

Region II Area Support Groups

School District Affiliated Groups

Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA, IPSN- District 204

www.ipsd.org/ipsn

NTDSE, Niles Township Department of Special Education Parent Group. Contact: Teri Queen at tqueen@ntdse.k12.il.us.

NSSSED, North Suburban Special Education District- Parent Mentor Program. Contact: Susan Hans, Parent Mentor at shans@nssed.org or 847/831.5100 x 2228 www.nssed.org

PACE, Proviso Area for Exceptional Children- Maywood. Contact: Monet Carlos, Early Childhood Social Worker at 708/ 450-5709

PASS 39, Parents Association for Student Services-Wilmette District 39

www.wilmette39.org

SPARK, Special Education Parents Accessing Resources and Knowledge - Palatine District 15- See Parent Resources on the website: www.ccwsd15.net

SERC, Special Education Resource Committee- Glenn Ellyn District 41

www.d41.org/specialed/serc.htm

SEDOL, Special Education District of Lake County- Parent Mentor Project. Contact: Priscilla Cuba, Parent Mentor at 847/548-2577 x 36

SERG, Special Education Resource Group - Elmhurst District 205

www.elmhurst205.org/serg

S.P.I.N., Special Parents Information Network - District 203

www.spin203.org

Waukegan Public School Parent Support Group

Contact: Susan Hersman 847/263.2319

Disability Specific Groups

Apraxia

The Windy City/Chicagoland Apraxia Network

Contact: Holly Olmsted-Hickey at chicagoapraxia@comcast.net

Parent Apraxia Support/Education Group of Aurora

Contact: Leslie Lindsey at leslie_lindsay@hotmail.com

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, ADHD

CHADD, Children and Adults having Attention Deficit/

Hyperactivity Disorder - local support group chapters listed on the website: www.chadd.org

Provena Mercy Medical Center, Aurora- ADHD/LD parent support group. Contact: Connie Parr at 630/801-2556.

Autism

Autism Society of Illinois- All local chapters in Illinois are listed on the ASI website under Support Groups.

<http://autismillinois.org/>

Schaumburg Township Autism Support Group- 847/884-1560

http://www.schaumburgtownship.org/support_groups.html

Talk About Curing Autism Now, TACA- Naperville, Oak Park and Crystal Lake locations.

<http://www.tacanow.org/local-chapters/illinois/crystal-lake/>

Down Syndrome

National Association for Down Syndrome- listing of area groups

www.nads.org

Down Syndrome Developmental Council, DDC – Lake County

www.theddc.org

Down Syndrome Support- South suburbs

www.dssupport.net

Family Ideas Network for Down Syndrome, FINDS- Crystal lake and surrounding area- McHenry and Northern Kane counties

<http://www.findsdownsyndrome.com>

Gigi's Playhouse- Three area locations, Hispanic parent group (Nuestros Angeles) and Polish parent group.

www.gigisplayhouse.org

United Parent Support for Down Syndrome, UPS for DownS

www.upsfordowns.org

West Suburban Parent Support Group for Down Syndrome

www.wspsg.com

Down Syndrome and Autism Dual Diagnosis Support Group, Ds+

www.upsfordowns.org

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago- area support groups, including for Spanish-speakers are listed on website. 800/273-6027
www.epilepsyfoundation.org/chicago/

Food Allergies Support Group

MOCHA, Mothers of Children Having Allergies- north east suburbs
www.mochallergies.org

Poca of DuPage (POCA) Parents of Children with Allergies- .
Contact Kellee K. at kellee5@lightfirst.com. Write **Poca Request** in the subject line.

Hearing Loss

Hearing Loss of America- local chapters listed on website.
www.hearingloss.org

Choices for Parents- Phone: 312.523.6400 v/tty
Outside of Chicago area: 866.733.8729 v/tty
<http://choicesforparents.org/>

Rett Syndrome Association of Illinois

<http://rettillinois.org/>

Selective Mutism Support Group

Contact: Kathy Slattery at kslattery@cntrmail.org for more information

Non-Disability Specific Groups

Answers for Special Kids (A.S.K.) - Evanston area
www.answersforspecialkids.org

Special Intentions- North-west suburban group
Contact: Cindy Guererro at premiemom99@yahoo.com

Southern Fox Valley MUMS, Mothers United for Moral Support

MUMS Southern Fox Valley support group listing:
<http://spot4kids.com/mumsguide/index.html> or
Contact: Candice Hadley, 630/ 554-8989 or chadley222@earthlink.net

Easter Seals DuPage and the Fox Valley Region

Parent Groups coordinated by Parent Liaisons, Cara Long and Sharon Pike
call: 630/620-4433. <http://dfvr.easterseals.com>

Jewish Children and Family Services, JCFS- Parenting a Child with
Special Needs Support Group www.jcfs.org/

Contact: Pamela Kaplan, LCSW at 224/ 625-2804

Special Needs Parent Network (SNPN) of the Orchard Evangelical Free Church of Arlington Heights Contact: Wendi Serna at 847/ 852-2204 or wserna@theorchardefc.org
<http://theorchardefc.org/arlington-heights/ministries-and-groups/special-needs/parent-network/>

Willow Creek Church South Barrington - Health and Disability support groups-Eagles Nest Parents group. www.willowcreek.org

Other Related Support

Adoption Support

Adoptive Families Today Chicago- various groups listed on the website. www.adoptivemiliestoday.org

Twins and Multiples Support

Illinois Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc. – visit the website for a listing of local meeting groups.
www.iomotc.org

Mothers of Multiples Support Group- Serving Chicago and surrounding suburbs www.momsofmultiples.org

Sibling Support

SIBS, Supporting Illinois Brothers and Sisters - sibling support groups for brothers and sisters ages 6-13 are offered several times a year in various locations, through various organizations.
<http://www.sibsnetwork.org>
Contact Tara Conley at tara@sibsnetwork.org for more information or view a listing of Illinois Sibling Support offerings at www.sibsnetwork.org/html/illinoissibshops.html