

EDUCATION

1. ABC Signing Kids abcsigningkids.weebly.com/
Books, flashcards, dvd's, videos that make learning to use sign language easy and fun
2. Down Syndrome Ed dseusa.org/
If you don't already know about DS Ed, it is worth checking out. Our past speaker Sue Buckley is part of DS Ed, to give an idea of the caliber of this organization. Information, research, materials for purchase, and programs you can use for teaching reading and language.
3. Games for Special Needs gamesforspecialneeds.com/
Hands-on games and manipulatives created by therapists, professionals and parents of children with special needs.
4. High Noon Books HighNoonBooks.com
Chapter books that are high-interest for lower level readers; books divided into several reading levels. Large variety of topics.
5. National Catholic Board on Full Inclusion fullinclusionforcatholicschools.org/
Good general information on inclusion.
6. Special Reads for Special Needs specialreads.com/
A reading program for all ages including supplies that can be used by parents or in school. "High appeal to the hearts and funny bones of individuals with DS....brain-friendly."
7. The TV Teacher thetvteacher.com/
Award-winning handwriting programs specially designed for children with special needs. Video-modeling approach.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

1. Specs 4 Us specs4us.com/
Eyeglasses designed to accommodate the unique facial features of those with DS. There is an optometrist location in Anchorage and in Eagle River (Optical Matchmakers-Home Optics) that carries Specs4Us.
2. TalkTools talktools.com/
Education for parents and speech therapists on feeding skills and speech clarity; supplies for eating and oral sensory exploration.
3. ACCESS ALASKA (907) 248.4777
Recycled durable medical equipment loan closet.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION / OUT-OF-STATE LIVING

1. ThinkCollege www.thinkcollege.net
A wonderful site with much information about advanced schooling at a college program; gives things to think about, schools around the country, stories from students, etc.

2. Shepherd's College (Wisconsin) shepherdscollege.edu/
Prepares individuals with IDD to reach appropriate independence.
2. ClemsonLife (Clemson University, South Carolina) clemson.edu/education/culife/
Post secondary experience for persons w. IDD on a college campus. Career exploration and preparation.
3. Moving Forward Towards Independence (California) moving-forward.org/
Transitional and independent living support, supporting the growth of the whole person in a community setting.
4. Stewart Home and School (Kentucky) stewarthome.com/
5. Pathfinder Village (New York) pathfindervillage.org
Independence, friendship, belonging for men and women with DS. Short term and long term programs.
6. Ruby's Rainbow rubysrainbow.org/
Scholarships to adults with DS seeking postsecondary education, enrichment, or vocational classes.

GENERAL SUPPORT

1. DS Diagnosis Network. dsdiagnosisnetwork.org/
Supports new and expectant parents, pre-natal to age 3. On-line support groups.
2. DS Information Alliance downsyndromeinfo.org/
Articles on variety of topics, for parents and professionals; includes medical, educational, research and law issues.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. ATLA = Assistive Technology of Alaska atlaak.org
Helps families make informed decisions about assistive technology. Information, demonstrations, short-term loans.
2. The DS-AUTISM Connection ds-asd-connection.org
education, support, inspiration. On-line newsletter.
3. DDS SafetyNet ddssafety.net/
Website full of tools that self-advocates can use for better health and safety.
4. Alaska Long-Term Care Ombudsman akoltco.org 1-800-730-6393 (907) 334-4480
Assists older Alaskans in resolving issues and concerns regarding living facility, guardianship, or services received.
5. Trips, Inc. tripsinc.com/
Special Adventures of all-inclusive vacation packages for adults (18 & over).
6. Directory for Older Alaskans 276-1059 1-800-478-1059
List of assisted living homes throughout Alaska. Also phone numbers of state agencies such as Medicaid, Dept. of Health & Social Services, SSI, etc.

ARTICLES of INTEREST – these articles were written in the 90s, but the information is still good and valid. These articles are housed by Donna Davidson; copies can be requested by emailing: dkdavidson@gci.net

1. *Travel Training for Youth with Disabilities*—explains best practice for teaching someone with IDD how to learn to ride the bus. 23pp.
2. *How Do You Work This Lock?* – a great method of learning to use a combination lock at school. 5pp
3. *Learning and the Child with DS* – info on how a child with DS learns, and why he learns this way. 16pp
4. *“I See What You Mean!” Using Visual Tools to Support Student Learning.* 14pp