

Resources for NSW

Listed below are Web sites that you may find useful in the planning of your project. Please remember this is only a very small list of possible sites*

National Organizations*

Volunteer information for many national organizations is best found by contacting a local chapter/center.

National Federation for the Blind <http://www.nfb.org>

Therapy Dogs International: <http://www.tdi-dog.org/whatdo.html>

Parent advocacy Coalition for Education Rights: www.pacer.org

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund: www.dredf.org

Autism Society of America: <http://www.autism-society.org>

Spina Bifida Association: <http://www.sbaa.org> To go directly to their "how to Help" at:

http://www.sbaa.org/site/c.gpILKXOEJqG/b.2017605/k.955B/How_to_Help.htm

AutismLink: <http://www.autismlink.com/>

Muscular Dystrophy Association <http://www.mda.org/> for specific information on volunteering, click on their "how to help" link or go to <http://www.mda.org/help/>

National Down Syndrome Society: <http://www.ndss.org/> to volunteer to organize or help with one of their many annual buddy walks, go to

<http://www.buddywalk.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/findawalk.contentItem/contentID/79a560f3-7159-4ca1-b63e-73aafa116021>

The Wheelchair Foundation <http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org>

Very Special Arts: <http://www.vsarts.org/> for volunteering information, visit <http://www.vsarts.org/x693.xml>

Deaf Blind Children's Fund <http://www.deafblind.org>

National Organization Caring for Kids: <http://www.nockonline.org> - an organization that works to help children with disabilities to get assistive technology.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill: www.nami.org

Developmental Disabilities Research Centers:

<http://www.aucd.org/ddrc/index.html> for a directory of local centers, go to

<http://www.aucd.org/ddrc/directory.html>

North American Riding for the Handicapped Association:

<http://www.narha.org>

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: <http://www.nofas.org/>

American Association on Mental Retardation: <http://www.aamr.org/>

The National Fragile-X Foundation: www.fragilex.org
The March of Dimes: <http://www.marchofdimes.com> for volunteer opportunities go to:
<http://www.marchofdimes.com/howtohelp/864.asp>
Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic: www.rfbd.org to volunteer, go to
http://www.rfbd.org/support_1.htm
American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine:
<http://www.aacpdm.org>
ARC: <http://www.thearc.org>
Best Buddies <http://www.bestbuddies.org> click the "volunteer" link on the left for information.
ALS Association (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a fatal degenerative neuro-motor disease which causes significant physical handicaps.)
<http://www.alsa.org>
United Cerebral Palsy <http://www.ucp.org>
Disabled American Veterans: <http://www.dav.org/> for information on volunteer opportunities, see
http://www.dav.org/volunteers/volunteer_opportunities.html
Special Olympics <http://www.specialolympics.org> to volunteer, go to
<http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Volunteer/default.htm> or click on the "volunteer" link in the middle of the page.
Easter Seals <http://www.easterseals.com> for volunteer information, go to
http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=nt1_volunteering&esLocation=jo_md
National Autism Association www.nationalautismassociation.org/
Hearing Loss Association of America <http://www.shhh.org/>
The National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (for people with both developmental disabilities and mental health needs):
<http://www.thenadd.org/>
Organization for Autism research <http://www.researchautism.org/> to volunteer, visit
<http://www.researchautism.org/support/volunteer/index.asp> for more "Ways to help" go to
<http://www.researchautism.org/support/ways/index.asp>
National Parkinson Foundation: <http://www.parkinson.org>

Local and Regional Organizations*

Bread & Roses (Central California): www.breadandroses.org
Community options (New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee, and Wisconsin) <http://www.comop.org/>

for volunteer information, go to
<http://www.comop.org/getinvolved/volunteer.htm>

National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped (Maine)
<http://ww.ntwh.org> or
<http://www.ntwh.org/index.php?globalnav=programs§ionnav=crosby§ionSubnav=about>

National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped (New York)
<http://ww.ntwh.org> or
<http://www.ntwh.org/index.php?globalnav=programs§ionnav=nyc§ionSubnav=about>

Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization <http://www.cidso.org/>
Chesapeake Service Systems (Virginia) <http://www.css-online.org> to sign up
to volunteer, go to <http://www.css-online.org/v2/volunteer.asp>

Enable of New Jersey: <http://www.enablenj.org> to get information on
volunteering, go to <http://www.enablenj.org/Connect.htm>

Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities <http://www.aadd.org/> for
volunteer information, see
<http://www.aadd.org/newsite/getinvolved.html>

Autism Society of Minnesota - <http://www.ausm.org> for volunteer
information, visit:
<http://www.ausm.org/waysToHelp/volunteering.asp>

Center for Human Development, Inc (Oregon) <http://www.chdinc.org/> for
volunteer information, click on the "opportunities" link at
the top of their main web-page and select "volunteers" from
the menu

A national list of therapy and respite camps for adults and children with
developmental disabilities:
<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/Leisure/camps.html#campulist>

Mosaic (Nebraska): <http://www.mosaicinfo.org> for volunteering
information, go to
<http://www.mosaicinfo.org/volunteers/index.htm> and
<http://www.mosaicinfo.org/volunteers/help/index.htm>

National Association for Down Syndrome (Chicago Metropolitan area)
<http://www.nads.org/>

Center on Disability Studies (Hawaii) <http://www.cds.hawaii.edu> for
volunteer opportunities, see
<http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/activities/service/>

Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin: <http://www.dsaw.org/> for
volunteer information, click on the "get involved" link just
under the heading banner and select from the menu list.

Assistive Technology of Ohio - <http://www.atohio.org/>

Wyoming Institute for Disabilities -

<http://wind.uwyo.edu/wind/default.asp>

Utah Library for the Blind (serves Utah and Wyoming)

<http://blindlibrary.utah.gov/>

Assistive Technology of Alaska - <http://www.atlaak.com/>

Franklin College in Indiana lists local organizations with volunteer opportunities to serve people with Developmental disabilities

<http://www.franklincollege.edu/VOweb/viewopps.cfm?cid=27>

Central Texas Autism Center: <http://www.ctac1.com/>

KYDD Network: Kentucky's Agencies in Developmental Disabilities

<http://www.kyddnetwork.org>

CCI Enterprises (Oregon): <http://www.ccienterprises.org> a workshop providing vocational training for people with disabilities for volunteer information, visit

http://www.ccienterprises.org/give_volunteer_form_01.htm

Mountain Valley Developmental Services (Colorado):

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

Pathways (Kentucky):

<http://www.christiancarecommunities.org/pathways.asp>

Abilities foundation (Florida) <http://www.abilitiesfoundation.com> For volunteer information, visit:

<http://www.abilitiesfoundation.com/content/default.aspx?pageID=924>

Texas Association on Mental Retardation: <http://www.tamr-web.com/>

Northwestern Human Services (Pennsylvania and Delaware)

http://www.nhsonline.org/pages/mental_retardation.htm

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati: <http://www.dsagc.com/>

Enable of Central New York: <http://www.enablecny.org/>. to link directly to the "volunteer" page, go to

<http://www.enablecny.org/getinvolved/volunteer.cfm>

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service <http://www.iowaradioreading.org>

- employees and volunteers read news from newspapers and other publications over the radio for the blind, visually impaired, and reading impaired listeners.

YOUR STATE'S developmental disabilities council (each state has one) to

whom the chapters can turn for advice by contacting the National Association of Councils on Developmental

Disabilities <http://www.nacdd.org> , or more specifically,

<http://www.nacdd.org/pages/councils.htm#links>

Additional Resources

Your Regional website - if you don't know the web address, look here:

http://www.apo.org/show/Contacts_or_Submit_Info/Contact_Information/Regions

Your Sectional website - if you don't know the web address, look here:

http://www.apo.org/show/Contacts_or_Submit_Info/Contact_Information/Sections

Other Chapters' websites: To locate websites for other chapters, go to:

http://www.apo.org/show/Contacts_or_Submit_Info/Contact_Information/Chapters

Service learning departments - Check with your school. Most campuses now have a learning center that has ongoing projects or can lead you to dynamic projects.

Google - A great search engine that can lead to a good number of projects. Type in what you want and be surprised with what you get!

<http://www.Google.com>

Do Something - an organization that helps you get involved in your community.

<http://www.dosomething.org>

VolunteerMatch - A web search for service projects in your area, just type in your ZIP code. <http://www.volunteermatch.org>

CommunityService.org - A web search for service projects in your area, just type in your ZIP code. <http://www.communityservice.org>

Chartity.com - A search engine for different charities in your area that you can chose to work with within the NSW theme.

<http://www.charity.com>

The Corporation for National and Community Service - it provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through three programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. <http://www.nationalservice.org>

Kiwanis International provides humanitarian services worldwide and has a counterpart in colleges-Circle K. This is an organization you may want to partner with for NSW.

<http://www.kiwanis.org>

Boy Scouts of America. <http://www.bsa.scouting.org>

Girl Scouts of America. <http://www.gsusa.org/>

Campfire America. www.campfire.org

Lions Clubs International provides humanitarian services worldwide.

<http://lionsclubs.org>

The national website for the National Council of Nonprofit Associations (NCNA) with links to all state and regional associations representing thousands of small and mid-size non-profit organizations

<http://www.ncna.org>

Rotary International <http://www.rotary.org>

Website for Martin Luther King Day of service. <http://www.mlkday.org>

United Way of America <http://national.unitedway.org>

*** These lists are BY NO MEANS exhaustive! Think of any disability or handicap you've ever heard of and type it into your web browser: see what you get, there are TONS of groups out there that you can support and that you can help in their mission to "Lend a Helping Hand" by "Serving Individuals With Disabilities"**
