



“Greatest Hits” for Special Educators

A collection of the essential websites for special educators,
other individuals who work with students with special needs,
and
families who have a child with special needs

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I) Instructional Materials

Ia) Electronic and Audible Book Resources

<http://www.accessiblebookcollection.org/>

Accessible Book Collection provides high interest/low reading level digital text to qualified persons with disabilities; non-profit schools can subscribe.

<http://www.infomotions.com/alex/>

Alex: A Catalog of Electronic Texts includes a catalog with over 2,000 etext entries

<http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/access>

Alternative Formats to Print Sources offers numerous links for print alternatives; very useful for students needing reading support and alternatives for using vision to read

www.aph.org

American Printing House for the Blind is the world's largest company devoted to creating products for people who are visually impaired.

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/about/welcome.html>

America's Story from America's Library is a website by Library of Congress that contains many non-book items such as letters, diaries, records and tapes, films, sheet music, maps, prints, photographs and digital materials. Stories about America's heritage are presented through a variety of subject areas.

<http://www.assistivemedia.org/>

Assistive Media provides an audio-literary service for persons with print-access disabilities; provides audiocassette-based literary works through the Internet

<http://www.audible.com>

Audible.com has audiobooks, including a variety of audio magazines and newspapers.

www.audiobooksforfree.com

Audio Books For Free offers free MP3 downloads of audio books.

<http://www.awesomelibrary.org/Awesome Talking Library.html>

Awesome Library's Awesome Talkster, an animated online talking character for e-books, provides visual synchronized highlighting so students can follow the text.

www.bartleby.com

Bartleby is an Internet publisher of literature, reference and verse, providing students, researchers unlimited access to books and information on the web, free of charge.

<http://bookbuilder.cast.org>

Bookbuilder by CAST: Use this site to create digital books.

www.books-on-line.com/

Books-On-Line is a directory of books that are posted on the net and available for downloading at no charge along with new books being published.

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

BookPALS is a program of the Screen Actors Guild Foundation, consisting of professional actors who read aloud to children at public elementary schools.

<http://www.bookshare.org/web/Welcome.html>

Bookshare.org has an enormous collection of electronic text for those with a print disability; membership required.

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/stories.html>

Children's Literature Web Guide, includes a listing of online children's stories to read or download, some of which from well-known books, others can be found only online.

<http://www.childrenstory.com/tales/index.htm>

Children's Story provides a selection of online traditional fairy tales with illustrations.

www.cliffnotes.com and www.sparknotes.com and www.bookrags.com

Cliff notes, **Spark Notes**, and **Book Rags** have online free summaries, character analyses, essay suggestions, and important quotes for thousands of books.

www.codeMantra.com

Code Mantra is a company that will scan books at a reasonable price to create high-quality PDF files you can easily convert to Word or other formats.

<http://www.digitalbookindex.org/about.htm>

Digital Book Index has over 110,000 electronic book resources.

<http://www.ebooks.com>

Ebooks is a commercial website that has downloadable ebooks.

http://www.indianchild.com/tongue_twisters.htm

E-text (electronic text) free books online. Electronic text provides access to digital materials for students with learning, sensory and physical disabilities.

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/english.html>

Electronic Text Center includes an extensive listing of prose and poetry e-text.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>

Enchanted Learning has numerous online books, easy-to-read information about popular academic areas, and cloze activities.

<http://www.fictionwise.com/>

Fiction Wise has thousands of free and for-a-fee downloadable ebooks.

www.gamequarium.com/magazines.html

Gamequarium has a great list of on-line magazine sites that are very motivating for kids to use with text-to-speech software.

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com>

Giggle Poetry includes children's poetry, poetry contests, and ideas for educators on teaching poetry in fun and interesting ways.

www.google.com/

Use **google.com**--type in the book name and "eBook" to get possible etext resources.

<http://internet4classrooms.com/index.htm>

Internet 4 Classrooms offers a catalogue of links to internet resources for educators. The site is well organized and easy to navigate so that you can browse easily through the literally hundreds of suggested resources.

<http://www.ipl.org/>

Internet Public Library includes links to picture books, short stories, poetry, myths, fables, magazines, and information about authors.

<http://www.ifla.org/II/etext.htm>

Internal Federation of Library Associations and Institutions is an international and non-profit organization that provides access to digital libraries.

<http://www.kidsclick.org>

KidsClick was created by a group of librarians at the Ramapo Catskill Library System, articles listed with illustration information and readability level.

<http://www.learningally.org/>

Learning Ally (previously called Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic [RFB&D]) describes services to individuals who cannot read standard print because of visual, perceptual, or other physical disability; how to access RFB&D services; and information on the collection of audiobook books maintained by RFB&D.

<http://libraryspot.com>

Library Spot is a free virtual library resource for educators and students, families for valuable research information and includes a section on electronic books.

<http://lil-fingers.com/>

Lil Fingers offers a few books, but they are free and appropriate for both very young children as well as emergent readers.

<http://literate.com/>

Literate website has free animated talking books and phonics program when you register on their website.

<http://www.literacycenter.net/>

The LiteracyCenter.Net offers free literacy lessons a day to children

<http://www.magickeys.com/books>

Magic Keys has an award-winning site for online children's talking storybooks, games, cartoons, coloring books, phonics, and teacher resources.

<http://www.mslit.com/default.asp>

Microsoft's eBook Catalog contains an alphabetized list of topics, including a link to free ebooks. Information on Microsoft Reader, a text reader for PC computers, is available.

<http://mightybook.com>

Mighty Book website includes online talking books for student and online games.

www.nationalgeographic.com

Explore **National Geographic Online**. A world leader in geography, cartography, and exploration.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

National Geographic for kids includes news with an environmental focus, and includes on animals, nature, history, people and places, science, and space.

<http://netlibrary.com/>

Netlibrary gives access through your local public library. Members can download e-books in text and audio formats for loan. When the loan period expires, the book will no longer work.

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

The Online Books Page website facilitates access to downloadable e-books

www.PinkMonkey.com

Pink Monkey offers hundreds of free study guides, chapter summaries, book notes, chapter notes, synopsis, essays, downloadable notes, and online textbooks.

http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page

Project Gutenberg includes e-text files of popular literary works; offers over 36,000 free eBooks to download to your PC, [Kindle, iPad, iPhone, Android, or other portable device](#). Choose between ePub, Kindle, HTML, and simple text formats.

http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/content/read_aloud_stories.msp

RIF Reading Planet Read Along Stories and Songs are animated stories with the text highlighted as it is read in a human voice. Requires Flash.

<http://www.starfall.com/>

Starfall provides interactive books with sounds.

<http://tarheelreader.org/>

Tar Heel Reader is an open source library of books that are switch accessible, talking, internet accessible, and downloadable.

<http://www.teacherxpress.com>

Teacher Express: See section on digital books

<http://www.techadapt.com/>

TechAdapt, Inc. is a commercial company that provides Braille and digital translation services for any text, making print and electronic materials accessible to anyone.

<http://www.textbookreader.org>

Textbook Reader is a commercial company that makes textbooks available in Kurzweil's .KES format and are completely prepared. They have a list of textbooks that they have transferred into electronic format and they will prepare other textbooks.

<http://www.tumblebooks.com/library>

TumbleBook Library has a selection of talking electronic books and games for elementary-age audience.

<http://www.underthesun.cc>

Under the Sun is an online electronic repository of classic authors and great literature.

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxthematicunits.html>

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxat.html>

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxvendors.html>

Web Toolboxes for Educators: Thematic Units and Lesson Plans: organizes the most popular resources for teachers looking for thematic unit ideas and plans, including low and high-technology strategies.

Web Toolboxes for Educators: Software & Assistive Technology links to popular vendors for instructional and assistive technology software

<http://webenglishteacher.com/>

Web English has a large list of resources for lessons, classrooms, activities, videos, eText, puzzles, and Web Quests.

<http://www.weread.org/>

We Read utilizes the Internet and Technology to engage children and young adults in reading; website includes numerous talking and non-talking books and games.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_page

Wikipedia is a free encyclopedia that can be edited to address any student's needs.

wowio.com/index.asp

Wowio offers free electronic books online; make selections provided by category.

<http://www.zamzar.com>

Zamzar has free file text convertor to assist in using other electronic readers when they only read a specific format.

[For summaries of books for cognitive rescaling and text-to-voice output:](#)

www.cliffnotes.com

www.enotes.com

www.freebooknotes.com

www.sparknotes.com

Quick Links to Alternate (etext and audio) Books & Stories (hyperlinks attached):

- [Aesop Fables](#)
- [Audiobooks for Free](#)
- [Big Books](#)
- [Bookflix](#)
- [BookPals](#)
- [Browser Books](#)
- [Creating Talking Books in Power Point \(tutorial\)](#)
- [E-books for Young Readers](#)
- [ESSPC Children's E-Books](#)
- [Fablevision](#)
- [Free Audible Classics](#)
- [Genie Books \(in PowerPoint\)](#)
- [ICDL](#)
- [Light Up Your Brain](#)
- [Literal Systems Youth](#)
- [Loud Lit](#)
- [Robert Munsch](#)
- [Sebastian Swan Online Books](#)
- [SET Symbol and PPT Books](#)
- [Silly Books](#)
- [Stories Online](#)
- [Storynory](#)
- [Symbol World Stories](#)
- [The Amazing Adventure Series](#)
- [The Rosetta Project](#)
- [Unity Adapted Book Downloads](#)

Ib) Instructional Strategies and Reproducible Resources

www.aaaspell.com

AAASpell includes spelling practice and “brain training” memory tasks categorized by grade level

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/>

A to Z Teacher stuff was designed to help teachers find online lesson plans and resources quickly and easily. This site contains over 1000 pages and is a popular Web destination for teachers, reproducible materials, songs, charts, worksheets, and lesson plans.

<http://abcteach.com/directory/>

ABC Teach Network has a huge number of reproducible worksheets, writing activities, fun activities, and thematic based activities for printing/download.

<http://www.arcess.com/>

Accessible Computer Games is a fabulous resource for online Accessible Single Switch Games and Switch Activities.

<http://www.disabled-world.com/artman/publish>

The **Accessible Games** section of **Disabled-World.com** offers an array for free games, including those of visual and auditory sensory deficits.

<http://www.flashcardmachine.com/>

The **Amazing Flash Card Machine**, is an interactive web application that allows the user to create interactive web-based study flash cards.

www.animatedatlas.com

Animated Atlas portrays history and geography via animated maps and geographic features.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

BBC website includes games

<http://www.mayer-johnson.com>

BoardMaker Exchange Page of Mayer-Johnson’s website has many pre-made Picture Communication Symbols pages and grids useful to create materials for communication, articulation, language, literacy, and thematic units.

<http://bonus.com/>

Bonus.com offers many games, stories, and educational activities for students.

<http://brainegames.com/>

Brain-e-games has a lot of games to help students develop confidence, understanding and skills in math, reading & geography

<http://www.brainpop.com/>

BrainPop includes a collection of digital movies about a wide range of topics in science, health, math, English, and technology. It is an excellent web-resource for students with low-reading skills.

<http://www.bry-backmanor.org/>

Bry-Back Manor has loads of reprintable activities, picture recipes, worksheets, and icons designed for folks with young children or children with special needs.

<http://snow.utoronto.ca>

Designing Accessible Curriculum, part of the SNOW website offers a professional resource that is a self-directed course, for educators to learn how to design an accessible curriculum. This website also includes tons of other online AT resources and online courses.

<http://www.do2learn.com/>

Do2Learn.com has resources and free printable picture symbols and charts to use for visual schedules and steps within tasks. This website has lots of low/no tech free options, many of which are helpful as visual strategies of relatively low functioning students. Check out the tabbed sections on the top of the home page: Activities, Get Organized, and Picture Cards

http://speech.jpss.k12.la.us/engineering_the_classroom.htm

Engineering the Classroom has a variety of downloadable symbols and sample communication pages for various activities.

<http://www.eduhound.com/>

EduHound has pre-screened directory of more than 20,000 links in over 50 categories in English and Spanish, clipart, worksheets, and making a classroom web page.

<http://udltechtoolkit.wikispaces.com>

Free Technology Toolkit for UDL in Every Classroom has free text to speech, graphic organizers, math tools, multimedia and digital storytelling, study skills tools, literacy tools, and writing tools.

<http://www.funbrain.com>

Fun Brain is an Educational site for K-8 teachers and kids. Find online educational games for kids of all ages, including math, grammar, science, spelling, and history.

<http://www.thegateway.org>

Gateway to Educational Materials, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, provides easy access to educational resources found on various federal, state, university, non-profit, and commercial Internet sites; also includes high quality lesson plans and curriculum units.

<http://www.handwritingworksheets.com/>

The **Handwriting Worksheets** website includes free templates to make custom handwriting worksheets for print and cursive handwriting.

www.helpkidzlearn.com

HelpKidzLearn is a web site full of free games for young children and those with learning difficulties, includes games, stories, songs and creative tasks.

<http://www.hiyah.net/software.html>

Hiyah is a website written by a parent of two children with special needs and limited language skills. The website has downloadable educational software is made for children 18 months to 4 years of age (or higher for children struggling with language delays), which can be operated by simply pressing the spacebar.

http://www.download.com/Home-Education/2001-2015_4-0.html?tag=dir

The **Home and Educational section** of **Download.com** has a wonderful selection of free educational software and technology tools.

<http://www.refdesk.com/homework.html>

Homework Helper is a website for locating information regarding a topic for a report, reading books, and solving math problems.

www.humbolt1.com

Humbolt offers free downloadable community sign software.

<http://www.acdclab.alleganisd.org>

Integrating the Internet into the Special Needs Classroom is an excellent site for educators working with functional curriculum concepts involving students with moderate to severe disabilities and includes easy to access resources. This site includes both online and offline activities which are obtained from the computer yet the actual activity is performed away from the computer

<http://www.kidsfreeware.com/>

Kidsfreeware offers a huge collection of free software and Internet services for kids.

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/brain/world/clip.html>

Kids Domain is a family friendly, kid safe site with hundreds of reviews, free software, crafts, games, contests, holiday fun, and printable activities.

<http://letsplay.buffalo.edu/>

Let's Play! Projects provide education, service, and research on the effectiveness of accessible materials and supports to promote play in young children with disabilities. This was designed for parents and professionals in Early Intervention programs, yet many are appropriate for older children with special needs. Strategies and supporting materials are useful when considering play options for children with disabilities.

<http://www.visionconnection.org/Content/Technology>

Making Text Legible for Students with Partial Sight is a summary of common adaptations for individuals with low vision.

<http://www.microsoft.com/education/default.mspix>

Microsoft's Teaching and Learning with Microsoft Office Resource Kit has timesaving tools to integrate technology into the curriculum and create engaging opportunities for students. The Office template installer contains calendars, lesson plans, parent bulletins, and class directories and professionally authored and formatted documents.

<http://schools.nycenet.edu/d75/student/literacy/adaptedbooks/default.htm>

New York City Public Schools Adapted Books and Materials website includes adapted books and materials created with Boardmaker picture symbols, Writing with Symbols, and PowerPoint software. This requires Boardmaker or Writing with Symbols software.

<http://www.oatsoft.org/>

The Open source Assistive Technology Software (OATS) website is a searchable index of assistive technology enabled open source software.

<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/lettersounds.htm>

Owl and Mouse Educational Software offers free software for learning letters of the alphabet, learning phonics and letter sounds, and learning to read; free online US maps, world maps, map of Europe, puzzle maps of the US, Europe, Africa, Asia, and a free online game to build a medieval castle and make a coat of arms

<http://www.pppst.com>

Pete's Power Point Station has thousands of free presentations in PowerPoint format, including interactive games in all math, science, language arts, clip art. This is the themes and topics index all on one page.

<http://www.primarygames.com/>

Primary Games includes numerous online games for preschool and elementary students that features educational games, printable coloring pages, holiday activities, and free musical postcards.

www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=Resources&pid=4

Priority Woods School has an incredible resource section of their web site. From here you can download a wide variety of material including worksheets, curriculum documents, lesson plans and simple programs, including cause-and-effect activities, talking story books, and other educational activities.

<http://sweb.uky.edu/~jszaba0/QIAT.html>

QIAT - Quality Indicators in Assistive Technology is a nationwide grassroots group that includes hundreds of individuals who provide input into the ongoing process of identifying, disseminating, and implementing a set of widely applicable Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology Services in School Settings.

<http://quizstar.4teachers.org/>

QuizStar, a web-based program, provides a template for an educator to create a custom quiz that students can take online. Use this when you have a lesson plan centered on internet websites, or if you want students to be able to do take-home assignments over the internet.

<http://www.wartoft.nu/software/sebran/>

Sebran's ABC's colorful pictures, pleasant music, and gentle games teach letters, numbers, simple math, and rudiments of reading.

<http://www.shinylearning.co.uk/downloads/downloads.shtml>

ShinyLearning has free early learning and switch accessible games.

Various **Site Word Practice** Links

<http://www.dolch-words.com/dolch.html>

http://www.edhelper.com/dolch_sight_words.htm?qclid=CPT0-JmZ4pACFRpdagodVmMrXg

http://jumps.planetfungames.com/index.html?referrer_id=1039679

<http://www.hiyah.net/software.html>

<http://www.createdbyteachers.com/dolchboardmain.html>

<http://www.softschools.com>

SoftSchools.com provides free math worksheets, math games and phonics worksheets and games. Worksheets and games are organized by grades and topics.

<http://www.specialednews.com/educators/lessonplans/lessons.html>

Special Ed News includes a comprehensive list of lesson plan websites for special and regular education.

<http://www.setbc.org>

Special Education Technology British Columbia website has numerous materials for IntelliTools software for students with emerging literacy and numeracy skills. Check out other curriculum downloads at <http://www.setbc.org/res/files/default.html> for IntelliTools and Boardmaker. Also includes online accessible books.

<http://www.starfall.com/>

Starfall is a favorite site for online educational activities for kids of all ages, including math, science and language arts activities. There are activities that a student can play alone or with a partner, and the level of difficulty is from Pre-K to high school.

<http://www.switchclimber.com/>

SwitchClimber is an interactive website that teaches switch users to access the computer through small sequential steps and databased feedback; first two week trial is free.

<http://school.discovery.com/teachers/>

Teacher Channel includes lessons Plans, teaching tools, clip art, various educational activities for students K-12.

<http://teachinglearnerswithmultipleneeds.blogspot.com/>

Teaching Learners with Multiple Needs is a vast database of instructional resources for students with special needs

http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/

Teach-nology provides generators to make classroom materials by filling out a simple form. The materials are made instantly and can be printed directly from your computer.

<http://www.tsbvi.edu/>

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired website has an incredible wealth of information regarding technology integration for students with visual deficits; also includes numerous instructional resources and curriculum strategy publications.

<http://www.tinsnips.org/>

Tin snips is a special education resource that strives to share a variety of specialized teaching tools, techniques, worksheets, and activities with teachers of students who have autistic spectrum disorders and related developmental disabilities.

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxthematicunits.html>

Web Toolboxes for Educators: Thematic Units and Lesson Plans: This link provides a comprehensive listing of the popular resources for teachers for thematic unit ideas and associated lesson plans, including low and high technology strategies.

<http://www.widgit.com/resources/index.htm>

Widgit produce a wide range of symbol-supported learning materials and symbol stories. Including extensive topic-based packs 'ready to go' for special and mainstream education, developed by the Symbols Inclusion Project.

<http://www.windows.ucar.edu>

Windows to the Universe was developed by the University of Michigan and NASA and is a user-friendly learning system covering the Earth and Space sciences tiered for various educational levels, and offered in English and Spanish.

Science Information Sites

<http://www.chem4kids.com/>

Chem4kids! Basic chemistry information. Includes content on matter, atoms, elements, reactions, biochemistry, the periodic table, etc.

<http://www.cosmos4kids.com/>

Cosmos4kids! Basic astronomy information site. Includes content on the solar system, universe, galaxies, stars, and exploration.

<http://www.biology4kids.com/>

Biology4kids! Basic biology information site. Includes topics on plants, vertebrates, invertebrates, cells, microorganisms, and animal systems.

<http://www.geography4kids.com/>

Geography4kids! Earth Science information. Includes topics such as atmosphere, hydrosphere, climates, earth structure, biosphere, biogeochemical cycles, and more.

<http://www.physics4kids.com/>

Physics4kids! Basic Physics information. Includes topics such as heat and thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism, motion and mechanics, nuclear physics, light and optics, and many more.

Ic) Graphic Organizer Resources

Bubbl.us

<https://bubbl.us/> Brain Storming and Organizing Tool good for visual thinkers/learners, easy to use, very simple, customizable features, sharing capabilities

Read/Write/Think Webbing Tool

http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?id=127&title= Allows you to create simple graphic organizers; easy to use

Read/Write/Think Story Map Tool

<http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/storymap/> Quickly create a visual of complex information; easy to use

Belvedere

<http://belvedere.sourceforge.net/> Downloadable graphic organizer, designed for k-12 population; moderate to use

Graphic Organizer Templates

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/ssass/html/graphicorganizers.html> downloadable templates to use in a word processing program; easy to use

Great Source iWrite: Graphic Organizer Templates

<http://www.greatsource.com/iwrite/students.html> click on "Writer's Tools" and then narrative, expository, persuasive, response to literature or research templates to use in a word processing program; easy to use

Prezi.com

<http://prezi.com/> Unique way to present information/ideas and concepts, interactive flow chart, moderate to use

Mindomo

<http://www.mindomo.com/> mind-mapping tool, has Microsoft word like features

Exploratree

<http://www.exploratree.org.uk/> thinking guides and more

Recall Plus

<http://recallplus.com/index.php> Ability to organize notes, create flashcards, make use of 3D tools and more in this great mind-mapping tool. It is downloadable.

Ic) Communication Resources

www.aac institute.org

AAC Institute is not-for-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the most effective communication for people who rely on augmentative and alternative communication. Includes an array of resources for AAC funding, research papers, and product information.

<http://aacintervention.com/>

AAC Intervention is a commercial site that contains information about AAC products, resources on beginning to use AAC, tips, tricks, practice exercises, affordable communication make-and-take ideas, articles written by reknown SLPs who specialize in AAC

<http://www.aactechconnect.com/da.cfm>

AAC Tech Connect offers a 10-day free trial resource providing comparison information on close to 100 AAC devices currently on the market from major manufacturers.

www.ace-centre.org.uk

ACE Centre in the UK is a site with information on AAC, including research projects and free resources, and online databases of communication aides. Their search site **Speech Bubble** helps choose an AAC device <http://www.speechbubble.org.uk>

<http://www.aac-lerc.com>

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center, funded by the NIDRR, aims to improve Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) technologies that further the development of communication, language, natural speech, discourse skills, and literacy of persons with significant communication disorders; site includes comprehensive listing of AAC links. Site also includes excellent reference and examples to obtain insurance funding for communication devices.

<http://www.augcominc.com/>

Augmentative Communication News (ACN) and Alternatively Speaking (AS) provide the information on AAC topics, and discussion for AAC stakeholders.

<http://aac.unl.edu/>

University of Nebraska has information related to **Augmentative and Alternative Communication**. The site includes AAC Device programming tutorials, definitions of AAC terms, frequently used vocabulary lists for different age groups and other resources and other information related to augmentative communication.

<http://www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/>

Augmentative Communication On-Line Users Group [ACOLUG] is a LISTSERV created to exchange ideas, information and experiences on augmentative communication by people from all over the world.

<http://www.lburkhart.com/links.htm>

Linda Burkhart AT Web Links selected a vast number of links on Autism Spectrum including articles and sites with practical strategies.

<http://www.angelfire.com/nj/speechlanguage/index.html>

Carol's Speech and Language Disorders Homepage includes a collection of resources, therapy session ideas, professional resources, special education links, publishers, and an idea exchange forum.

<http://www.aacproducts.org/>

Communication Aid Manufacturers Association provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology; site also includes comprehensive listing of all AAC manufacturers

<http://sharing.mayer-johnson.com/>

Mayer-Johnson Co. Setups to Share provides Boardmaker Boards Speaking Dynamically Boards to download. Also see <http://www.mayer-johnson.com/downloads/index.html> to download additional symbol sets and pre-made grids for many AAC devices

<http://www.nancyh.net/>

Nancy Henderson's Speech-Language webpage offers student activities, parental information, and favorite speech-language links

<http://www.quia.com/pages/havemorefun.html>

Quia Web is one of the world's most popular educational technology Web sites. The above pages were written by speech-language pathologists who have created customized educational software for online word/language activities for articulation, sequencing, grammar, and vocabulary

- <http://www.quia.com/pages/havefun.html>
- <http://www.quia.com/pages/sequencingfun.html>
- <http://www.quia.com/pages/speechersclass.html>
- http://www.quia.com/dir/speechandlanguagetherapy/index_by_title.html
- <http://www.quia.com/pages/worldowords.html>

www.designtolearn.com/pages/ts.html

Design To Learn Tangible Symbol Systems were designed for people who are unable to understand the meaning of the abstract symbols used in formal language systems.
<http://aacspnd470.wikispaces.com/Communication+Overlays>

<http://alltogether.wordpress.com/2007/09/17/goossens-crain-elder-communication-overlay-color-reminder>

Simmons College Assistive Technology Graduate Program includes Goossens, Crain, and Elder Communication Overlay Color scheme from the Engineering the Preschool and Training Environments books, and Overlay Brainstorm Template Board.

<http://trainland.tripod.com/communication.htm> and <http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm>

Trainland Pecs pictures/icons pages and resources for communication, assistive technology and augmentative aommunication.

AAC Resources (hyperlinks attached)

- [1 Voice](#)
- [AAC at RERC](#)
- [AAC at UNL \(Messaging and Vocabulary\)](#)
- [AAC Intervention](#)
- [AAC Therapy Materials](#)
- [AAC Tutorials](#)
- [Aimee Company](#)
- [Angel Speak Company](#)
- [Ashley's Mom, Inc. Company](#)
- [Aug Resources](#)
- [AugComm](#)
- [Communication 4 All](#)
- [Compic Company](#)
- [Creative Communicating Company](#)
- [Enouncer Dynamic Display Emulator](#)
- [Gateway to Language and Learning](#)
- [ISAAC](#)
- [Ispeak Company](#)
- [Kid Access Company](#)
- [Let's Chat AAC News](#)
- [Lingraphica Company](#)
- [Makaton Company](#)
- [Mayer-Johnson Company](#)
- [Orin Company](#)
- [P Voice](#)
- [Picto World Company](#)
- [Picture Planner](#)
- [Portacom Company](#)
- [Sentence Shaper Company](#)
- [Speaking of Speech](#)
- [Speech Teach](#)
- [Speech TX](#)
- [Speechville](#)
- [Taking \(Symbol\) Dice Company](#)
- [Talking Mats](#)
- [Technology and Language Center](#)
- [Traxsys Company](#)
- [USSAAC](#)
- [Voice for Living](#)
- [YAACK](#)

Activity Sharing: Boardmaker (B), Clicker & IntelliTools (I) (hyperlinks attached)

- [Baltimore City School Boardmaker Adapted Books \(B\)](#)
- [Behavior Boards \(B\)](#)
- [Boardmaker Group \(Google Groups\)](#)
- [Boardmaker II Group \(Google Groups\)](#)
- [Boardmaker Yahoo Group \(B\)](#)
- [Burnaby Boardmaker Resources \(B\)](#)
- [Call Centre Boardmaker Files \(B\)](#)
- [Children with Special Needs Downloads \(B, PDF\)](#)
- [Cindy's Activities \(B\)](#)
- [Clickerpedia](#)
- [Communication Overlays \(B\)](#)
- [Creative Communicating Freebies \(I+\)](#)
- [Dade School Resources \(B\)](#)
- [Dilite Activity Boards \(original\)](#)
- [East Gippsland Boardmaker Support Group \(B\)](#)
- [Eau Claire School Boardmaker Files \(B\)](#)
- [Engineering the Classroom Boards](#)
- [Fairfax County Boardmaker Activities \(B\)](#)
- [Gateway Communication Board](#)
- [How to make a back up copy of Boardmaker](#)
- [Intellitools Activities Exchanges \(I\)](#)
- [Kidspiration Collection \(K\)](#)
- [Learning Grids \(Clicker/Clicker Paint\)](#)
- [Mayer-Johnson Activity of the Month \(B, SDP\)](#)
- [Mayer-Johnson Sharing \(B, SDP\)](#)
- [My Dynamic Therapy \(b, i, Dynavox\)](#)
- [NYC AAC Resouces \(B,WWS, I\)](#)
- [OATC Activity Exchange \(b,i,c,k\)](#)
- [PictureSET \(B\)](#)
- [Print and Teach Free Stuff](#)
- [Project Participate Curriculum Creations \(b, wws, i\)](#)
- [Queensland Boardmaker Resources \(B,C,D,I\)](#)
- [Reducing the Risk \(b\)](#)
- [Region 2 Library](#)
- [Spectronics Activities Exchange](#)
- [Speech Games \(B\)](#)
- [Switch Use Resources \(PPT\)](#)
- [Teacher Created Resources \(B,S,I\)](#)
- [Text Communication Board](#)
- [Tinsnips Boards \(B, PDF\)](#)

Ie) Graphics Resources, including Symbols and Sign Resources

Pictures are used to support students with communication devices, to use with picture schedules and to enhance presentations. Here are a few ways to tap into graphics on the Internet:

school.discovery.com/clipart

Discovery School makes it easy to add graphics to your next project, whether its for home or school. Choose from hundreds of original clip art pieces, including animations.

www.edupics.com/coloring.html

EduPics has free coloring pictures for primary school. On this site you can find educational coloring pictures to color and print <http://www.lburkhart.com/pics.html>

Finding Pictures Online: This is a collection of web sites for finding pictures for communication displays and educational materials

<http://www.freedigitalphotos.net/>

Free Digital Photos includes hundreds of free digital photos.

www.google.com

Google offers infinite clipart and digital photos. Select the "Image" tab and type in your image search request. To copy just hold down the mouse on the graphic and there will be a little pull down menu that has Copy to Clipboard as an option. Select that and return to your document and select Paste. You can also select to download the image to a disk or your desktop and then insert picture from the pull down menu.

Google's Video Library Go to Google, go to "more" and you will see Video: Search TV programs and videos. Great for adding a little visual to presentations! This may be a good source for students who can't go out and take their own. (Beware of copyright rules!)

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/images>

Microsoft Clipart provides all kinds of Microsoft graphics, photos, animations and sounds that will be downloaded right into your clipart library.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp>

Photo Story 3 is a free download from Microsoft used to create slideshows using your digital photos. With a single click, you can touch-up, crop, or rotate pictures. Add special effects, soundtracks, and your own voice narration to your photo stories. Slide shows can be personalized with titles and captions. Small file sizes make it easy to send your photo stories in an e-mail.

<http://www.pics4learning.com/>

Pics4Learning provides "copyright friendly images for education" including American Sign Language. The Pics4Learning collection consists of thousands of images that have been donated by students, teachers, and amateur photographers.

www.setbc.org/pictureset/Default.aspx

PictureSET is a collection of downloadable visual supports that can be used by students for both receptive and expressive communication in the classroom, at home, and in the community. This searchable database allows you to find a wide range of useful visual supports for different curriculum areas, activities, and events:

<http://www.symbols.net/>

Symbols.net offers resources on any kind of symbols you can imagine, organized by category and including significant original content.

Additional **Symbols and Sign Resources:**

<http://www.signalong.org.uk>

<http://www.simplifiedsigns.org/>

<http://www.learnbsl.org>

<http://www.designtolearn.com/>

trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm

Trainland includes pictures that you can use for communication systems. May be used with Boardmaker or on its own by using a cut and paste method. Includes real pictures of many items, such as food, fast food places, stores, etc.

If) Mouse Practice and Cursor Modifications

<http://www.seniornet.org/howto/mouseexercises/mousepractice.html>

Mouse Practice has interactive activities for learning to use a mouse.

www.customsolutions.us/mouse/Internet_Resources.htm

Custom Solutions provides a list of mouse practice Internet sources.

www.intelore.com/reflex

Reflex provides a game that is available to download.

www.burlco.lib.nj.us/Classes/Intforkids/cns1.html

Internet for Kids Mouse Practice provides introduction to pointing and clicking

www.shambles.net/pages/school/mouse

Shambles has various links for providing skills in using a mouse; has links for specifically designed for left handers

http://www.beenleigss.eq.edu.au/requested_sites/mousepractice/index.html

Mouse Practice has lots of activities to train students to learn how to use a mouse, click, drag, hold down, scroll.

<http://www.learningtools.us/activities.htm>

Learning Tools has numerous activities for mouse and switch use practice.

Enlarged and Animated Cursors

<http://rbx.de/big-cursors/>

<http://www.anicursor.com>

<http://joescursors.tripod.com/>

<http://www.fxc.btinternet.co.uk/assistive.htm>

<http://www.tucows.com>

Ig) Visual Accommodations

<http://helpread.net/>

HELP Read provides a supported reading environment for Windows that highlights and speaks aloud text resources

<http://www.at-center.com/windows.html>

Virtual Assistive Technology Center's Alternative access options which are free to download including: Macros/abbreviation expansion, mouse utilities, on-screen keyboards, screen reading software [text-to-speech]

http://www.magnifiers.org/links/Download_Software/

Visual Support Magnification offers freeware and shareware for students with low vision.

<http://www.fxc.btinternet.co.uk/assistive.htm>

Ih) Keyboarding Instruction

About One Hand Typing: <http://www.aboutonehandtyping.com/> includes various options and free downloads

Herzog: www.herzogkeyboarding.com

Keyboard Coach: www.thelearningstudio.com/keyboarding1.html

Custom Solutions: www.customsolutions.com

Computer Lab Kids: www.computerlab.kids.new.net/keyboarding.htm

Free Touch Typing: www.sense-lang.org/typing

CustomTyping: <http://www.customtyping.com> an online typing tutor which can be customized for various student needs

Click-N-Type: <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt> is a free on-screen keyboard which can be used with a mouse, trackball or other pointing device

Dance Mat Typing <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing> online free typing games

Learn2type <http://www.learn2type.com/schools/whatis.cfm> free service for educators to monitor their student typing performance.

Edutopia <http://www.edutopia.org/keyboarding> has a wonderful resource offers free resources for off line typing drills as well as online typing tutors and typing tests.

E-learning for Kids <http://e-learningforkids.org/Courses/EN/K0001/index.html>

Numerous keyboarding sites www.ecarter.k12.mo.us/dept/computerlab/#Keyboarding

Sense-Lang.org www.sense-lang.org/typing/tutor/index.php?lang=EN

Stamina Typing Tutor <http://typingsoft.com> includes lessons and phrases to practice typing. It records your speed in a graph and gives you the choice of using a qwerty or dvorak keyboard. Choose music to play while practicing typing. Some of the sentences in the phrases section are a little 'risque,' but these can be edited easily enough. The website also includes a listing of 50+ keyboarding programs.

Talking Keys: <http://www.brothersoft.com/talking-keys-download-70516.html>

Touch Typing Tutor provides: <http://www.touch-typing-tutor.com/> free typing test software and typing games

Ii) Screen Readers

Browsealoud reads web pages aloud for people who find it difficult to read online.

<http://bookshare.org/readingTools>

Bookshare.org has free downloadable reading tools and voices to use with Bookshare membership: **Victor Reader**, **ReadOutLoud**, acapela voices

<http://www.blio.com/>

Blio eReader is a free downloadable software program which can be loaded on any computer (Mac/Win/Linus/iphone). It offers eReader technology for the visually impaired designed by Ray Kurzweil. Capabilities: full-color 3D display preserving original page formatting and dual pages for realistic page turning, text only display for small screens, video/animation, text-to-speech, enlarged text option, and preserves the original page formatting, translation, sticky notes, bookmarking, and highlighting.

<http://clickspeak.clcworld.net/about.html>

CLiCKSpeak is designed for sighted users who want text-to-speech functionality.

<http://www.fxc.btinternet.co.uk/assistive.htm>

Fx Software includes **Speak Easy and Orato** for text-to-speech feedback

www.browsealoud.com

www.naturalreaders.com

NaturalReader is a Text to Speech software with natural sounding voices. This easy to use software can convert any written text such as MS Word, Webpage, PDF files, and Emails into spoken words. **NaturalReader** can also convert any written text into audio files such as MP3 or WAV for your CD player or iPod. This is a software program that converts text into voice and offers a free download trial version.

<http://fullmeasure.co.uk/powertalk/>

PowerTalk is a free program that automatically speaks any presentation or slide show running in Microsoft PowerPoint for Windows.

<http://lab.arc90.com/experiments/readability/>

Readability is a simple tool that makes reading on the Web more enjoyable by removing the clutter around what the person is reading. Does not include text-to-speech function.

<http://read2go.org/>

Read2Go app is accessible e-book reader app for readers with print disabilities. Directly from within the Read2Go app, Bookshare members can find, download, and read books all on a single Apple device. No need to download books to computers, transfer files, or decompress files

<http://www.readplease.com/>

ReadPlease provides free text-to-speech functionality.

<http://www.nextup.com/>

TextAloud uses voice synthesis to convert text into spoken audio. Also check out the TextAloud for the Visually Impaired or TextAloud Low Vision Software. Able to convert text to mp3 for use on portable devices like iDevices.

<http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/Home/>

WordTalk is a free text-to-speech plug-in developed for use with all versions of Microsoft Word (from Word 97 upwards). It will speak the text of the document and will highlight it as it goes. Includes a talking dictionary.

Ij) Math Resources

<http://www.aaamath.com/> and <http://www.mathscore.com>

AAA Math and **MathScore** has explanations and online drill of arithmetic concepts. Sorted by topic or grade level. The user interface is likely to be difficult for very young children. Great for speed and accuracy instruction and monitoring. Trial versions are free.

<http://www.aplusmath.com/>

A+ Math has tasks basic operations: flash card creator, games and homework helper.

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320872>

Connecticut State Department of Education (SDE) Mathematics site has SDE documents like the Framework, CAPT and CMT resources, and a lot of great links.

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/index.html>

Cool Math 4 Kids the neon colors and ads make this site more time consuming to navigate, but the games are interactive and free.

<http://www.moffsoft.com/freecalc.htm>

FreeCalc is an onscreen, variable color contrast, adjustable size calculator with a tape.

<http://www.funbrain.com>

Fun brain has math games which teach basic math skills. Also has great exercises for Pre-Algebra students. Math Baseball, Math Car Racing, and Math Arcade.

<http://www.graphcalc.com/download.shtml>

GraphCalc provides on-line graphing calculators.

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/math.html>

Harcourt Math this has free online activities that correlate with your Harcourt Math Book.

<http://mathstories.com/>

House of Math Word Problems for Children includes 5000+ math tasks for grades K-8.

<http://illuminations.nctm.org>

Illuminations I-math Investigations: National Council of Teacher's of Mathematics interactive math tasks, based on the Principles and Standards for School Mathematics.

<http://www.incompetech.com/beta/plainGraphPaper/>

Incompetech.com has a free online graph paper maker. You put in the dimensions and it generates a PDF you can print. Useful for kids who need larger squares.

<http://www.ixl.com/math>

IXL Math practice Although this is not free, this is a great resource for students to practice math skills at home; requires membership. Over 1000 math topics that correlate to state standards covering pre-k through 6th grade math skills. Generates progress reports; great with Interactive SmartBoard use.

<http://www.math-drills.com>

Math worksheets with answer sheets for all math subject levels.

<http://archives.math.utk.edu/k12.html>

Mathematics Archives has numerous Internet sites which contain significant collections of materials which can be used in the teaching of mathematics at the K-12 level.

<http://math.rice.edu/~lanius/Lessons/>

Math Lessons that are Fun includes activities ranging from drawing online bar graphs to simple equations, spans ages K-12.

<http://www.oatsoft.org/Software/NumberNavigator>

Number Navigator is a program that assists those with fine motor problems to set out columnar arithmetic, without the need for a spreadsheet.

<http://www.themathlab.com/>

The Math Lab is an all-inclusive website for teaching all areas of math, including online lessons, games, practice exercises and built-in incentives.

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

Math Playground is designed for K - middle school, has fun logic and math games

<http://www.cobbk12.org/sites/literacy/math/math2.htm>

Math Skills Practice Activities designed for grades 3 - 5, including place value, money, geometry, fractions, problem-solving.

<http://matti.usu.edu/nlvm/nav/index.html>

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>

National Library of Virtual Manipulatives These websites offers a collection of virtual manipulatives and interactive concept tutorials.

<http://www.numbernut.com/>

Numbernut.com covers basic math content such as counting, shapes, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. More advanced topics cover fractions, decimals, percentages, money, and ratios.

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/homework/flashcards.htm>

Scholastic's Flashcard Maker helps you create your own flashcards to use online or print out. Great for practicing basic facts. Links to articles with tips for using flashcards.

<http://www.rainforestmaths.com/>

Rainforest Math has online interactive math activities for grades K-6.

<http://webmath.com/>

WebMath offers over 100 instant-answer, self-help, math solvers, ready to provide you with *instant* help on your math problem. Provides explanations of steps and includes K-8 math, trigonometry, geometry, algebra, calculus, etc. Helpful for homework support.

Ik) Email Alternatives

Using e-mail is a great way to get students to writing but you may want to explore some sites that provide assistive technology support:

www.springdoo.com

Springdoo is a free service that lets you talk your emails. Anyone can now easily send talking emails in their own voice, without typing. You can use your computer and a microphone, or any telephone. This allows users who have difficulty with writing / typing / spelling to create voice emails and email to anyone they want.

www.yackpack.com

YackPack is simple, web-based voice messaging for groups. For younger or cognitively challenged people this would be absolutely ideal - it's a closed and controlled system... click on the *PHOTO* of the person you want to email, click on the BIG button to record, then click on the BIG button to send. It really is an amazing system and just ideal for people who are able to talk but who have difficulty with functional typing or writing.

www.ablelink.org **Ability OnLine** "is a friendly and safe computer friendship network where children and youth with disabilities or chronic illnesses connect to each other as well as to their friends, family members, caregivers and supporters."

www.google.com/talk **Google Talk** enables you to call or send instant messages to your friends for free—anytime, anywhere in the world. **Gmail** is a new kind of webmail, built on the idea that you should never have to delete mail and you should always be able to find the message you want. Go to Google and go to Gmail. It's just one click to chat with the people you already email, as well as anyone on the Google Talk network. Google gmail and yahoo messenger all allow for full telephone conversations over the web - a benefit for people with physical disabilities.

II) Drawing, Coloring, and Creating Programs

There are many sites on the Internet that offer ways to explore your creative side. Here are just a few:

Tuxpaint <http://www.tuxpaint.org/>

Drawing for Children www.cs.uu.nl/~markov/kids/draw.html

KidsDomain www.kidsdomain.com/down/pc/rubadub.html

Kea Software www.keasoftware.com

Crayola www.crayola.com/coloring_application/index.cfm

Doodle <http://www.adders.org/freeware/doolepad.htm> a simple drawing and coloring program which includes stamps (small pre-drawn pictures to color)

Magic Keys <http://www.magickeys.com/books> has an award winning site for online children's talking storybooks, games, cartoons, coloring books, phonics, and teacher resources.

National Gallery of Art: Kid Zone <http://www.nga.gov/kids/zone/zone.htm>

Primary Games <http://www.primarygames.com/> includes numerous online games for preschool and elementary students that features educational games, printable coloring pages, holiday activities, and free musical postcards

Im) App Search Sites and Resources

Technology for students with autism spectrum disorders

<http://assistivetechology2010.wikispaces.com/Technology+for+students+with+autism+spectrum+disorders>

A Spectrum of Apps for Students on the Autism Spectrum

<http://www.snapps4kids.com/2011/02/a-spectrum-of-apps-for-students-on-the-autism-spectrum/>

Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI)'s App Resource Banks

http://www.ocali.org/view.php?nav_id=101

Spectronics Apps for Literacy Support

<http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/article/apps-for-literacy-support>

Carolann Cormier's Apps for Education

<http://www.connsensebulletin.com/2011/01/apps-for-education-update/>

Boston Public Schools App Resource Bank

http://connect.mybps.org/groups/bpsoit/wiki/20dba/iPhoneiTouchiPad_Apps_and_Resources.html

Apps for Special Education Administrators

<http://www.mhric.org/ipad/index.html>

Glenda Anderson's App Resources

<http://atclassroom.blogspot.com/2010/02/iphoneitouchipad-in-special-education.html>

Ipodsibilities App Resources

<http://www.ipodsibilities.com/iPodsibilities/Home.html>

Vermont Family Network's App Resource Banks by Therese Willkomm

<http://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/i-need-help-with/assistive-technology/apps/>

II) General Assistive Technology Information, including national and local resources

http://www.k8accesscenter.org/training_resources/default.asp

Access Center, a federally funded center, provides technical assistance to schools to help students with disabilities learn from the general education curriculum. The site offers numerous resources for educators; i.e. universal design practical classroom resources and materials on content-based topics.

<http://www.ataccess.org/>

Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is a network of community-based resource centers, developers, vendors and associates dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities. This organization's overall objective is to increase their use of standard, assistive, and information technology to enrich the lives of persons with special needs.

<http://www.cast.org/>

Center for Accessible Technology (CAST) develops assistive technology and serves as a consultant to various hardware and software manufacturers, notably in the focus area of electronic media. Instruction and training services are provided to teachers and other professionals at workshops and presentations nationwide. Site also includes resources for e-books and CAST developed software, and has a collection of website links on assistive technology.

www.cpacinc.org

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)

The CT Parent Advocacy Center, Inc. (CPAC) is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers information and support to families of children with any disability or chronic illness, age birth through 26. The Center is committed to the idea that parents can be the most effective advocates for their children, given the confidence that knowledge and understanding of special education law and its procedures can bring.

<http://www.fetaweb.com/help/ct.htm>

Connecticut Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities provides local resources for families of children with special needs including support services, advocacy, and special education laws.

<http://www.connsensebulletin.com/>

Consensus Bulletin, sponsored by the University of Connecticut, offers links to various articles and resources from recent AT conferences, AT reviews, and AT links.

<http://www.closingthegap.com/>

Closing the Gap includes information on application of computer technology in special education and rehabilitation. Includes information about the Closing the Gap Conferences and on online resource directory and newspaper

<http://www.cttechact.com/>

CT Tech Act Project (CTTAP): Their mission is to increase independence and improve the lives of individuals with disabilities through increased access to Assistive Technology for work, school and community living. The **CT Tech Act Project** operates out of the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, and Bureau of Rehabilitation Services to help individuals with disabilities, as well as family members, employers, educators and other professionals have access to Assistive Technology devices and services. Includes AT Exchange Program www.getATstuff.com

<http://www.eparent.com/>

Exceptional Parent online magazine provides information, support, ideas, encouragement and outreach for parents and families of children with disabilities, and the professionals who work with them.

<http://www.fctd.info/>

Family Center on Technology and Disability serves programs that work with families of students with disabilities; offers a range of information and services on the subject of assistive technology (AT); information useful for a parent or educator; great resource for AT laws for families

<http://www.pluk.org/AT1.html>

Family Guide to Assistive Technology provides general information regarding defining and types of assistive technology and policies

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

Family Village is parent oriented internet community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support. Includes informational resources on specific diagnoses, communication connections, adaptive products and technology, adaptive recreational activities, education, worship, health issues, disability-related media and literature.

www.getatstuff.com

Get AT Stuff is part of the Assistive Technology Exchange in New England, offers New England residents the opportunity to buy, sell or donate a variety of used products ranging from communication devices and wheelchairs to ramps and mobility devices. The site is the result of collaboration between Assistive Technology programs in the six New England states. Types of AT items include those for vision and hearing, communication, learning, mobility, seating, positioning, ADL, environmental control, transportation, computer hardware and peripherals, and recreation.

<http://www.infoline.org/>

Infoline is an integrated system of help via the telephone - a single source for information about community services, referrals to human services, and crisis intervention. It is accessed toll-free from anywhere in Connecticut by simply dialing 2-1-1. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Multilingual caseworkers and TDD access is available.

<http://www.iste.org>

International Society of Technology in Education offers a vast number of resources for providing education through computer-based technology. They publish "Learning and Leading with Technology," a large list of books and courseware on educational technology, distance education courses for graduate credit.

<http://www.ldonline.org/>

LD Online provides basic information on learning disabilities, links to related online sites, and the bulletin board enables communication with other individuals interested in learning disabilities. Includes an online newsletter and searchable database

<http://www.ldresources.com/>

LD Resources Richard Wanderman's, a nationally known speaker on learning disabilities, website on learning disabilities. Provides basic information on learning disabilities from many perspectives, links to related online sites, and links to commonly used tools and software

<http://letsplay.buffalo.edu/>

Let's Play! Project State University of NY at Buffalo Assistive Technology Project. In Let's Play! the keys are to advance play through creating environments that provide easy access to toys, and to use assistive technology to give the children this critical access. Site includes ideas for adapting play and an assistive technology section.

<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/>

Microsoft Accessibility and Disabilities Web Site provides information on computer and software accessibility. Microsoft's website explains accessibility, it highlights numerous programs designed to aid access for persons with disabilities, and it spotlights current advances in technology.

<http://www.naric.com/>

NARIC is a library and information center on disability and rehabilitation. More than 50,000 National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)-funded, other federal agencies, and private disability-related publications are held and abstracted by NARIC in their REHABDATA database, searchable online.

<http://www2.edc.org/NCIP/>

NCIP Home, the National Center to Improve Practice (NCIP) is a wonderful site with online workshops and a guided tour and videos of an early childhood classroom set up with assistive technology. The site also includes facilitated discussion forums on students with disabilities, a collection of resources about technology and special education, and an extensive list of links to other sites on the Internet.

<http://www.neatmarketplace.org/>

New England Marketplace (NEAT) provides access to information, to products and equipment, and to the manufacturers and vendors of equipment. NEAT was established to provide information and access to equipment and devices that can change the lives of people of all ages, with all types of disabilities, both temporary and permanent. It is under the auspices of The Connecticut Institute for the Blind/Oak Hill, non-profit organization located in Hartford, CT.

<http://www.our-kids.org/>

Our Kids, a support group for parents and others who are working with children with physical and/or mental disabilities and delays.

<http://www.php.com/> and <http://www.pathct.org>

Parents Helping Parents is a family resource center serving parents of children with special needs; provides a forum for parents to get information.

<http://www.taalliance.org/centers/index.htm>

Parent Training and Information Center: Each state is home to at least one parent center. Parent centers serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities: physical, cognitive, emotional, and learning. They help families obtain appropriate education and services for their children with disabilities; work to improve education results for all children; train and inform parents and professionals on a variety of topics; resolve problems between families and schools or other agencies; and connect children with disabilities to community resources that address their needs.

<http://www.einpg.org/ein/mtleb/webdir.html>

Resources for Parents of Children with Special Needs provides a comprehensive listing regarding resources for education, family support, legal issues, medical/therapies information, disability organizations, and disability information.

<http://www.resna.org/>

RESNA is an interdisciplinary association for the advancement of rehabilitation and assistive technologies (AT). Description: RESNA is an interdisciplinary association of people with a common interest in technology and disability.

<http://www.techconnections.org>

Technology Connections, comprehensive assistive technology information resource offers publications, resource links, searchable database, online training, case examples, legislation and policy, user forum, technical assistance to an information specialist

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

Trace Center conducts research aimed at improving technology that can benefit individuals with disabilities by making it more accessible in four main areas: communication; control; computer access. **Trace Research and Development Center** includes information about shareware and freeware applications and utilities.

<http://www.wati.org>

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative is nationally recognized for its team-based format for assistive technology assessment. These forms allow teams to systematically evaluate a specific student's assistive technology needs.

III) Assistive Technology training Resources

<http://www.atomiclearning.com>

Atomic Learning

<http://atto.buffalo.edu/>

The Assistive Technology Training Online Project (ATTO) provides information on AT applications that help students with disabilities learn in elementary classrooms: AT basics for students with disabilities; tutorials for using specific hardware and software, decision making process; resources to national AT organizations, projects, list serves.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/hiat/training/>

Montgomery Schools (HIAT)- AT training

http://www.wested.org/cs/tdl/view/tdl_topic/2

Using Technology to support Diverse Learners

<http://www.texasat.net/default.aspx?name=trainmod.home>

Texas AT Network

<http://www.wati.org/?pageLoad=content/supports/free/index.php>

WATI (and for pre-screening need for AT)

<http://region2library.org/>

Central Florida Region 2 Digital Library (for training and curriculum resources) has numerous literacy resources, Classroom Suite and BoardMaker activities, and Smart Board resources; and PowerPoint tutorials for how to create each of these resources

http://natri.uky.edu/assoc_projects/qiat/qualityindicators.html

Quality Indicators for Assistive technology (QIAT) includes eight quality indicators, intent statements, common errors, and team guidance for service delivery and development of assistive technology services.

<http://www.gatfl.org/>

Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program has resources for assistive technology training

<http://www.cast.org/teachingeverystudent/toolkits/>

Universal Design Toolkits: These toolkits help educators to understand and apply universal design principles. The toolkits support varied learning styles, needs, and preferences for teachers and students. Interactive activities, tutorials and tools are provided online; similar versions can be downloaded or printed. Specific curriculum resources, tools, and materials may be copied and used in classrooms.

IV) Assistive Technology Search Sites

<http://www.abilityhub.com>

Ability Hub.com describes assistive technology and alternative computer access methods; also includes generic information about assistive technology types.

<http://www.abledata.com/>

ABLEDATA, sponsored by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Education, is a searchable database for assistive technology

<http://www.adaptworld.com>

Adaptive Device Locator System helps users obtain assistive technology information including: guidance through the search process designed to meet specific functional needs, provides descriptions of technology, lists product sources. Provides links to vendor sites and will generate email or printed letters automatically to companies requesting specific product information.

http://www.closingthegap.com/home/about_rd.lasso

Closing the Gap Resource Directory is an extensive product guide developed to assist parents and professionals in the selection of computer-related products and services for children and with special needs. The Resource Directory's primary focus is on computer-related products for individuals with special needs, as well as organizations that serve this population.

<http://www.rit.edu/~easi/resource.htm>

EASI: Equal Access to Software and Information offers online workshops on assistive technology; site includes links to resources and products and provides basic definitions of assistive technology terms.

<http://www.ldonline.org/>

LD Online provides basic information on learning disabilities, links to related online sites, and the bulletin board enables communication with other individuals interested in learning disabilities. Includes an online newsletter and searchable database

<http://www.ldresources.com/>

LD Resources maintained by Richard Wanderman's, a nationally known speaker on learning disabilities, provides basic information on learning disabilities from many perspectives, links to related online sites, and links to commonly used tools and software.

<http://www.gatfl.org/ldguide/default.htm>

Learning Disabilities and Assistive Technologies is a resource web site for locating assistive technology and suggests common modifications and strategies for students with learning disabilities.

<http://www.makoa.org/computers.htm>

Makoa include a plethora of disability resources and links for computer hardware, peripherals, software, and assistive devices for individuals with special challenges.

<http://www.oatsoft.org>

Open source Assistive Technology Software (OATS) is a searchable index of assistive technology enabled open source software.

<http://www.rehabtool.com/search.html>

RehabTool.com offers a free assistive technology which will assist you assist you in selecting or purchasing assistive devices and other adaptive equipment.

<http://trace.wisc.edu/resources/>

The Trace Center has developed a number of informational resources. These resources cover a number of topics, and are categorized by the type of information they provide: Information Resources, Selected Resources by Disability Type and by Product Type

<http://www.wati.org/>

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative (WATI) includes information and resources for assessment/decision-making solutions, best practice guidelines, and curriculum integration ideas.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>

Council for Exceptional Children includes information on the Council for Exceptional Children. Provides an extensive list of resources, links to ERIC and other organizations. Contains articles related to a range of special education topic

http://www.questia.com/Index.jsp?CRID=special_education&OFFID=se1

Questia, the world's largest online library, has dozens of online books and journal articles on special education

V) Legal and Policy Resources

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

ADA HOME PAGE, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act provides information, standards, and technical assistance pertaining to this law.

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/links/adalinks.htm>

ADA Hot Links and Document Center from the Job Accommodation Network

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre>

Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE), as part of the National Center on Dispute Resolution, encourages the use of mediation and other collaborative strategies to resolve disagreements about special education.

<http://www.fape.org>

Family & Advocates Partnership for Education is a partnership that aims to improve the educational outcomes for children with disabilities. It links families, advocates, and self-advocates to information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

<http://www.infoline.org/>

Infoline is an integrated system of help via the telephone - a single source for information about community services, referrals to human services, legal options, and crisis intervention. It is accessed toll-free from anywhere in Connecticut by simply dialing 2-1-1. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/links/adalinks.htm>

The **Job Accommodation Network** is a service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the U.S. Department of Labor. JAN is one of several ODEP projects. JAN's mission is to facilitate the employment and retention of workers with disabilities

<http://www.eskimo.com/~jlubin/disabled/legal.htm>

Makoa's list of **Legal and Advocacy resources** also included links to Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers and Special Needs Trusts

<http://www.makoa.org/legal.htm>

<http://www.makoa.org/gov.htm>

"**Makoa**" is a Hawaiian word that means "courageous". These pages were created and are maintained solely by Jim Lubin, who is a C2 quadriplegic, completely paralyzed from the neck down and dependent on a ventilator to breathe, using a keyboard/mouse emulator with a sip and puff switch to type Morse codes. This site within Makoa called "Disability Related Legal and Advocacy Resources" and "Government/Legislative Resources" include an extensive list of links concerning disability, legal issues, and advocacy.

<http://www.nichcy.org/stateshe/ct.htm#technology>

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY) maintain a listing of statewide organizations for children with special needs; this list is constantly updated.

<http://www.state.ct.us/opapd/index.html>

Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy [P & A] for Persons with Disabilities operates a number of distinct federally mandated advocacy programs for people with disabilities. These include:

- P&A for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PADD)
- Client Assistance Program (CAP)
- P&A for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)
- P&A for Assistive Technology (PAAT)
- P&A for Individuals Rights (PAIR)

Disability Resource Directory has been expanded to 32 pages of useful phone numbers, program descriptions and websites of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations. Also includes, resources, publications, and federal law information.

<http://www.resnaprojects.org/nattap/goals/telecom/508/boyer.html>

RESNA Technical Assistance Project Policy Information Pipeline is funded to provide assistance to the AT Act Grantees to assist them reduce barriers and increase access to assistive technology (AT) devices and services for consumers with disabilities of all ages. This project also provides technical assistance in the areas related to universal design, state procurement actions, and funding of AT.

<http://www.specialedconnection.com>

Special Ed Connection, is an electronic library of education law resources.

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/>

Consortium For Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE) is funded by the Office of Special Education Programs and provides technical assistance and serving as an information clearinghouse on dispute resolution in special education.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com>

WrightsLaw, a site for parents, advocates, educators, and attorneys, which aims to provide accurate, up-to-date information about advocacy for children with disabilities.

<http://www.infouse.com/atdata/links.html>

Assistive Technology Data Collection Project includes a data bank of many government and national agencies involved with AT policies.

VI) Disability Information

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/KIDS.html>

DRM WebWatcher: Just for Kids describes some neat sites for, by and about kids with disabilities and chronic illnesses.

www.rarediseases.org/

NORD - National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc.

Search NORD's Databases NORD maintains three searchable databases and an alphabetical index of disease names. • Index of Rare diseases and organizational database for various diseases

<http://seriweb.com/hearing.htm>

<http://seriweb.com/behavior.htm>

<http://seriweb.com/vision.htm>

<http://seriweb.com/autism.htm>

Special Education Resource Information on the Internet's [SERI] collection of links for individuals with hearing loss, behavioral problems

<http://www.iser.com/>

ISER is a nationwide directory of professionals, organizations, and schools that serve the learning disabilities and special education communities. Offers numerous resources, including AT resources.

<http://www.nichcy.org/>

The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

<http://www.ucpa.org/>

United Cerebral Palsy Association includes a vast amount of information, resources, policies and links related to this population on a variety of issues: education, housing and accessibility, sports and leisure, employment, parenting and family issues, transportation, assistive technology, health and wellness, and travel issues.

http://dir.yahoo.com/education/special_education/

Yahoo! Education/Special Education