

MULTIPLE DISABILITIES **RESOURCES, DEFINITION & CRITERIA**

(Note: Additional resources may be found in the lists for other disability categories)

Local Resources

Assistance with Respite Care in the Home (ARCH)

St. Louis Arc

1177 N Warson Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63132

314-569-0247

www.slarc.org/site/431/arch_respite_services.aspx

Assists families with accessing respite care services in the family's home or home of the provider.

Bridges Community Support Services

3114 Sutton Boulevard

Maplewood, MO 63143

314-781-7900

www.bridgescss.com/

Offers interpersonal counseling; OT, PT and speech therapies; behavior therapy and evaluations; supported living services, person-centered planning and more.

Children's Home Society

9445 Litzsinger Road

St. Louis, MO 63144

314-968-2350

www.chsmo.org/developmental-disabilities

Services include long-term residential care and short-term stays that provide respite for families and care givers for children with significant developmental disabilities and medical needs. Adoption services with counseling and support groups.

Jewish Community Centers Association

2 Millstone Campus Drive

St. Louis, MO 63146

314-432-5700

www.jccstl.org

Provides summer camps, social, recreational, fitness and theater programs for children and adults.

Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services (P & A)

1992 Innerbelt Business Center Dr.

Overland, MO 63114

1-800-233-3958(voice/TDD)

314-785-1702

www.moadvocacy.org

Information and referral, counseling and professional assistance, administrative remedies, negotiation/mediation, legal services.

Life Skills Foundation

10176 Corporate Square Drive, Ste. 100

St. Louis, MO 63132

314-567-7705

www.lifeskills-stl.org

Committed to full participation and contribution of individuals with disabilities in their community. Services include Teen Summer Employment Program and Teen Transition Services.

Missouri TASH (MO-TASH)

636-447-2326

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Missouri chapter of TASH, an international membership association that promotes inclusive communities through research, education and advocacy. MO-TASH goals are to promote self-determination, social justice, and inclusion of people with

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disabilities in Missouri; influence public policy, legislation, supports and service delivery which promotes self-determination, inclusion, and social justice.

MPACT (Missouri Parents Act)
800-743-7634 or 800-995-3160

www.ptimpact.org

Federally-funded parent training and information center networks and coordinates among parent and provider agencies. Presents workshops for parents, coordinates a parent volunteer program, provides individualized assistance and referral services.

Productive Living Board for St. Louis
County Citizens with Developmental
Disabilities

121 Hunter Ave. Ste. 200
St. Louis, MO 63124
314-726-6016

www.plboard.com

County tax-based agency provides funds to agencies that serve individuals with developmental disabilities. Core services include individual and family supports, employment and training, residential and supported living and transportation services.

The Recreation Council
200 S. Hanley, Ste 100
St. Louis, MO 63105
314-726-6044

www.recreationcouncil.org

Cooperative of many agencies that work together to promote community-based recreational activities. Provides a resource center for information and referral, Guide to Leisure Services, Leisure Network newsletter, inservice training and educational presentations.

St. Louis Arc

1177 N. Warson Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63132
314-569-2211

www.slarc.org

Not-for-profit agency conducts programs and provides opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. • Early childhood program (six weeks to 5 years) • Childgarden School (inclusionary daycare and preschool) • Capable Kids & Families (birth to 6) toy and equipment lending library • Family Organization with workshops • ARCH (respite care in the home) • leisure services • residential services • adult day and employment services • support groups • community integration services.

St. Louis Regional Office
9900 Page, Suite 106
St. Louis, MO 63132
314-877-2711

www.dmh.mo.gov/slro/index.htm

Operated by the Missouri Department of Mental Health's Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Every person who requests services is entitled to an initial diagnostic evaluation and case management. Eligibility is determined and arrangements are made to obtain services within the available resources of the division (in such areas as therapy, family support, training, residential services and more).

St. Louis Society the Physically Disabled
1187 Corporate Lake Drive, Ste 100
St. Louis, MO 63132
314-989-1188

www.stlsociety.org

Meets the needs of the community by empowering people through support, recreation, transportation and advocacy.

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Youth community recreation program and summer sports camp.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Heartland
13975 Manchester Road, Ste. 2
Manchester, MO 63011
636-227-6030

www.ucpheartland.org

Includes Child Development Centers, Early Intervention Program, therapies, summer camping programs, Camp Friday and Camp Saturday respite, Educational Day Program for days schools are closed, Extended Day Program for after school or work, In-Home Supports, Adaptive Martial Arts.

National Resources

The ARC of the United States

www.thearc.org

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

www.rarediseases.org

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)

www.naric.com

TASH

www.tash.org

United Cerebral Palsy Association

www.ucpa.org

Online Resources

Family Village

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu>

Library (click on first letter of a specific disability in the card catalog to go to resources)

National Dissemination Center of Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

<http://nichcy.org>

Guidelines for Success

- Independence is the goal
- Be an advocate for the child
- Teach skills that are functional
- Teach skills in the natural setting
- Break task down into individual steps
- Provide assistance as needed
- Provide repeated opportunities to practice skills
- Speak to the child using normal voice and language
- Use real objects
- A multisensory approach is best
- Take advantage of the "teachable moment"

Who May Be on an Educational Team

- Special educator
- General educator
- Administrator
- Paraprofessional
- Physical therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Vision specialist
- Medical specialist
- Speech and language pathologist
- Orientation and mobility specialist
- Audiologist
- Psychologist
- Social worker
- Educational consultant
- Adaptive physical education therapist
- Transition specialist
- Behavior specialist
- Music therapist
- Family members
- Advocate

Behavioral Suggestions

- Be clear and consistent
- Accentuate the positive

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- Redirect students when necessary
- Establish meaningful consequences for behavior
- Follow through with consequences
(from Teaching Children With Multiple Disabilities)

DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FROM APPENDIX A OF THE MISSOURI STATE PLAN

Multiple Disabilities Definition

““Multiple Disabilities” means concomitant impairments (such as mental retardation blindness, mental retardation-orthopedic impairment, etc.), the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the impairments. The term does not include deaf/blindness.

Criteria for Initial Determination of Eligibility

A child displays multiple disabilities when:

- A. concomitant impairments occur;
- B. the impairments together cause severe educational needs.