

**Information for Parents of Children with Special
Needs**

Allergy/Asthma Information Society

The Allergy/Asthma Information Society's goal is to create safer environments and improve quality of life for Canadians affected by allergy, asthma, and anaphylaxis by empowering individuals and providing education, leadership, and a national voice.

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Source: <http://www.aaia.ca/en/index.htm>

Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to fostering the development of individualized, lifelong, community-based supports and services for persons with autism spectrum disorder. Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to the promotion of acceptance, independence, productivity and opportunities for inclusion in all facets of life for persons with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Contact Information:

Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

Tara Pearce, Executive Director

Phone: (709) 722-2803

Fax: (709) 722-4926

Email: info@autism.nf.net

Source: <http://www.autism.nf.net>

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association- Newfoundland Association

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association improves the quality of life of people of all ages in Newfoundland and Labrador, who are hard of hearing. They promote understanding of the prevalence, causes, and prevention of hearing loss, and advocate for accessibility in public places.

Contact Information:

Suite 103, 136 Crosbie Road (Viking Building)

St. John's, NL A1B 3K3

Phone: (709) 753-3224

Toll-Free: 1-888-753-3224

Fax: (709) 753-5640

Source: <http://www.chha-nl.nl.ca>

Coalition of Persons with Disabilities Newfoundland and Labrador

Coalition of Persons with Disabilities Newfoundland and Labrador is the cross-disability advocacy organization of persons with disabilities in Newfoundland and Labrador. Coalition of Persons with Disabilities serves all people with disabilities, advocating for the necessary support to exercise their citizenship rights provincially and nationally. Because Coalition of Persons with Disabilities' role is information and systemic advocacy, it does not provide any direct services to members, nor does it provide individual advocacy. It strives to involve its members and all persons with disabilities in influencing change.

Contact Information:

Susan Ralph

Coalition of Persons with Disabilities

Newfoundland and Labrador

TD Place, 140 Water Street

Suite 202

St. John's, NL A1C 6H6

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Email: codmain@nf.aibn.com

Source: www.codnl.ca

Community Asthma Care Centre - Adult Asthma Education Centre

The Community Asthma Care Centre helps people understand and take control of their asthma symptoms, understand and effectively utilize their asthma medication and develop the self-management skills to control their asthma. At the Centre, you will learn: what asthma is, your triggers and how to avoid them, how to effectively take inhaled medications, how to establish an action plan to keep you well, and how to recognize and understand warning signs.

Contact Information:

St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, 3rd Floor,

St. John's, NL

Phone: (709) 777-5598 or (709) 777-5591

Fax: (709) 777-5895

Office is open to the public by appointment to those referred by a doctor.

Developmentally Delayed Children-Parents Support Group

Developmentally Delayed Children-Parents Support Group provides support for the parents of developmentally delayed children through contact with other parents and provides an opportunity for the children to meet during the summer months.

Contact Information:

Carol Ann Myers

Corinne O'Brien

92 Nascope Crescent

St. John's, NL A1B 3W5

Phone: (709) 753-4327 (C. Myers) or (709) 754-1029 (C. O'Brien)

Easter Seals Society Newfoundland and Labrador

Easter Seals works to maximize the abilities of children with physical disabilities. Their goal is to identify what children have trouble doing and break down the barriers. Easter Seals prides itself on providing the finest programming for children with physical disabilities. They focus on four areas of programming for, which are recreational therapy, direct assistance, skills development and education and advocacy.

Contact Information:

Easter Seals
712-100 Forest Road
Southcott Hall
St. John's, NL A1A 1E5
Phone: (709) 754-1399
Toll-Free: 1-888-601-6767
Fax: (709) 754-1398
Email: info@easterseals.nf.ca

St. John's Children's Centre
Easter Seals Newfoundland and Labrador
79 Nagle's Place (Pippy Park just past the Fluvarium)
St. John's, NL A1B 2Z2
Phone: (709) 726-2622
Fax: (709) 726-6553
E-mail: info@easterseals.nf.ca
Source: <http://www.easterseals.nf.ca/default.htm>

Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador

Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador offers its members and interested individuals a wide range of services and programs to meet needs concerning all aspects of living with epilepsy. Their services include: information, news, resource centre, alerts, advocacy, public presentations, pen-pal programs and thrift store.

Contact Information:

Epilepsy Newfoundland and Labrador
26 O'Leary Avenue
St. John's, NL A1B 2C7
Phone: (709) 722-0502
Toll Free: 1-866-epilepsy
Fax: (709) 722-0999
Email: info@epilepsynl.com
Source: www.epilepsynl.com

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/ Effects (FAS/ FAE) Support Group

The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effects Support Group provides support, information and consultation for families, professionals and the community around prevention, intervention and treatment pertaining to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/ Effects and other disabilities caused by drug use during pregnancy.

Contact Information:

Mary Anne Walsh
547 Indian Meal Line,
Torbay, NL A1K 1B4
Phone: (709) 895-6606
(Support group - Call for time and location)

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effects (FAS/FAE) Support Line

The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effects Support Line is a bilingual information service and links to support groups, prevention projects, resource centers, and experts on FAS/FAE.

Contact Information:

C/o Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
75 Albert Street, Suite 300,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5E7
Toll Free: 1-800-559-4514
Source: <http://www.nofas.org>

Independent Living Resource Centre

The Independent Living Resource Centre is a non-profit organization providing information, resources, networking, skill development seminars, individual advocacy and peer support programs for people with disabilities, their families, friends and support networks. The Independent Living Resource Centre has a variety of programs which include: individual advocacy, peer support, information & networking, full steam ahead, community access program and research & development.

Contact Information:

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Toll Free: 1-866-722-4031
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Source: <http://www.ilrc.nf.ca>

Learning Disability Association Newfoundland and Labrador

The Learning Disabilities Association of Newfoundland and Labrador is a not-for-profit, charitable organization, dedicated to the advancement of education, employment, social development, legal rights and general well-being of people with learning disabilities. They are dedicated to helping people with learning disabilities achieve their true potential in school, in the workplace, and in society.

Contact Information:

The Board of Trade Building

66 Kenmount Road, Suite 204

St. John's, NL A1B 3V7

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Fax: (709) 753-4747

Email: ldanl@nl.rogers.com

Source: <http://www.nald.ca/ldanl>.

Mothers Offering Moral Support (MOMS)

The Mothers Offering Moral Support is a support group for parents of children with special needs. It provides support and information, and holds functions for the children during the year. They deal with children with all types of special needs, such as Down syndrome, Autism, ADD, Spina Bifida, Juvenile Arthritis and those developmentally delayed. The group provides referrals and is sometimes involved with advocacy.

Contact Information:

Gaye Reid or Dianne Young

P.O. Box 328

Grand-Falls-Windsor, NL A2A 2J7

Phone: (709) 489-3420 (Gaye Reid) or (709) 489-7018 (Dianne Young)

Fax: (709) 489-5033

Email: rei.ab@nf.sympatico.ca

reid_gaye@hotmail.com

Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living

The Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living is a provincial non-profit advocacy association dedicated to developing communities that welcome persons with developmental disabilities. They work with and on behalf of citizens with developmental disabilities and their families to secure the means and opportunities whereby these citizens can live normal and dignified lives as full participants in community. In order to work toward the realization of this goal, they do the following: provide direct support to individuals, families, and local associations; work with government and service agencies to build supportive communities; lobby for changes in social policy, programs, and laws; facilitate research training and planning.

Contact Information:

687 Water Street

P.O. Box 5453

St. John's, NL A1C 5W4

Phone: (709) 722-0790

Toll Free: 1-800-701-8511

Fax: (709) 722-1325

Email: nlacl@nf.aibn.com

Source: www.nlacl.ca

Newfoundland and Labrador Down Syndrome Society

The Newfoundland and Labrador Down Syndrome Society is a volunteer non-profit organization of family and friends dedicated to ensuring a fulfilling quality of life for children, youths and adults with Down Syndrome. They believe in and are committed to integration and inclusion in all aspects of society.

Contact Information:

Jeff Hutchings - Chair

Adam Johnston - Office Manager

P.O. Box 21054

235 Pennywell Road

St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Phone: (709) 738-3336

Toll-Free: 1-877-738-3336

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Office is open to the public: Monday-Friday 10:30 - 3:30

E-Mail: nldss@nl.rogers.com

Source: <http://www.nldss.com>

Special Needs Information Service Online: Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs in Newfoundland and Labrador

The Centre of Excellence is committed to ensuring that young people with special needs living in rural and northern communities receive the best services Canada has to offer. Their current focus of work involves: nutrition, health and development, early intervention, substance abuse, learning and communication, mental health and emerging technology. They also work with families, communities and governments to develop the best programs for young people with special needs in rural and northern Canada, connect parents, teachers and groups interested in special needs, provide easy ways to get helpful information, collect and review the latest information on special needs, report on best practices and best programs, and find new technologies to improve services.

Contact Information:

Lynn Frizzell, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador

Phone: (709) 737-2395

Source: <http://www.coespecialneeds.ca>

Tourette syndrome Foundation of Canada

The Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada is the only national voluntary non-profit organization assisting individuals affected by Tourette syndrome and its associated disorders. They are dedicated to improving the quality of life for those with, or affected by, Tourette syndrome through programs of education, advocacy, self-help and the promotion of research.

Contact Information:

Newfoundland and Labrador

P.O. Box 722

St. John's, NL A1C 5L4

Phone: (709) 745-8732

Fax: (709) 745-5993

Source: <http://www.tourette.ca/index.php>