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deaded.net

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dds.ca.gov

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acf.hhs.gov/programs/pccpid

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ddssafety.net

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seecenter.org
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Plain language description of ADA and its content.  
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California Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center
Preventing crime and violence in California.

California Department of Aging
Working primarily with the area agencies on Aging who serve seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers.

California State Independent Living Council
Philosophy of people with disabilities who work for self-determination, equal opportunities, and self-respect.

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Special Education Technology British Columbia
Assertive device resource directory.

Special Olympics of California
Sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people eight years and older with developmental disabilities.

Spine Universe
Maintaining a healthy spine through good body mechanics and accurate information.
Information on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (cont.)

State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Assist in planning, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.  
[scd.ca.gov/Special_Education_Resources.htm]

State Office of Emergency Services (California)  
Supporting special needs and vulnerable populations in disasters.  
[preparenow.org]

U.S. Fall Prevention Program for Seniors  
Selected programs using home assessment and modification.  
[cdc.gov/ncipc/falls/default.htm]

U.S. Fire Administration  
Information you need to decide what you must do to protect your family from fire.  
[usfa.fema.gov]

U.S. Fire Administration  
(Kids fire safety website)  
Tips that can help you and your family be safe from fire.  
[usfa.fema.gov/kids]

U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Reviewing clinical research; promote public health to ensure foods are safe and sanitary and properly labeled.  
[fda.gov]

The California Developmental Disabilities Service System

California Community Care Licensing Division  
Promote the health, safety, and quality of life of each person in community care.  
[cclld.ca.gov]

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Risk Management

American Red Cross
Provides locally relevant humanitarian services that help people within the community be safer, healthier, and more self-reliant.

Assessing Health Risk in Developmental Disabilities

California Poison Control System
A toll free 800 number is available to all areas of California by calling 1-800-876-4766. The toll free number for anywhere in the United States is 800-222-1222.

Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities
By American Red Cross Disaster Services (1996). A self-instructional manual for people with disabilities. It contains a number of exercises and checklists and includes a number of considerations (for example, protecting one's assistance dog) not found in more generic guides.

First Aid Fast
By American Red Cross (1995); Stay Well Printer; ISBN: 0815102585. This booklet, complete with pictures and diagrams, indicates what to do in a variety of emergency situations.

Hazards at Home

Poison! How to Handle the Hazardous Substances in Your Home
By Jim Morelli (1997); Andrews and McMeel; ISBN: 083622721. The back cover begins: “You live in a toxic dump. There’s no getting around it. If you wash dishes, do laundry, or clean the toilet, oven, or sink, chances are good that you use a poisonous material to do it.” Morelli worked in a Poison Control Center, and thus has first-hand knowledge of the kinds of work involved.

Wellness Digest, Vol. 1, No. 2
By California Department of Developmental Services. This issue is devoted to medication administration. Ed Anamizu, PharmD, served as consulting editor and was assisted by Mary Jann, R. N. Both have extensive background and experience with developmental disabilities.
Health/Wellness

AARP Health and Wellness
Healthy tips on exercise, eating right, and personal care.
aarp.org/health

A Parent's Guide to Medical Emergencies

American Dietetic Association
Provides nutrition information with news releases and consumer tips, Nutrition Fact Sheets, and the Good Nutrition reading list.
eatright.org

California Dental Association
Value oral health and expand the community’s understanding of the importance of preventative and restorative and dental care services.
cda.org

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calpoison.org

Centers for Disease Control - Disability & Health
Promotes the health and well-being of the estimated 56.7 million people with disabilities living in the United States.
cdc.gov/ncbdd/ddh

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people - providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships.
cdc.gov

Complete Guide to Prescription & Nonprescription Drugs

Consumer Product Safety Commission
Works to save lives and keep families safe by reducing the risk of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products.
cpsc.gov
Consumer Reports
*Personal care, food and beverages, health and fitness.*

Dangerous Drug Interactions: The People’s Pharmacy Guide
*This book summarizes much of what is known about drug interaction, not only with other medications (both prescription and over-the-counter), but with foods, vitamins and minerals, herbs, and alcohol. One chapter on drug interaction of particular interest to women, children, and the elderly. Excellent index. Dean Edell, M.D., Medical Journalist in San Francisco, says: “At last, someone has tackled this most complex and critical area. Only the Graedons could make this clear and understandable. A “must have” for anyone interested in their health.”*

Disability Resources on the Internet
*(CALIFORNIA): organization that monitors, reviews, and reports on hundreds of disability-related topics.*

FDA Tips for Taking Medicines: How to Get the Most Benefit with the Fewest Risks
By U.S. Food and Drug Administration (n.d.); reprint Publication No. FDA 96-3221. Write FDA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20856, Attn: HFE-88. *This reprint includes a patient check-off chart for help in taking medications at the right time. Special sections advise patients on medications while in the hospital, protection against tampering, medication counseling, and tips for giving medicine to children. Single copy free.*

Healthy People 2010 - Leading Health Indicators
Illustrate individual behaviors, physical and social environmental factors, and important health systems issues that greatly affect the health of individuals and communities.

Health and Wellness Reference Guide
By Smith Consultant Group and McGowen Consultants; developed for the Commission on Compliance, State of Tennessee (July 1998). *This is a general reference for nurses and others working with direct care staff in various settings.*
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[assistivetech.com](http://assistivetech.com)  
Assistive Technology, Inc. serves the disability and special education markets by providing innovative software and hardware solutions for people with special needs and the professionals who work with them.

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[deafed.net](http://deafed.net)  
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**RJ Copper & Associates**  
[rjcopper.com](http://rjcopper.com)  
Software and hardware for persons with special needs.

## Positive Behavior Support

**Association of Positive Behavior Support**  
[Bridges4kids.org](http://Bridges4kids.org)  
An organization dedicated to the advancement of positive support behavior.

**Beach Center on Disability**  
[beachcenter.org](http://beachcenter.org)  
The University of Kansas  
Haworth Hall, Room 3136  
1200 Sunnyside Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66045-7534  
Phone: 785-864-7600 + Fax: 785-864-7605  
**PBS Information**  
[beachcenter@ku.edu](mailto:beachcenter@ku.edu)

**Functional Analysis of Problem Behavior: From Effective Assessment to Effective Support**  
Publication  
Wadsworth Publishing
Positive Behavior Support (cont.)

Functional Assessment and Program Development for Problem Behavior Support and Teaching Strategies

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Nonaversive Intervention for Behavior Problem

Office of Special Education (OSEP), US Department of Education, pbis.org
*Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports* 
Technical assistance website.

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Ten Ways to Support a Person with Challenging Behavior
Fact Sheet

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