

INFORMATION, REFERRAL AND ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Support for Families of Children with Disabilities

415-282-7494 www.supportforfamilies.org

A parent-run, San Francisco-based non-profit organization serving families of children with any type of disability or special health care need. Support for Families provides parents and guardians with information about their child's disability and available resources and services, culturally and linguistically appropriate education on how to access services, and support from other families who have experienced similar challenges. Support for Families also provides education and information to professionals and actively collaborates with other organizations to work toward a more coordinated, family-friendly network of services.

Community Alliance for Special Education (CASE)

415-431-2285

Provides legal support, representation, free technical assistance, consultations and training to parents whose children need appropriate special education services throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

800-776-5746 www.pai-ca.org

A non-profit agency that works in partnership with people with disabilities to protect, advocate for and advance their human, legal and service rights.

High Risk Infant Interagency Council Round Table

415-206-7742 www.hriic.org

An interagency referral process to review referrals of children with special health care needs, ages birth to five. The purpose of this review is to ensure that children are linked to the agencies that best meet their needs, as quickly as possible. The Round Table review team includes representatives from Golden Gate Regional Center, San Francisco Unified School District, California Children Services, Support for Families, Department of Public Health and Department of Human Services.

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HIGH RISK INFANT INTERAGENCY COUNCIL

Referral Resources for Children with Special Needs and their Families

HEALTH SERVICES

Medi-Cal

415-863-9892

www.ci.sf.ca.us/dhs/health www.sfhp.org

No-cost comprehensive health, dental and vision coverage for eligible children. Coverage includes preventative, primary and specialty health care including medical office visits, vision care, dental care, mental health services, hospitalizations and prescription medicines.

Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP)

415-575-5712 www.dph.sf.ca.us/PHP

Provides early and periodic screening, diagnosis and referral for potentially handicapping conditions for children and youths. CHDP promotes preventive health services and assists families in obtaining appointments for regular assessments and diagnostic/treatment services as needed. Local public health departments assist CHDP providers in tracking and monitoring families to assure that appointments are made and kept. All persons under 21 years of age who are eligible for Medi-Cal qualify for CHDP services.

Healthy Families

888-774-1222 www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov www.sfhp.org

Low cost health coverage for eligible children under the age of 19. Services include regular health check-ups, immunizations, labs and x-rays, prescription medicines, hospitalizations, dental and vision care, substance abuse and mental health services.

Healthy Kids

415-777-9992 www.sfhp.org

Low cost health coverage for San Francisco children under the age of 19 who meet eligibility requirements. Coverage includes full medical, dental and vision care services. Families who earn too much to qualify for other low or no-cost health coverage programs may qualify for Healthy Kids.



California Children Services (CCS)

415-575-5700 www.dph.sf.ca.us/php/ccs.htm

Provides medical care and rehabilitation services to children under age 21 with eligible handicapping conditions whose families are unable to pay for their treatment. Most conditions involving severe or chronic physical disability are eligible for coverage. Services include diagnostic evaluation, treatment, medical case management, physical and occupational therapy, orthopedic and pediatric clinic services. Income limits apply, however there is no income limit for diagnostic services, Medical Therapy Program and high-risk infant follow-up services.

EDUCATION SERVICES

Early Head Start

415-391-1355 www.wuyee.org

Provides education, health, mental health, nutrition and social services to pregnant women and children ages birth to three years old. Early Head Start offers services through home based and center based programs, as well as family childcare.

Head Start

415-405-0500 www.sfheadstart.org

Provides a learning environment for eligible children. The program provides experiences that support the continuum of children's growth and development, which includes the physical, social, emotional, language and cognitive development of each child.

Special Education Services

San Francisco Unified School District

Children under three 415-546-9222

Children over three 415-355-6904

www.sfusd.edu

The Special Education Department of the San Francisco Unified School District is responsible for the delivery of special education services to eligible children. Eligible children under the age of three, and their families, receive early intervention services and supports. Children over the age of three are assessed by the district's Screening and Assessment Center to determine eligibility for pre-school special education services.



DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Golden Gate Regional Center

415-546-9222 www.ggrc.org

Provides services to eligible children and adults. For children under the age of three, a wide range of early intervention services are available including assessment, specialized instruction and therapies. Eligible children under the age of three include those who have, or are at risk for developmental delays. Qualifying conditions for children over the age of 3 are: mental retardation, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism, and other conditions which are related to mental retardation or require treatment similar to that of mental retardation.



FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

CalWORKS

415-557-5723 www.ci.sf.ca.us/dhs/cashaid

Eligible adults with dependent children receive financial support and a full array of services for 18-24 months as they work with an Employment Specialist to follow an individualized Employment Plan. This plan may include job preparation, assessment, training, counseling and treatment, education and job search activities which lead to a job and self-sufficiency. Child care is paid for CalWORKS participants. Clients also receive Food Stamps, Medi-Cal and Fast Pass or tokens, and may qualify for a housing subsidy.

Food Stamps

415-558-4186 www.ci.sf.ca.us/dhs/health

Eligibility is determined by household income. Food Stamps coupons can be used to purchase food items. Participants can pick up their coupons every month at locations throughout the city.

Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Nutrition Services (WIC)

415-575-5788 www.dph.sf.ca.us/PHP

WIC is a nutrition program for women who are low-income, pregnant, breastfeeding/postpartum, infants and children up to five years of age. The WIC Program provides supplemental foods (such as milk, cheese, cereal, eggs, beans, peanut butter, and juice), breastfeeding and nutrition education, and referral to health care.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov

Provided through the Social Security Administration, SSI provides monthly stipends and access to Medi-Cal for children with specific disabilities or chronic illness.