 658-5910	PO Box 17184 Richmond, VA 23226	acuomo@askweb.org	www.askweb.org	ASK, a private, nonprofit organization, provides unique social, spiritual and financial support for children with cancer and their families.
Autism Society of America, Central Virginia Chapter	Bradford Hulcher	Phone: (804) 257-0192 Fax: (804) 290-0286	PO Box 29364 Richmond, VA 23242-0364	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	Jim Barbour Chapter Leader	Home Phone: (804) 843-4883 Cell phone: (804) 241-6703	4115 Cardinal Ct. West Point, VA 23181	No available e-mail address	http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/BP_Ch_Virginia.htm#Mechanicsville	Support group for parents, grandparents and siblings of deceased children. Meets every 3 rd Sunday at 3:00pm at the Episcopal Church of the Creator, 5159 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA 23111
Brain Injury Association of Virginia	Christine Baggini , Information and Referral Services Manager	Phone: (804) 355-5748 Toll Free: (800) 444-6443 Fax: (804) 355-6381	1506 Willow Lawn Dr. Suite 212 Richmond, VA 23230	No Available e-mail address	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	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 827-1795 Toll Free: (866) 737-5965 Fax: (804) 827-1798	PO Box 980021 Richmond, VA 23298-0021	careconnect@mcvh-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	Michelle Majority: Executive Director	Phone: (757) 497-7474 Fax: (757) 497-0868	5825 Arrowhead Drive Suite 201 Virginia Beach, VA 23462	michelle@cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org	www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org	Serves all persons with CP and other developmental disabilities. Information, referral, advocacy, technology resource center, and respite weekends.
Celebrating Special Children	Laura Nelson	No phone number	PO Box 11384 Burke, VA 22009		http://celebratingspecialchildren.org	The mission of Celebrating Special Children, Inc. is to provide parents and professionals with the necessary information to ensure that children with disabilities realize their fullest potential of development, independence and quality of life. The organization publishes a newsletter four times yearly on its website.
Ch.A.D.D. Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 385-3139	Bon Air Presbyterian 9201 W. Huguenot Road Richmond, Va 23235-2307		http://www.chadd.net/templte.cfm?affid=650&p=about	Support group meetings for parents and adults. Meetings held every third Tuesday at Bon Air Presbyterian Church from 7-9 pm. No child care is provided.
Children's Hospital	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 228-5818 Toll Free: 1-800-443-0893	2924 Brook Road Richmond, VA 23220	Inquiry Form: www.childrenhosp.richmond.org/cms/index.php/misc/contact	www.childrenshosp-richmond.org	Children's Hospital of Richmond is has joined with VCU Healthsystem to serve children from birth through the age of 21. VCU Healthsystem regards itself as Children's Hospital's downtown campus (and CHOR as VCU Healthsystem's pediatric northside campus. Children's Hospital's services center on the diagnosis and treatment of various medical conditions ranging from chronic illness to recent injuries.

CHIP of Richmond	Amy L. Strite Executive Director	Phone: (804) 233-2850 Fax: (804) 233-3443	2922 W. Marshall Street Richmond VA 23230	No Direct E-mail	http://www.chipofrichmond.org	CHIP of Greater Richmond enriches the lives of children and the community by providing comprehensive services, in partnership with parents, to improve the overall health, well-being and independence of families.
Commonwealth Autism Service	John Toscano, President and CEO	Phone: (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 Parenting Center	Elizabeth Pearce, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 545-1272 Fax: (804) 545-1273 Parent Tip Line: (804) 545-1928	4121 Cox Road Suite 101 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. A Hispanic educator is on staff.
Connor's Heroes Foundation	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 221-8991	Connor's Heroes Foundation P.O. Box 2536 Midlothian, VA 23113	Inquiry Form: http://www.connorsheroes.org/contact	http://www.connorsheroes.org	Building a community of heroes to ease the burden of childhood cancer today and to help find a cure for tomorrow by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing assistance to pediatric cancer patients and families 2. Promoting public awareness 3. Funding pediatric-focused cancer and bone marrow research
Community Health Education Center (CHEC)	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 828-2432	1250 East Marshall Street Richmond, VA 23294	No E-mail Address Available	http://www.vcuhealth.org/chec	A children's area has been incorporated into the CHEC. In this special space, children have the opportunity of reading and researching health issues at an age appropriate level. Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an

						adult.
CSA - Richmond Celiac Sprue Support Group #87	William and Deborah Locke	Phone: (804) 794-7476 Fax: (804) 794-9271	1347 Sweet Willow Drive Midlothian, VA 23114	csa.rcssg87@csaceliacs.org	http://www.csaceliacs.org/Chapter_Pages/RichmondVAChpt87.php	Support group for persons with Celiac Sprue and family members; support, recipes, vendor contacts, education; meets 3rd Mondays 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Johnson Willis Hospital Main Auditorium.
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Linda Vines Executive Director	Phone: (804) 527-1500 Toll Free: (888) 233-4682 Fax: (804) 527-0016	2727 Enterprise Pkwy Suite 104 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.
Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond	Cynthia Lantz	Phone: (804) 796-5141	PO Box 70789 Richmond, VA 23255	dsagrinfo@yahoo.com	www.dsagr.com	Family support group; meetings and social activities, packets for parents with newborns; referrals, networking, resources.
Easter Seals Virginia	C. L. Cochran, President and CEO	Toll Free (800) 662-7119 Fax: (804) 287-1008	Easter Seals Virginia 8003 Franklin Farms Drive; Suite 100 Richmond, VA 23229	hazelbaker@va.easterseals.com	www.va.easterseals.com	Easter Seals Virginia is committed to being an advocate and provider of much-needed services for people with disabilities and their families. Easter Seals has disbanded its Richmond office and has merged with Easter Seals NC. It is administrated from NC.
Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, Central Virginia Chapter	Suzanne Bischoff, Executive Director	Phone: (434) 924-8669 Fax: (434)982-0606	500 Ray C. Hunt Dr. P.O. Box 800659 UVA Health Center Charlottesville, VA 22908	epi@avenue.org	www.epilepsyfoundation.org/local/virginia	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 Voices of Virginia	Bernice Allen Eileen Hammar	Phone: (804) 828-8593	Family to Family VA Partnership for People with Disabilities 700 E. Franklin Street, 10 th floor PO Box 843020 Richmond, VA 23284-	stacyjustiss@msn.com mballen@vcu.edu	http://www.familyvoices.org/states.php?state=VA	Family Voices is a national, grassroots clearinghouse for information and education concerning the health care of children with special health needs.

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Greater Richmond SCAN's Family Support Program	Melissa McGinn, Family Support Program Coordinator	Phone: (804) 257-7226 Fax: (804) 257-7109 To Report Abuse: (800) 552-7096	103 E. Grace Street Richmond, Virginia 23219	mmcginn@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; offers assessment, referrals, case management, and counseling services.
Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia	Position vacant as of 7/2011, Virginia Part C Coordinator	Phone: (804) 786-3710 Fax: (804) 371-7959	Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services 1220 Bank Street, 9th Floor P.O. Box 1797 Richmond, Virginia 23219	maryann.discenza@dbhds.virginia.gov	http://www.infantva.org/	Early intervention services for young children with developmental disabilities for residents of the City of Richmond.
International Dyslexia Association: Virginia Branch	Leslie Daise, President	No direct number	PO Box 17605 Richmond, VA 23226	info@vbida.org	www.vbida.org	Resources for parents and professionals; annual statewide conventions. Support groups for adults with dyslexia (but no parent support group).
Medicaid Waiver Technical Assistance Center	No Direct Contact	Phone: (757)461-8007 Toll Free: (866) 323-1088	No Address Provided	VaWaivers@endependence.org	www.endpendence.org/Medicaid Waiver Services Guide.pdf	Medicaid Waiver mentors are on hand to assist with the Medicaid waiver application process. See the website address for a link to their new informational booklet.
Medical Home Plus	Dr. Colleen Emily Jancristoforo, Administrative Manager	Toll Free: (877)264-8366 Phone: (804)330-5030 Fax: (804) 330-5032	8719 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, VA 23235	info@medhomeplus.org	http://medhomeplus.org/	Facilitates access to supports and services for all children particularly those with special healthcare needs, including behavioral and mental health. MHP provides continuing education for primary care physicians, parents, and other community providers. MHP is home to the Family to Family Resource Center and an online learning center.

Muscular Dystrophy Association	Susan Mauck	Phone: (804) 285-2961 Fax: (804) 282-1038	8001 Franklin Farms Dr. Suite 139 Richmond, VA 23229	richmond@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.	No direct contact	Phone: (804) 288-8342 Toll Free: (888) 543-6398 Fax: (804) 282-7835	1742 E. Parham Rd. Richmond, VA 23228	Madeline.schnare@kidneyva.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.
Noah's Children	No Direct Contact	Phone: (804) 287-7686 Fax: (804) 287-7918	5855 Bremono Road Suite 409 North Medical Office Building Richmond, VA 23226	No available e-mail address	http://www.noahschildren.com/	Provides healthcare and support services to the children and families of Central Virginia who face chronic life-limiting illness. Serves a critical need as Central Virginia's only pediatric hospice and palliative care program. Through an innovative interdisciplinary approach, Noah's Children ensures comprehensive, compassionate care at the most difficult time a family could face.
Parent Resource Center: Hanover	Kelly Jones, Coordinator	Phone: (804) 365-4596	John Grady Elementary School 201 Archie Cannon Dr. Room D-9 Ashland, VA 23005	hanoverprc@hcps.us	http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/instruction/parentresource/index.htm	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Hanover County.
Parent Resource Center: Henrico	Lisa Abernathy, Coordinator	Phone: (804) 343-6523	5915 Nine Mile Road Richmond, VA 23223	presource@henrico.k12.va.us	www.henrico.k12.va.us/PARENTS/parent_resource.html	Provide support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Henrico County.
Parent/Teacher Support Center: Richmond	Sharanda Smith Parent Coordinator	Phone: (804) 780-4052 Or (804) 788-6084	Richmond Technical Center North 2015 N. Seddon Way Room 205 Richmond, VA 23230	ssmith@richmond.k12.va.us	www.richmond.k12.va.us/exed/index.cfm	Provide support, resources and information for parents of exceptional education students of Richmond.

Parent/Teacher Resource Center: Chesterfield County Public Schools	Charlene Lee Educational/ Family Consultant	Phone: (804) 279-7311 Or (804) 279-7401	Thomas Fulghum Center 4003 Cogbill Rd. Richmond, VA 23234	charlene_lee@ccpsnet.net	http://www.chesterfield.k12.va.us/CCPS/parents/ptrc/parent_teacher_center.htm	Provides support, resources and information for parents of special education students of Chesterfield County.
Parent-to-Parent Of Virginia	Dana Yarbrough, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 828-0352	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.
Partnership for People with Disabilities	Bobbi Piguet	Phone (804) 828-3876 Fax: (804) 828-0042	700 E. Franklin Street 10 th Floor PO Box 843020 Richmond, VA 23284-3020	bjpiguet@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	No Direct Contact	Local/TTY: (804) 819-1999	3600 W. Broad Street Suite 397 Richmond, VA 23230	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.
Pediatric and Adolescent Health Partners PC	Carolyn M. Myers Educational Consultant	Phone: (804) 357-5896	8719 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, VA 23235	cmymyersmed@verizon.net	http://sites.google.com/a/carolynmyersmed.org/carolynmyers/	Provides the following services: full educational evaluations, education plans, parent consultation and education, learning strategies, school visits, student learning strategy plan, coordination of assessment results, multidisciplinary feedback sessions, and workshops for parents and teachers.

Special Olympics of Virginia	Floyd Miller, Coordinator for City of Richmond Tina Andes, Coordinator for surrounding counties	Phone: (804) 346-5544 Toll Free: (800) 932-GOLD Fax: (804) 346-9633	3212 Skipwith Rd. Suite 100 Richmond, VA 23294	fmiller@specialolympicsva.org www.specialolympicsva.org	www.specialolympicsva.org	State program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with Intellectual disabilities.
St. Joseph's Villa	Craig Hedley, Director of Community Partnership	Phone: (804) 553-3200 Or (804) 273-6553 Fax: (804) 553-3259	8000 Brook Road Richmond, VA 23227	chedley@sjvmail.net	http://www.neverstopbelieving.org	St. Joseph's Villa provides services for people with a variety of physical and mental disabilities. Our schools serve students with learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism and emotional disturbances, among other things. Our Day Support Services provide after-school and weekend respite care to children with mental retardation, multiple learning disabilities, cerebral palsy and autism, among other things.
Tourette Syndrome: Association of Greater Washington	No Direct Contact	Phone: (301) 681-4133	1398 Lambertson Dr. Suite 204 Silver Spring, MD, 20902	No e-mail provided	www.tsagw.org	Offers resource ideas and networking. A local chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Washington.
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities	Heidi Lawyer, Executive Director	Phone: 804) 786-0016 Toll Free: (800) 846-4464 Fax: (804) 786-1118	Washington Building 1100 Bank Street 7 th Floor Richmond, VA 23219	heidi.lawyer@vbpd.virginia.gov	www.vaboard.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. Sponsored programs include advocacy and leadership training for youth with disabilities (Youth Leadership Forum) and parents and adults with disabilities (Partners in Policymaking)
Virginia Federation of Families (VA-FOF)	Vicki Hardy- Murrell	Phone: (804) 257-5455 Toll free: 1-866-798-2363 Fax: (804) 257-5593	3212 Cutshaw Ave Suite 315 Richmond, VA 23230	Vhardy-murrell@medhomeplu.s.org	www.mhav.org	Specializes in assisting children/youth with special health care needs, especially those with mental, emotional or behavioral issues. This is done through resource/service coordination,

						family trainings, advocacy work, assisting local chapters/support groups, and attending state-level meetings to promote policy change for VA's Children's Services Transformation and our System of Care.
Virginia Fragile X Resource Center	Reiss and Carey Wilks	Phone: (804) 354-9799	No Address Available	Wilks@aol.com	www.fragilex.org/html/virginia.htm	The Virginia Fragile X Resource Group has identified four regions of the state to help with coordination of events and family support.
Virginia Leadership Excellence in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Va-LEND)	Janet Willis	Phone: (804) 828-0073 Fax: (804) 828-0098	1000 E. Marshall Street Room 320 PO Box 980405 Richmond, VA 23298-0405	jhorsley@vcu.edu	www.vcu.edu/partnership/valend/	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 neurodevelopmental disabilities.
Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy	Colleen Miller, Executive Director	Phone: (804) 225-2042 Toll Free: (800) 552-3962 Fax: (804) 662-7057	1910 Byrd Avenue Suite 5 Richmond, VA 23230	general.vopa@vopa.virginia.gov	www.vopa.state.va.us	The Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA) helps with disability-related problems like abuse, neglect, and discrimination. We also help people with disabilities obtain services and treatment. All callers receive help with these problems. Individuals with problems, targeted in our program goals, may also receive advocacy services and/or legal representation.
Virginia Safe Kids	Corri Miller-Hobbs	Phone: (804) 628-2077 Fax: (804) 827-1748	CHoR@VCUHS 401 N. 12 th Street, Suite 302 PO Box 985917 Richmond, VA 23298	cmillerhobbs@mcvh-vcu.edu	www.vcuhealth.org/virginiasafekids	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	Theresa Taylor	Phone: (804) 864-7767 Fax: (804) 864-7771	109 Governor St. Richmond, VA 23219	Theresa.Taylor@vdh.virginia.gov	www.vahealth.org/sicklecell	Medical and related treatment and follow-up for patients; matching sickle cell families for support.
Virginia SIDS Alliance	Mark Ferrero Executive Director	Phone: (757) 951-7778 Cell: (757) 865-0827	PO Box 2241 Poquoson, VA 23662	info@vasids.org	www.vasids.org	Parent and grandparent support groups, newsletter, and outreach. Please contact for further support group information.

A Voice for GAP Kids	Linda Moore Parent Contact	Phone: (804) 749-3895	P.O. Box 174 Rockville, VA 23146	tim@voiceforgapkids.com	www.voiceforgapkids.com/welcome.asp	Provides information, education and advocacy to special education students known as GAP Kids or Gray-Area Kids.
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