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Other Resources

Institute on Community Integration (ICI). Federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), part of a national network of similar programs in major universities and teaching hospitals across the country. The Institute's mission is to improve the quality and community orientation of services and supports available to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

<http://ici.umn.edu/welcome/default.html>

Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). As a department, [MDE] is focusing on four primary goals: improve achievement for all students, enhance teacher quality, expand education options for students and families, implement education finance reform and enhance accountability. Their mission is to improve educational achievement by establishing clear standards, measuring performance, assisting educators and increasing opportunities for lifelong learning.

<http://education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html>

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). The Minnesota Department of Health performs a wide range of critical public health duties every day. The department also regularly identifies public health issues that need special attention. Their mission is protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/>

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY). A national information, dissemination and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators and other professionals. NICHCY's focus is children and youth (birth to age 22).

<http://nichcy.org/>

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). One of the 27 components of NIH. NICHD administers a multidisciplinary program of research, research training and public information on reproductive biology and population issues; on prenatal development as well as maternal, child and family health; and on medical rehabilitation.

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/>.

National Institutes of Health (NIH). An agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Public Health Service. NIH is the steward of medical and behavioral research for the nation. Its mission is science in pursuit of fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to extend healthy life and reduce the burdens of illness and disability.

<http://www.nih.gov/>

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). One of three components of Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the U.S. Department of Education. NIDRR generates, disseminates, and promotes new knowledge to improve the options available to individuals with disabilities. It conducts programs of research to maximize the full inclusion, social integration, employment and independent living of individuals with disabilities. NIDRR's focus includes research in areas such as employment; health and function; technology for access and function; and independent living and community integration.

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/NIDRR>

Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). A program office of the U.S. Department of Education that provides national leadership for educational research and statistics. OERI conducts research and demonstration projects funded through grants to help improve education; collects statistics on the status and progress of schools and education throughout the nation; and distributes information and provides technical assistance to those working to improve education.

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OERI>

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS). The program office within the U.S. Department of Education focused on improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. OSERS supports parents, individuals, school districts and states in three main areas in three offices: special education (OSEP), vocational rehabilitation (RSA) and research (NIDRR). OSERS also provides funds to programs that offer information and technical assistance to parents of children with disabilities, as well as members of the learning community who serve these individuals.

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/>