#### **National Organizations**

#### **Autism Speaks**

https://www.autismspeaks.org

(888) 288-4762

(888) 772-9050 En Español

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions. Autism Speaks enhances lives today and is accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

#### **Autism Society**

http://www.autism-society.org

Hotline to assist: 1 (800) 3 AUTISM

The Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

#### **Cochrane Library**

http://www.cochranelibrary.com

The Cochrane Library (ISSN 1465-1858) is a collection of six databases that contain different types of high-quality, independent evidence to inform healthcare decision-making, and a seventh database that provides information about Cochrane groups.

#### **Counsel for Exceptional Children**

http://www.cec.sped.org

The Council for Exceptional Children is a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of children with exceptionalities. We accomplish our mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development.

#### **Interactive Autism Network Community**

https://iancommunity.org

IAN, the Interactive Autism Network, was established in January 2006 at Kennedy Krieger Institute. IAN's goal is to facilitate research that will lead to advancements in understanding and treating autism spectrum disorder (ASD). To accomplish this goal, we created the IAN Community and IAN Research.

# **Nevada Resources**

#### **Achieve Tahoe**

P.O. Box 8339 Truckee, CA 96162 (530) 581-4161 Ext. 6 www.achievetahoe.org

**Based in North Lake Tahoe**, **Achieve Tahoe** leads the way in adaptive sports and recreation for people with disabilities. With over 50 years experience, our trained staff and volunteers guide you in discovering life without limits. Our specialized adaptive equipment and teaching methods allow us to accommodate almost ANYone with ANY disability. **Our Mission** is to provide affordable inclusive physical and recreational activities that build health and confidence

#### Aiden's Gift

Aiden's Gift vision is to assist parents of special needs children, with costs not covered by health insurance plans, for medical equipment and supplies needed to help these children thrive in an already challenging world. We want to give every special needs child the opportunity to thrive. We understand first hand that special equipment, supplies and toys are necessary for these children, in teaching them to do some of the most basic, everyday tasks that we often take for granted such as eating, standing and sitting. Often times, insurance deems these special pieces of equipment and supplies "unnecessary". We disagree! This equipment is necessary in assisting special needs children to thrive in their environment; that is where we come in. We help ensure special needs children get the equipment, supplies or special toys they need. Aiden is living proof that this equipment is necessary. You can read more about Aiden's story at www.aidensjourney.net.

www.aidensgift.com

#### **Amplify Life**

Physical Address: 480 Galletti Way, Building 2 Sparks, NV 89436

Office: 775.827.3866 Fax: 775.827.0334 Mobile: 775.560.6211 https://amplifylife.org/

Amplify Life is dedicated to providing recreational, therapeutic, and educational programs for children, teens, and adults with disabilities.

#### **Autism Coalition of Nevada (aconv)**

5470 Reno Corporate Drive

Reno, NV 89511 (775) 410-9916

#### www.aconv.org

The Autism Coalition of Nevada is dedicated to helping children, youth and their families who struggle with Autism by providing advocacy at the Nevada State Legislature, financial assistance to facilitate early diagnosis and therapeutic interventions, treatment, support services, and medical care, and to raise awareness about Autism by providing community educational training and services.

#### **Children's Cabinet**

777 Sinclair St. Reno, NV 89501 (775) 352-8090

# http://www.childrenscabinet.org

The Children's Cabinet is our community's stand to ensure that every child and family has the services and resources to meet fundamental development, care and learning needs.

# **Department of Health and Human Services**

Reno, Regional Office 2667 Enterprise Road Reno, NV 89512 (775) 688-1341

# http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/IDEA/Early Intervention Programs

The Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) System provides services to children birth until three with developmental delay or disabilities, and their families. NEIS North provides family-centered multidisciplinary diagnostic and early intervention services encompassing a 50-mile radius around Reno. Staff includes developmental specialists, a pediatrician, speech, physical and occupational therapists, nutritionists, audiologists and a family resource coordinator. Several specialty clinics include genetics, pediatric gastroenterology, metabolic, endocrine, pulmonary and orthopedic clinics.

# **Disability Resource Center: Truckee Meadows Community College**

7000 Dandini Blvd., RDMT 114 Reno, NV 89512 (775) 673-7277

The mission of the TMCC Disability Resource Center (DRC) is to provide equal access to all curricular and co-curricular activities to qualified students with documented disabilities. If a student is eligible for DRC services then all accommodations are provided at no cost to the student.

Disability Resource Center: University of Nevada, Reno

1664 N. Virginia Street Reno, NV 89557 (775) 784-6000

# www.unr.edu/drc

The purpose of the Disability Resource Center (DRC) is to ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from all university programs. Our goal is to act as a catalyst for the elimination of both attitudinal and architectural barriers that present themselves throughout the university community. The DRC directly supports students with disabilities in achieving their goals-strengthening a climate of campus diversity.

#### **Easter Seals Sierra Nevada**

6100 Neil Road, Suite 201 Reno, NV (775) 322-6555

http://www.easterseals.com/nevada

Easter seals Nevada provides exceptional services to help all people with disabilities or special needs and their families become self-sufficient through direct services, education and community partnerships.

#### **Family Ties**

5250 Neill Road Suite 200 Reno, NV 89502 (866) 326-8437

http://www.familytiesnv.org/

Family TIES is a statewide non-profit organization established in 2001 and directed by parents and family members with a loved one with a chronic illness, disability, or other condition. Family TIES works in partnership with professionals to make programs and policies more family-centered, culturally appropriate, and easily accessible.

# **Fit Learning**

Director: Kendra Newsome drkendra@fitlearners.com 9408 Double R Blvd Reno, Nevada 89521 (775) 826 – 3111

http://fitlearners.com

The Fit Learning Mission is to transform the learning abilities of all children who walk through our doors such that they achieve greatness in their communities and beyond.

## **High Sierra Industries**

555 Reactor Way Reno, NV 89502 (775) 829-7400

http://hsireno.org

Our mission is to research, develop, and deliver learning systems for people with disabilities and those who support them.

#### **JUSTin HOPE Foundation**

P.O. Box 13383 Reno, NV 89507 (775) 453-9262

http://justinhope.org

Giving hope to individuals and families in Northern Nevada affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other neurodevelopment disorders by providing support and/or opportunities that will have a meaningful impact on the family as a whole.

#### **Nevada Department of Education: Special Education**

700 E. Fifth Street, Suite 106 Carson City, NV 89701 (775) 687-9171

www.doe.nv.gov/Office of Special Education/

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE), Office of Special Education is committed to ensuring that ALL students in Nevada are college- and career- ready upon exit from the public school system. To accomplish this, the NDE Office of Special Education strives to build and improve on collaborative efforts with state partners and education stakeholders state-wide. It is our goal to promote educational success for Nevada's students through increased academic rigor; use of evidenced-based practices; providing sustained professional development for administrators, teachers, and staff; providing technical assistance in data-based decision making; and building meaningful partnerships with districts, schools, and parents.

# **Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)**

1325 Corporate Blvd.

Reno, NV 89502

(775) 823-8149

DETR's mission is to provide Nevada's businesses with access to a qualified workforce and encourage equal employment opportunities.

www.nvdetr.org

# Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

1470 College Parkway Carson City, NV 89706 (775) 328-3899

www.dhhs.nv.gov

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) promotes the health and well-being of its residents through the delivery or facilitation of a multitude of essential services to ensure families are strengthened, public health is protected, and individuals achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency. The Department is the largest in state government, comprised of five Divisions along with additional programs and offices overseen by the DHHS' Director's

Office. The Department's Director, Richard Whitley, was appointed by Governor Brian Sandoval and manages nearly one-third of the state's budget.

# **Nevada Dual Sensory Impairment Project**

College of Education Mail Stop 299 University of Nevada, Reno Reno, NV 89557 (775) 784-6471

#### www.unr.edu/ndsip/

The purpose of the Nevada Dual Sensory Impairment Project is to enhance the educational services provided to children and youth, birth through 21 years, with vision and hearing impairments. The project provides statewide technical assistance to support parents, service providers, and other service agencies in meeting the educational needs of children who have dual sensory impairments.

## Nevada Early Intervention Services (N.E.I.S.)

2667 Enterprise Road Reno, NV 89512 (775) 688-1341

#### http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/IDEA/Early Intervention Programs/

The Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) System provides services to children birth until three with developmental delay or disabilities, and their families. If you are concerned about your child's development, the first step is to have your child referred for evaluation, which looks at his or her basic skills. **This evaluation is free of charge**. You can refer your child directly or you can have your child's physician or another professional make the referral for you. You will be assigned a service coordinator who will help you through the process.

# **Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities**

896 W. Nye Lane Suite 202 Carson City, NV 89703 (775) 684-8619

## www.nevadaddcouncil.org

The Council engages in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities that contribute to a coordinated, consumer and family centered comprehensive system of community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that enable individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, productive, integrated and included in all facets of community life. We do not provide direct support services.

### Nevada Pep

4600 Kietzke Lane, I-202 Reno, Nevada 89502 (775) 448-9950 http://www.nvpep.org To increase the opportunities for home, community and school success for children with disabilities, including those who are at risk or who have serious emotional disturbances, their families and their service providers, through education, encouragement and empowerment activities.

#### **Nevada Project Assist**

http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/IDEA/ProjectASSIST

(800)522-0066

Project ASSIST is Nevada's early intervention central resource directory for anyone seeking information about organizations, programs or agencies that may provide services and supports for children and young adults up to 21 years with disabilities, and their families.

#### New2UComputers

50 East Greg Street, Suite 103 Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 329-1126 ext. 216 http://new2ucomputers.org

New2UComputers, a program of Disability Resources: New2U Computers provides free computers to individuals with disabilities, repairs computers, sells refurbished computers, takes donations of used electronics and recycles e-waste ensuring nothing ever ends up in a landfill.

# **Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living**

999 Pyramid Way Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 353-3599

# **Northern Nevada Disability Access**

(775) 287-6857

http://www.nnvdaccess.com/

Since July 2010, We are the only referral network connecting disabled, seniors and veterans to service providers in Northern Nevada.

#### **Northern Nevada RAVE Family Foundation**

6490 South McCarran Blvd. Suite 3 Reno, NV 8950 P.O. Box 2072 Sparks, NV 89432 (775) 787-3520 http://www.nnrff.org/

The mission of the Northern Nevada R.A.V.E. Family Foundation (R.A.V.E.-an acronym for Respite And Volunteer Experiences) is to improve the well-being of Nevada families by providing respite to families caring for young children and adult family members with special needs. The Northern Nevada R.A.V.E. Family Foundation (NNRFF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, accomplishes this by training youth volunteers to care for these exceptional

children. The NNRFF operates the only center-based program in Washoe County that offers respite care for families caring for young children with disabilities and/or special needs (2007 Assessment of Nevada's Child Abuse Prevention Services). The NNRFF currently has three respite programs available in order to accomplish this mission.

#### **Northwestern Mutual Financial Planning for Families with Disabilities**

Office: (775) 360-7639 / Cell (775) 250-7900 / Fax (775) 360-4221

Emily.spaulding.nm.com

## Path to Independence: Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities

University of Nevada, Reno/MS 0285 Reno, NV 89557

(775) 784-4921

NCED@unr.edu

https://www.unr.edu/nced

The NCED serves as Nevada's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). The UCEDDs were established and funded by the Developmental Disabilities Rights Assistance and Rights Act (DD Act). UCEDDs work to accomplish a shared vision that foresees a nation in which all Americans, including Americans with disabilities, participate fully in their communities. Independence, productivity and community inclusion are key components of this vision. The DD Act funds 67 Centers at universities in every state and territory.

# **Respite and Volunteer Experiences (RAVE)**

6490 South McCarran Blvd, Suite 34 Reno, NV 89509

(775) 787-3520

http://www.nnrff.org

Providing respite to families caring for children with special needs while training high school volunteers to work with these very special children.

#### **Sierra Regional Center**

605 S. 21st Street Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 688-1930

Sierra Regional Center (SRC) is the state-operated regional center for individuals with developmental disabilities and related conditions and their families. SRC is located in the Reno/Sparks area and serves Washoe County, Nevada. SRC supports individuals with developmental disabilities by facilitating independence through choice.

SRC assists individuals with disabilities by helping them to discover what each person wants for their life, planning and arranging support services to help the person achieve what they want, and regularly monitoring to see if the services satisfy the person.

University of Nevada, Reno
University Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment (UCAN)

Diane Thorkildson, M.P.H. Phone: (775) 682-7025

Address: 1664 N. Virginia St, MS 0152, Reno, NV 89557-0152

http://med.unr.edu/spa/clinics/ucan

UCAN is a multi-disciplinary team of professionals concerned with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders in children. The core value of the UCAN Assessment Team is to provide diagnostic evaluation for children in need.

The purpose of the UCAN Assessment Team is to improve differentiation between autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. The Team is a diverse group of professionals from different disciplines and agencies throughout Northern Nevada comprised of child psychiatrists, child psychologists, school psychologists, an occupational therapist, marriage and family therapist, speech language pathologists, and a developmental specialist.

#### **Nevada Parent Network, UNR**

Research and Educational Planning Center/MS 285, University of Nevada, Reno Reno, NV 89557
(702) 784, 4921, oxt. 2352

(702) 784-4921 ext.2352

http://www.iser.com/npn-NV.html

The Nevada Parent Network (NPN) is a program of the Nevada University Affiliated Program in Developmental Disabilities, but it is staffed and governed by parents for parents. The NPN is a resource for parents of children with disabilities who seek to better serve children with special needs. NPN provides parent-to-parent linking as well as information dissemination.

# **Online Resources**

#### **Autism Internet Modules**

http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/

Offers FREE internet training modules on recognizing autism, supporting individuals with ASD in the home and in the classroom and effective treatments; designed for parents, service providers or anyone who knows or wants to support someone with ASD

#### Rethink

# https://www.rethinkfirst.com

Rethink aims to place evidence-based treatment solutions in the hands of every educator, clinician or parent working with a child with special needs. We are unique in our footprint, leveraging the power of technology to provide clinical support, best-practice tools, and research-based content to all market segments, reaching more children with special needs than any other solution.

#### **UC Davis MIND Institute**

http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mindinstitute

Assessment clinic, research, and linking parents or community providers to resources; also have a series of online videos on support kids with ASD in the classroom, instructional practices, ADHD, future research of evidence based practices

#### **UC Santa Barbara Autism Center**

https://education.ucsb.edu/autism

Training in pivotal response treatment; psychology assessment clinic; research; conferences

# **Funding**

## **Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP)**

3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132 Carson City, NV 89706 (775) 687-4210

http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Autism/ATAP/ATAP/

Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) was created to assist parents and caregivers with the expensive cost of providing Autism-specific treatments to their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

#### **Grant a Gift Autism Foundation**

630 S. Rancho Drive Suite D Las Vegas, NV 89106

Tel: 702.564.2453

http://grantagiftfoundation.org/

Grant a Gift Autism Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization helping children, youth and their families fight autism by providing diagnostic and treatment funding, support services, vocational training, transition planning, and education. In addition, we act as a community safety net by filling in treatment and funding gaps not covered by state and federal resources or insurance. Our organization achieves this by collaborating with other organizations, state agencies, or providers to give children with autism spectrum disorder, growing up in Nevada, a better quality of life and future as they transition into adults.

# **Recreation**

#### Camp LotsAFun

164 Hubbard Way, Suite D Reno, NV 89502 (775) 827-3866 http://amplifylife.org/

Amplify Life is dedicated to providing recreational, therapeutic, and educational programs for children, teens, and adults with disabilities.

#### **City of Reno Adaptive Recreation Program**

http://www.reno.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-community-services/adaptive-recreation

The City of Reno welcomes the opportunity to provide accommodations to people with disabilities so that full participation in leisure and recreation programs, classes, services and facilities may be enjoyed by all.

### **Challenger Little League**

http://www.littleleague.org/learn/about/divisions/challenger.htm

The Challenger Division was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League to enable boys and girls with physical and mental challenges, ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if still enrolled in high school, to enjoy the game of baseball along with the millions of other children who participate in this sport worldwide. Today, more than 30,000 children participate in more than 900 Challenger Divisions worldwide.

#### **Learning Arts**

4600 Kietzke Lane - Bldg. A Ste 103

Reno, NV 89502

Phone: (888) 512-2695 Fax: (775) 348-7631

http://www.learningarts.com

Learning ARTS offers a wide variety of services to best meet the needs of the community of developmentally disabled children and their families. Programs differ in purpose, duration, intensity, staffing and philosophical orientation. Please contact us to determine which service might be right for your child.

#### **Note -Able**

http://note-ables.org/

Music Therapy Services

#### **Very Special Camps**

# http://www.veryspecialcamps.com/Nevada/Special-Needs-Summer-Camps.shtml

VerySpecialCamps.com is a specialized directory dedicated exclusively to camps which serve individuals with one or more of a wide range of special needs. Locate a summer camp or program based upon your specific requirements and interests by entering your specific criteria using our Full Search, browse by Camp Type or Location, or use a Keyword Search. Summer camp jobs at special needs camps are posted and updated frequently.

# VSA arts of Nevada (formerly Very Special Arts Nevada)

250 Court Street Reno, NV 89501 (775) 826-6100

https://www.artsforallnevada.org

Arts for All Nevada's mission is to provide quality arts opportunities for ALL focusing on children and adults who have a disability, are disadvantaged, at-risk, or under-served by the arts.

# **Applied Behavior Analysis**

#### **Advanced Child Behavior Solutions**

2440 Vassar St #3 Reno, NV 89502 (775) 448-6533

Dr. Ken MacAleese, Ph.D., BCBA

http://www.advancedbehaviorsolutions.com

Advanced Child Behavior Solutions is dedicated to improving the lives of children and their families. Services are developed from the science and practice of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and are tailored to the individual needs of the child with consideration of the child's family and classroom dynamics. We employ only the most well-trained, genuine, and caring staff members who are devoted to transforming children's futures.

#### **Applied Behavior Technologies**

4840 Vista Blvd Sparks, NV 89436 (775) 354-1380

We teach social skills and independence to ages 8+ using ABA services that are proven effective for problem behaviors and teaching new skills.

http://www.appliedbehaviortechnologies.com

#### **Nevada PBIS Technical Assistance Center**

1664 N. Virginia Street/MS 285

Reno, NV 89557

Phone: (775) 682-9049 http://nevadapbis.org

The Nevada PBIS TA Center provides technical assistance for PBS activities throughout the state, and seeks opportunities to scale up and provide PBS and applied behavior analysis services and support in a variety of settings to a variety of populations.

#### **Early Childhood Autism Program, UNR**

Department of Psychology 1664 N. Virginia Street Reno, NV 89557 Phone (775) 784-6828

http://www.unr.edu/psychology/about/autism

Specialize in early intensive behavioral intervention for young, preschool aged children with autism. The program offers a comprehensive, individualized home-based intervention that seeks to normalize all aspects of a child's psychological development.

## **Sage Health Services**

4600 Kietzke Ln., Suite M-246 Reno, NV 89502 (775) 200-0935

# http://www.sagehealthservices.com

Sage Health Services is an outpatient mental health organization that strives to improve peoples' lives. We offer a variety of supports ranging from individual and group therapy to inhome and community-based behavioral assistance. Our team of clinicians is dedicated to you and your loved ones' well-being.

## **Sierra Behavioral Solutions**

639 Isbell Road, Suite 380 Reno, NV 89509

Phone: (775) 348-5800

http://www.sierrabehavioralsolutions.org

We believe everything is connected; the mind, the body, and the spirit. By attending to all aspects of your health, we believe you can transform your life to be happier, healthier and more joyful.

# Speech and Language, Occupational, and Physical Therapy

#### **Advanced Pediatric Therapies**

1025 Roberta Ln Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 825-4744

http://advancedspeechnv.com

Advanced Pediatric Therapies, LLC's mission is to provide family focused services in a supportive and motivating environment.

#### **Children in Motion, Therapy Services**

10587 Double R Blvd. Suite 101 Reno, NV 89521 (775) 324-5371 http://childreninmotion.info

We offer occupational, physical and speech therapy. We specialize solely in the practice of pediatrics. We assess and treat a wide variety of conditions, including prematurity, cerebral palsy, autism, congenital anomalies, neuromuscular disease, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, prenatal drug exposure, sensory processing problems, feeding/growth problems and other developmental delays.

#### Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, UNR

Claude I Howard Speech and Hearing Clinic Department of Speech Pathology Redfield Building/Mail Stop 152 Reno, NV 89557 (775) 784-4887 dvigil@unr.edu

#### **Nevada Speech and Therapy Group**

3121 Marble Ridge Ct Reno, NV 89511 (775) 851-9231

http://speechtherapyreno.com

Every client receives a thorough evaluation with a licensed therapist which leads to a therapy diagnosis and an individualized treatment plan. We treat children with a variety of disorders, developmental delays, autism, and a variety of skill levels.

#### **Sierra Therapy Group**

9520 Prototype Court Reno, NV 89521 (775) 852-6323

# http://www.sierratherapygroup.com

To offer outstanding services, we use a team-based model. We share our knowledge and collaborate with other clinicians, therapists and professionals. We work closely with family members, as they are an integral part of our team.

#### The Continuum Reno

3700 Grant Dr. Ste A Reno, NV 89509 (775) 829-4700

# https://continuumreno.com

In a tranquil and welcoming environment, The Continuum provides Rehabilitation Therapies and Wellness Programs facilitated by a highly qualified team of experienced professionals who work together to provide a wealth of treatment options focused on total wellness for all ages.