

Useful Resources for Families and Professionals

Use these resources to learn more about supporting families of children with special learning needs in your care. You may also want to share some of these resources with families.

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC): DEC Recommended Practices

The DEC Recommended Practices provide guidance to practitioners and families about the most effective ways to improve the learning outcomes and promote the development of young children, birth through age 5, who have or are at-risk for developmental delays or disabilities. Developed by the DEC Recommended Practices Commission. Download from: <https://divisionearlychildhood.egnryte.com/dl/tgv6GUXhVo>

University Center for Excellence in Development Disabilities <https://ucedd.waisman.wisc.edu/family-support-leadership/>

Within the Family Support and Leadership priority area, the Waisman Center UCEDD works to promote and strengthen the participation of families that include a person with disabilities in partnerships with professionals and providers, community members, and elected officials.

Click the tab, "Products" to see the following sections on their website:

- CORE of a Good Life: Guided Conversations with Parents in Raising Young Children with Disabilities
- A New Beginning for Ana and Her Family (Un Nuevo Amanecer Para Ana Y Su Familia)
- Family Support 360 Learning Circles Resources
- Wisconsin Medical Home Webcast Series

Family Voices <http://www.familyvoices.org/>

- Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities

Federation for Children with Special Needs. <http://fcsn.org/index.php>

- The website offers a variety of resources and services for families and other individuals who support family-centered practice

Kids Together, Inc. <http://www.kidstogether.org/>

Look at the following sections in the website:

- Be an Includer
- Perspectives
- The Parent Side
- Building Community
- Vision Building
- Agencies and Organizations

Beach Center on Disability <http://www.beachcenter.org/beach-families>

Look at the following sections on this page of their website:

- Family Quality of Life
- Partnership
- Other Tools