

## Helpful Resources and Links

**\*Please note that the following resources and links are not meant as endorsements by West Lake Special Education Cooperative, but merely as information that may be helpful to our families and visitors.**

**Indiana Department of Education** - Article 7, Procedural Safeguards, Parent Rights and other information - [www.doe.in.gov/specialed/laws-rules-and-interpretations](http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/laws-rules-and-interpretations)

**Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities** - Information on Medicaid Waivers and other valuable information - [www.in.gov/gpcpd](http://www.in.gov/gpcpd)

**INDIANA INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY** - Providing Hoosiers with disability-related information and services from birth through older adulthood. Click on their name to visit their webpage.

**IN\*Source / Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs** - [www.insource.org](http://www.insource.org)

**Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative (CSRI)** - Email [csri2004@yahoo.com](mailto:csri2004@yahoo.com) to join their email list or visit them via - [lakecountyparks.com/activities/great\\_outdoors/special\\_recreation.html](http://lakecountyparks.com/activities/great_outdoors/special_recreation.html) [CSRI 2014 Calendar](#)

**Autism Support Network** – Designed by those living with ASD, for those with ASD and those seeking social connection, peer guidance and a feeling of community with others. [www.autismsupportnetwork.com](http://www.autismsupportnetwork.com)

**Autism Distance Education Parent Training (ADEPT)** - Distance parent training module from the UC Davis MIND Institute UCEDD providing several strategies for teaching functional skills for parents - [media.mindinstitute.org/education/ADEPT/Module1Menu.html](http://media.mindinstitute.org/education/ADEPT/Module1Menu.html)

**Check out YOUR family for events, news and resources in our area**  
<http://www.nwitimes.com/niche/yourfamily/parenting-resources>

**GRASP** - The Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership - [grasp.org/](http://grasp.org/)

**Down Syndrome Association of NWI** - Serving Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Jasper and Newton Counties  
- <http://www.dsaofnwi.org>

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**National Down Syndrome Congress** - They provide information, advocacy and support concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome, and work to create a national climate in which all people will recognize and embrace the value and dignity of people with Down syndrome. - [ndscenter.org/](http://ndscenter.org/)

**AccessAbilities, Inc.** - Focusing on the provision of services that emphasize best practices, comprehensiveness and overcoming possible barriers between human potential and physical or cognitive abilities - <http://accessabilitiesinc.com/>

**Center for Possibilities** - Their mission is to improve the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Check out their site at [www.centerforpossibilities.org](http://www.centerforpossibilities.org)

[Innovations in Learning](#) - Dedicated to implementing best practice standards in helping consumers achieve their individual potential throughout the developmental life span. Click on their name to visit their webpage.

[Nat'l Dissemination Center for Children w/Disabilities \(NICHCY\)](#) - Serving the nation as a central source of information on disabilities. Now known as Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR)

[National Autism Association of NWI](#) - Providing hope and information, including monthly support group meetings for parents, social activities and workshops/seminars, to local families affected by autism.

**Asperger's Syndrome support at Lakeview Health**, including a 24/7 live private and confidential chat option - [www.lakeviewhealth.com/mental-health-and-aspergers-syndrome.php](http://www.lakeviewhealth.com/mental-health-and-aspergers-syndrome.php)

**Share Foundation with the Handicapped** assists developmentally disabled/other-abled people and their families in many different areas. They also offer mini-camps through their Camp Sharing Meadows property. Click here for their website link and for more information. <http://sharefoundation.org>

**Opportunity Enterprises** - providing innovative and impactful services for individuals with a wide range of physical and developmental disabilities - <http://www.oppent.org/about/>

**Hannah's Hope** - aims to assist children with special needs obtain various therapies and costly medical equipment. Visit them at <http://www.hannahshope.org/>

**SouthSTAR Services** - provides children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities choices and opportunities to enrich their lives and maximize independence in their pursuit of vocation, community living and social integration. For more information, contact Shannon Stoisch at 219-331-5233.