The annotated bibliography on public agencies concerned with exceptional children contains approximately 90 annotated listings of agencies serving handicapped or gifted children. Listings are alphabetical by organization title and provide address, telephone number, and a brief description which usually includes purpose, membership requirements, publications, sponsorship of conferences, and affiliation with local chapters. Examples of agencies listed are The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, The American Speech and Hearing Association, The Braille Institute of America, Gifted Children Research Institute, and the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. (DB)
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The CEC Information Center acts as a dissemination and referral center for information requests from professional and nonprofessional personnel in the areas of special education. In providing this service the Center has found that a great need exists for a current annotated directory of public and private organizations in this field. Therefore this annotated listing of agencies whose services relate to exceptional children has been compiled. Each organization is described in terms of its purpose, membership requirements, publications, sponsorship of conferences, and affiliation with local chapters. Although this listing is not to be considered complete, it is hoped that it will serve as a useful resource in helping educators and parents obtain needed information and service. A companion publication, A Selected Guide to Government Agencies Concerned with Exceptional Children, is available from the Special Education IMC/RMC Network, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091.

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ACTION for Brain-Handicapped Children, 300 Wider Bldg., St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. (612) 226-4261

The organization is a non-profit, tax deductible clearinghouse for information about brain handicap, actively commissioning up-to-date advances and research to the public and medical and educational professions. Services include a monthly information bulletin (EXPECTATIONS), seminars and workshops.

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Inc., 3417 Volta Place, Washington, D. C. 20007. (202) 337-5520

The Association works to promote the teaching of speech and lipreading, and the use of residual hearing to the hearing impaired, and offers information services on hearing impairment. Membership is open to interested parents for $15.00 a year. The official journal of the Association is THE VOLTA REVIEW (9 issues yearly). Numerous books and pamphlets (some free) are published, as well as a newsletter, and WORLD TRAVELER (12 issues yearly). Biennial meetings are held in even numbered years, regional meetings in odd numbered years.

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, James F. Bryan, Executive Secretary, 1255 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, D. C. 20036.

AAPC is a professional organization of physicians and Ph.D.'s in 19 different specialties, striving to foster and stimulate professional education, research, and interest in cerebral palsy and related disorders, and to correlate all aspects of this endeavor for the welfare of those with the handicap. The official publication is the JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE AND CHILD NEUROLOGY. An annual meeting and several regional courses are held.

American Academy of Pediatrics, 1801 Hliman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60204. (312) 769-4155

A national organization of specialty board certified pediatricians in the United States, Canada, and Latin America, the American Academy of Pediatrics fosters and stimulates interest in pediatrics, and correlates all aspects of the work for the betterment of children which come within the scope of pediatrics. Membership is limited to specialty board certified pediatricians and other certified physicians (affiliate members). State chapters have been established in all 50 states and in nearly all countries in Latin America. Members belong to proximal state chapters in the U.S. The Academy sponsors an annual national meeting; an annual regional meeting, postgraduate courses, and regional conferences. Publications are the monthly journal, PEDIATRICS, and a monthly newsletter.

American Association for Gifted Children, 15 Gramercy Park, New York, New York 10003.

The stated purpose of the Association is to help find gifted children, help them use their abilities for their own satisfaction and for the benefit of others and still maintain their status with their age group. By recognizing, appreciating and stimulating creative work among gifted children, the Association assists all children in the worthwhile use of their constructive abilities. An annual members' meeting is held.

American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, 1201 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 833-5541

A national organization to support, encourage, and provide guidance for personnel serving children and conducting school and community programs in health education, physical education, and recreation. AAIHER includes professional, student, and associate members. Periodical publications are the JOURNAL OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION (which includes a monthly column, Information and Research Utilization Center in Physical Education and Recreation for the Handicapped (IRUC): What's Going On?), the RESEARCH QUARTERLY, and UPDATE, a monthly publication dealing with current field. Other publications are also issued. AAITHER includes six district associations and state associations. National, district, and state association conventions are held annually in addition to numerous national, district, and local conferences dealing with specific topics. One unit of AAHER is Programs for the Handicapped which is designed to provide leadership preparation, research, interpretation and development of programs, and distribution of materials for all areas of adapted physical education, corrective therapy, recreation for the ill and handicapped, therapeutic recreation, and health and safety problems of the handicapped.

American Association for Rehabilitation Therapy, P. O. Box 93, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116. (501) 835-3573

The organization promotes the use of curative and technical models within approved medical concepts, establishes standards of education and training, and supports research. AART is open to medical rehabilitation therapists and others interested in rehabilitation of the mentally and physically disabled. Publications include AMERICAN ARCHIVES OF REHABILITATION THERAPY (quarterly) and REHABILITATION THERAPY BULLETIN (quarterly). An annual convention is held in addition to meetings of the 7 local chapters.

American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children, 470 W. 37th St., Rm. 1032, Fisk Bldg., New York, New York 10019.

The purposes of this Association are to provide for the coordination of the activities of psychiatric services serving children from 2 to 18 years in cities, states, and Canada, to help maintain the highest possible standards of clinical practice; to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas, and for mutual help in the study and solution of clinic problems; to promote the training of clinic personnel; to cooperate with appropriate groups or organizations doing professional placement work in the clinic field; to cooperate with appropriate organizations throughout the world whose purposes may coincide with those of the Association; and to carry on such activities as may advance the field of child psychiatry. Membership is limited to clinics and other organizations offering psychiatric services to children and meeting specific membership requirements. Annual meetings are conducted in March and November. A Membership Directory is published annually; a newsletter quarterly.


The American Association of Workers for the Blind strives to promote the prevention of blindness and supports all phases of work for and in the interest of the blind. Membership is open to both agencies and individuals ($20.00 regular, $5.00 student) interested in the welfare of the visually handicapped, research concerning various aspects of visual limitations or in the prevention of blindness. State and local chapters exist throughout the country. Periodical publications are: BLINDNESS (annually); annual convention proceedings; and the newsletter, News and Views. In addition, pertinent pamphlets and professional handbooks are published. Meetings include biennial conventions, annual state chapter conventions, and other institutes and workshops. Services provided by AAWB include a job exchange, limited library service and representation before Congressional Committees on legislative matters of interest to AAWB.

American Association on Mental Deficiency, 5201 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20015. (202) 244-8143

The organization works to promote human progress and the general welfare of mentally subnormal and deficient persons by furthering the creation and dissemination of knowledge of mental deficiency, by facilitating cooperation among professionals engaged in work in the field of mental deficiency and allied fields, and by encouraging the highest standards of treatment of the mentally deficient. There are several membership classifications for both experienced professionals and other interested persons. Dues range from $8 to $25 according to membership classification. Periodical publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MENTAL DEFICIENCY and MENTAL RETARDATION (both bimonthly). In addition, books and monographs are published. Annual national conventions and 10 annual regional conventions are held.
American Council of the Blind, Inc., 106 N.E. 2nd St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104. (405) 232-4644 Floyd T. Qualls, President

Established and incorporated in 1961, it serves the United States and its possessions. The Council is supported by contributions and membership fees. An affiliation with the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) in New York provides the Council with full service. The Council is a private, nonprofit agency which serves as a clearinghouse on all pertinent information about blindness and promotes the development of educational, rehabilitative, and social welfare services for the blind and deaf blind children and adults. Services include publications on typing, braille, recorded, and braille forms (limited), manufacture and sale of special aids and appliances for use by blind people, and recordings and manufacture of talking books. Additional services are field consultation, research, legislative consultation and action, public education, operation of a special library, fostering of improved programs, service information and referral, and processing and distribution of identification cards for one-way travel concession for blind persons. Several periodical publications are issued including AFB Newsletter (quarterly, free), NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE BLIND (monthly, ink, braille, recorded). Numerous professional and public information books and pamphlets are published (some free). Institutes and conferences are held.

American Nurses' Association, Inc., 2420 Pershing Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64108. (816) 474-5720

The ANA is a national professional organization for registered nurses which works to foster high standards of nursing practice and promote the welfare and professional standards of nurses for better nursing care. The Association is responsible for advancing the standards, knowledge, and skills in nursing practice, nursing education, nursing services, and nursing research. Membership is open to registered nurses. Dues are $25.00 a year. Publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING (monthly), THE AMERICAN NURSE (monthly membership publication), brochures and monographs. The Association has 53 state and territorial associations and holds a biennial conference in even numbered years.

American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., 6000 Executive Blvd., Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Designed to promote and improve the practice of occupational therapy, the Association accepts members who have a degree in occupational therapy and who have passed the registration examination of the Association. Dues are $45 annually. THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (10 times a year) and other periodical and publications are issued. Conferences are held annually. Affiliations exist with national and state occupational therapy associations.


The Association works to unite and provide a common meeting ground for those engaged in the study and treatment of problems of human behavior and to foster research and spread information concerning scientific work in the field of human behavior, including all forms of abnormal behavior. Membership is $35 for members, $45 for fellows. Publications include the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ORTHOPSYCHIATRY (5 issues yearly), the Association newsletter, and individual books. An annual scientific meeting is held.

American Physical Therapy Association, 1156 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (202) 466-2070

The organization fosters the development and improvement of physical therapy service and education through the coordinated action of physical therapists, allied professional groups, citizens, agencies, and schools to meet the physical therapy needs of people. Several types of professional and nonprofessional membership are available. Local chapters work with the national organization. Publications include the monthly journal, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (bimonthly newsletter, monographs and other professional publications, career literature, and visual aids for rental or purchase. The Association holds an annual conference and periodic symposia.

American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206. (502) 895-2405

Operating under an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress to promote the education of the blind, the Printing House is a nonprofit publisher of literature for the blind and partially seeing. Braille books, braille music, large type textbooks, talking educational tapes, and tangible and educational aids for the blind are produced.

American Psychiatric Association, 1700 18th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. (202) 323-7878

Purposes of the Association are to further the study of the nature, treatment, and prevention of mental disorders, to promote mental health and the care of the mentally ill, to advance standards for mental hospitals and facilities, and to make psychiatric knowledge available. Membership is open to physicians with some specialized training and experience in psychiatry; dues range from $20 to $100. The Association includes district branches. Publications include THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY (10 times a year) and other periodical publications are issued. Conferences held in even numbered years.


The purpose of the American Psychological Association is to advance psychology as a science and as a means of promoting human welfare. Membership is open to psychologists who have met specific requirements of education and experience dependent upon class of membership (dues range from $35 to $45). Within the Association are 24 divisions and affiliated state associations. Annual conventions are held. The following are published by the American Psychological Association: PSYCHOLOGIST (monthly), APA MONITOR (monthly), CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), JOURNAL OF ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL BULLETIN (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL REVIEW (bimonthly), DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGIST (bimonthly), EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN (monthly), CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS, and position papers.


The Association provides referral services, tape library, consultative and advisory services to individuals and organizations with regard to legislation, litigation, credit unions, and state programs. It publishes THE BRAILLE FORUM. Member: WCWS, NAC.
The Association works to protect and promote public and personal health and acts as an accrediting agency for schools of public health. Membership is open to professionals working in public health and to persons interested in public health (dues range from $5 to $50). Periodical publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE NATION'S HEALTH (monthly), HEALTH LABORATORIES (quarterly), and MEDICAL CARE (bimonthly). Handbooks, guides, monographs, and other publications are also issued. The Association meeting is conducted annually.


The Association, which is one of the 10 divisions of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, works to emphasize the social concept that conservation of human resources merits skillful services in the rehabilitation of the handicap. Membership is for professionals, associates, and students; dues range from $11.50-$23. REHABILITATION COUNSELING BULLETIN (quarterly), is published by the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association and various books, periodicals, and films are available through the American Personnel and Guidance Association. ARCA has state and local branches and participates in the APGA Annual Convention.

The American Speech and Hearing Association, 9030 Old Georgetown Rd., Washington, D.C. 20014 (301) 530-3400.

The Association is a scientific and professional organization which encourages basic scientific study of the processes of individual human speech and hearing. Membership is for professional, associates, and students; dues range from $35 to $110 a year. Four journals are published: the JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISORDERS (quarterly), the JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING RESEARCH (quarterly), LANGUAGE, SPEECH AND HEARING SERVICES IN SCHOOLS (quarterly), and ASHA JOURNAL (monthly). Monographs and reports are published irregularly. Forty-three state associations sponsor institutes and workshops and an annual convention is held, as well as regional conferences.

Association for Children With Learning Disabilities, 5225 Grace St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236 (412) 881-1191.

The Association is designed to advance the education and general welfare of children and youth of normal or potentially normal intelligence who have learning disabilities of a perceptual, conceptual, or coordinative nature or related problems. Membership, available through the state organization, if established, or through the national organization, is open to parents and professionals. An annual conference is held as well as regional conferences. ITEMS OF INTEREST (monthly) and annual conference proceedings are published.

Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped, 1604 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19103 (215) 732-1000.

The Association works to provide periodicals and other communicative media to evaluate problems and provide solutions, to disseminate professional information, and to stimulate an effort toward higher standards in personnel programs and facilities. Membership is available to professional workers, parents, and interested adults (dues range from $9.75 to $26.00, students, $6.50). Publications are the bulletin Fountainhead (4 times yearly) and the EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED (quarterly). Biennial conventions are held and the proceedings published.

Boy Scouts of America, U. S. R. 1 & 130 North Broadway, N. J. 08903.

With its 460 local councils, Boy Scouts of America works to provide scouting programs for all boys, both normal and handicapped. Units for all types of handicapped boys have been established throughout the United States. Scouting affiliation is open to all boys. The national registration fee is $1; unit fees are determined by the boys themselves. Publications include numerous books, films, and pamphlets (some free). A meeting is held annually.

Braille Institute of America, Inc., 741 North Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90029 (213) 663-1111.

The institute provides rehabilitation services to the blind; provides recreational programs, liberal arts classes, complete library and recording service, volunteer assistance, visual aids service, job counseling, publishing and printing facilities and programs for blind children and for the deaf-blind. It publishes the following items LIGHT MAGAZINE (semi-annually), Newsletter (quarterly), THE BRAILLE MIRROR (monthly), and EXPECTATIONS (annually). It is funded by contributions and bequests.

Child Study Association of America, 49 West 39th St., New York, N.Y. 10018 (212) 889-3450.

Child Study is a voluntary, nonprofit national agency devoted to building family mental health and meeting community needs through educational programs that increase knowledge. It sponsors a wide range of programs in the interrelated fields of Family Life Education, Parent Involvement, and Community Development to the staffs of private and governmental agencies. These programs provide training in the leadership of discussion groups and enable those who work with children and parents to use their skills more effectively. The educational work of the Association is furthered by the publication of books, pamphlets and annotated booklists for parents and those who work with parents. Information about current publications of the Child Study Press are also available on request. Membership in the Association is open to all interested persons and groups; annual dues are $15.00.


The League is a federation of public and private child care agencies seeking to raise standards of child care. Research and surveys of community services are carried out; consultation and information are provided, including information useful for the passage of legislation; standards for child welfare services are developed; and professional literature is published. Publications include CHILD WELFARE (10 per year), CWLA President's Newsletter, and books and monographs.

Closer Look, Box 1492, Washington, D.C. 20012.

The Special Education Information Center is sponsored by The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education. Information is provided to parents and other interested persons regarding facilities in their locality with handicapped children.


The Conference works to further the welfare of the deaf by promoting the management and operation of schools for the deaf along the broadest and most efficient lines. Membership is comprised of persons involved in schools and programs for deaf children in the United States, Canada, and Mexico (dues range from $35 to $115). AMERICAN ANNUALS OF THE DEAF (6 issues yearly) is published in conjunction with The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf. The Conference meets annually.


Comprised of persons engaged in educating the deaf, the organization provides an opportunity for the interchange of views concerning methods and means of educating the deaf. Meetings occur biennially. Publications are AMERICAN ANNUALS OF THE DEAF (6 issues yearly), NEWSLETTER (3 issues yearly), and convention proceedings (biennially).

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) works to promote the adequate education of handicapped and gifted children through cooperation with educational and other organizations and individuals and through encouraging good professional relationships with various disciplines. Membership, which is organized within a federation or branch at a state or provincial level, is open to special educators and other interested persons.


Epilepsy Foundation of America, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 406, Washington, D.C. 10036. (202) 293-2930

Epilepsy Foundation of America is a national voluntary health organization devoted to furthering better understanding of the problems of persons with epilepsy. Programs of research into causes as well as preventive techniques and treatment are sponsored. Research grants and training grants are available to individuals, and summer fellowships are offered to medical students. Assistance and counseling are provided for epileptics through the state and local organizations affiliated with the Foundation. A School Alert Program, held in conjunction with National Epilepsy Month, informs teachers about epilepsy. Publications include a monthly newsletter, National Spokesman, and brochures and pamphlets on medical and social aspects of the disorder.

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Training of Exceptional Children, 414 East 46th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. (212) 697.3150

The Gifted Children Research Institute facilitates the establishment of channels of communication and cooperation between individuals and organizations involved in the operation and promotion of education for the gifted and talented children throughout the world. The GCRI was formed in New York City in 1971 by volunteers who were concerned about the education of gifted and talented children. While the main thrust of the GCRI is concerned with the highly gifted and talented, they are also interested in detecting and fostering the gifts and talents of all children. GCRI sponsored the first International Conference on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children. It was decided to form both a national and an international coordinating council to coordinate the efforts of various national organizations working to foster the education of gifted and talented children throughout the world. The GCRI has established several annual conventions, regional conferences, and special conferences are conducted.

Gifted Children Research Institute, Suite 4-W, 300 West 55th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. (212) 541-7059

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Family Service Association of America, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010. (212) 674-6100

Foundation for Child Development (formerly Association for the Aid of Crippled Children), 345 East 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. (212) 697-3150

The Foundation for Child Development supports research and service experiments designed to identify environmental conditions that encourage or impair the health, growth and development of the child during the early years of life.

The Family Service Association, an agency established in 1905, is devoted to the improvement of human relations and the development of wholesome community life. The organization is based on the belief that effective social work is concerned with the alleviation of human suffering, the establishment of a just and equitable social order, and the promotion of human dignity and worth. The Association provides a wide range of services to individuals, families, and communities in need. Services include counseling, social work, child care, and other social services.

The Family Service Association of America is a national agency that provides programs and services to individuals and families in need. The Association offers a variety of services, including counseling, case management, and advocacy. The organization is committed to empowering people to improve their lives and communities. The Family Service Association of America is a member of the National Council of Nonprofits, which represents the interests of nonprofit organizations.

The Foundation for Child Development, 345 East 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. (212) 697-3150

The Foundation for Child Development is an independent, non-profit organization that supports research and service experiments designed to identify environmental conditions that encourage or impair the health, growth and development of the child during the early years of life. The Foundation provides funding for research and evaluation projects, and develops and disseminates information and resources related to child development.

The Gifted Child Society, 59 Glen Gray Road, Oakdale, NJ 07436. (201) 337-7058

The Gifted Child Society is an organization that provides educational, professional, and advocacy services to families, individuals, and organizations involved in the education of gifted and talented children. The Society is dedicated to supporting the talents and abilities of gifted and talented children and their families, and works to promote the development of effective programs and policies that promote the education and well-being of gifted and talented children.

The Gifted Children Research Institute, Suite 4-W, 300 West 55th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. (212) 541-7059

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Girl Scouts of the United States of America, 830 3rd Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. (212) 71-6900

Girl Scouts of the United States of America is a national organization that has been dedicated to inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. Active membership is granted to any girl from age 7 to 17 who has the endorsement of her teacher and two sponsors. The Girl Scouts of the United States of America offers programs for handicapped girls and girl scouting as well as handbooks, pamphlets, books, and periodicals. The National Council of Girl Scouts meets every 3 years.
The corporation is organized to provide rehabilitation services, training and employment and opportunities for personal growth as an interim step in the rehabilitation process for the handicapped, disabled and disadvantaged who cannot be readily absorbed into the competitive labor market. Opportunities exist for the establishment of new Goodwill Industries in numbers throughout the United States. Information may be obtained by writing to the Deputy Director at the above address. Pamphlets and manuals are published. The Delegate Assembly is held annually in late June and an annual conference of executives is held each February. Autonomous Goodwill Industries number 152; there are 47 branch units.


Begun in 1965 by parents and friends of children with growth problems, Human Growth, Inc., works to help the medical profession understand more about the process of human growth and development and all its deviations, such as dwarfism, gigantism, and failure to thrive. Opportunities are provided for families of children with growth disturbances to meet; financially indigent families are assisted in obtaining medical help. Membership is $5; sixteen chapters serve members in certain geographical areas. An annual national meeting is held. HGF Newsletter is a monthly publication.

Huxley Institute for Biosocial Research - American Schizophrenia Association, 56 West 4th St., Suite 805, New York, N.Y. 10013. (212) 972-0705

By promoting research and public and professional education on schizophrenia and other mental illnesses, the Institute works for the betterment of schizophrenic and other mentally ill patients and their relations with society. Various categories of membership support the efforts of chapters across the country. The Institute sponsors forums, conferences and committee meetings and publishes ORTHOMOLECULAR PSYCHIATRY (quarterly) and THE HUXLEY INSTITUTE NEWS (quarterly).

Indoor Sports Club, 1145 Highland St., Napoleon, Ohio 43545. (419) 595-5756

The Indoor Sports Club is a social, benevolent, and rehabilitative organization for physically disabled persons. The purposes of the club are to provide entertainment and amusement for disabled persons and shut-ins, seek aid for needy disabled persons, provide opportunities for active participation in civic affairs, and promote a better understanding and acceptance of the seriously disabled. Fifty distinct groups and 80 local chapters (over 2300 members) comprise the membership. The official publication is NATIONAL HOOKUP (monthly). An annual convention is held.

Information Center for Hearing, Speech, and Disorders of Human Communication, 310 Harriet Lane Home, The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Md. 21205. (301) 955-3390

The Information Center is concerned with bringing under control and promoting ready access to the literature of hearing, language, speech, and communication disorders including reading disabilities. It serves as a national center for the identification, collection, storage, retrieval, analysis, repackaging, and dissemination of information in these areas. The Center is a non-profit organization and a member of the Neurological Information Network sponsored by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. The Center provides referral services, including general inquiries and bibliographic assistance is provided on a fee basis. The publications are CURRENT CITATIONS ON COMMUNICATION DISORDERS: HEARING AND BALANCE (monthly), CURRENT CITATIONS ON COMMUNICATION DISORDERS: LANGUAGE, SPEECH, AND VOICE (monthly), INFORMATION SOURCES IN HEARING, SPEECH, AND COMMUNICATION DISORDERS, PART 1 - INFORMATION SOURCES, PART 2 - ORGANIZATIONS, NOISE, POTENTIAL DANGER TO MAN, BIBLIO-PROFILES - a series of capsule state-of-the-art reports with bibliographies, INDEX - handbooks of Ototoxic Agents, 1956-1971.

International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, 5530 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D.C. 20005. (301) 654-5882

The purpose of the organization is to assist in the development and improvement of services of member facilities which have programs appropriate to the goals of the Facility, and which are engaged in restorative, additive, vocational, rehabilitative, training, employment, and sheltered work services to the handicapped. The Association is the result of a merger of the Association of Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., and the National Association of Sheltered Workshops and Homebound Programs. A quarterly newsletter, Focus on Facilities, is published.

International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency, c/o Dr. David A. Pimrose, Royal Scottish National Hospital, Lambart, Stirlingshire, SCOTLAND.

Individuals and national associations of scientists and clinicians working in the field of mental retardation represent more than 45 countries in the Association. Research in the field is encouraged including causes, prevention, diagnosis, evaluation, rehabilitation, therapy, education, and society. Annual conventions and regional meetings are held. A triennial congress is held. A bulletin is issued quarterly.

International League of Societies for the Mentally Handicapped, 12, Rue Forester, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

The purpose of this international organization is to advance the interests of the mentally handicapped without regard to nationality, race, or creed, by bringing about closer collaboration between organizations representing national endeavor on their behalf. Four types of membership are available to organizations working primarily in the interests of the mentally handicapped. Annual dues are adjusted to the size and resources of the member society. Membership: 63 countries are represented through 54 societies; 40 full, 29 affiliate; 14 subscribing 1 associate. Publications: Congress proceedings, conclusions of symposia, monographs and a Newsletter. Five International Congresses have been held up to now and the General Assembly meets every 2 years.

International Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled, 219 E. 44th Street, New York, New York 10017. (212) 156-1470

As a federation of organizations in 59 countries, the Society works to promote the rehabilitation of the disabled throughout the world. Regional conferences, seminars, workshops, and a biennial World Congress are sponsored. Publications include INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION REVIEW (quarterly), proceedings of international meetings, and related international studies.


The Foundation is engaged in a program of support of scientific research training, service and education in the field of mental retardation. It strives to determine the cause of mental retardation through research; to reduce its effects by treatment and training; to promote programs of physical fitness and vocational rehabilitation; to encourage professionals to work in this field; and to make the general public aware of efforts being made on behalf of the mentally retarded and those yet unborn. Increasingly, the Foundation has become concerned with the ethical implications of modern biological and genetic discoveries and funds several programs in medical ethics. The Foundation also sponsors Special Olympics and international sports programs for the mentally retarded. An international awards program and periodic scientific symposiums are sponsored. Primarily a grant-giving agency, materials on Special Olympics and some films dealing with ethical issues are available through the Foundation.


The Division offers library services, through cooperating regional libraries, to the blind and physically handicapped.
Mensa, P.O. Box 86-A, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11233

Mensa is a unique society. The only qualification for membership is a score on an intelligence test higher than that of 98% of the general population. Its primary purpose is providing contact between intelligent people, but its other function of research in psychology and social science is of major importance. Mensa is an international society of above-normal individuals. There are over 18,000 active members in 14 countries. In the U.S.A. applications are processed by the American Mensa Selection Agency located in New York City. Mensa is an international society in the world where members are selected by an objective criterion and not because they have one aim or point of view.

Mental Health Materials Center, 419 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016. (212) 889-5760

MHMC promotes the effective dissemination and utilization of soundly conceived educational materials in the field of mental health and family life education. The MHMC is a non-profit, tax-exempt agency. The MHMC has provided consultative services to governmental and non-governmental agencies. The services of MHMC have been used by governmental agencies in conducting special studies related to program materials, evaluation studies, and preparation of special materials. During the past years, the MHMC has held seminar-workshops in various parts of the country for mental health and family life education personnel. MHMC distributes books, pamphlets and plays. An annotated publications list is available upon request.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York, New York 10019. (212) 769-0808

The objectives of the agency are to foster scientific research into the cause and cure of muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases; to render services to patients; and to carry on a program of education among physicians, members of the paramedical professions, and the general public. Membership is voluntary with no qualification. The quarterly newsletter, MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY NEWS (monthly) and professional literature, Annual chapter conferences (150 local chapters) and periodic medical and scientific conferences are sponsored.


Accreditation by NAC is public recognition that an agency or school for the blind is doing a quality job. The accreditation process is based on quality controls—those who receive services and those who provide the funds for the services. Since it began operations in January, 1967, NAC has demonstrated that agencies and schools for the blind can and do improve their administration and programs when they apply nationally accepted objective standards to their operations, and submit the findings of their own self-studies to validation by teams of qualified specialists and administrators.

National Association for Brain-Injured Children, Inc., 48 Newport Ave., Braintree, Massachusetts 02184. (617) 843-8829

The Association provides services to organizations and individuals interested in intensive programs of rehabilitation for neurologically handicapped children. The children may be of any age, and may have disabilities ranging from mild learning and reading problems to very severe physical and mental deficiencies. This Association does not prescribe programs, but works closely with appropriate clinics and professional organizations. Since January of 1972 it has enlarged its scope to assist in the formation of community centers for brain-injured children. It is instrumental in getting several centers started. Information packets may be obtained by mail only from 48 Newport Avenue, Braintree, Mass. 02184.

The Association will refer inquirers to the nearest facilities of the type needed. If special equipment is needed, an attempt will be made to find a source or to design a new apparatus that can be built in a workshop. Apparatus commonly used in community centers is included in the Manual for Community Centers, but the Association will try to solve any special problems. Bulletins are issued to members monthly in July and August. Individual memberships are $5.00 per year. This Association is an authorized, non-profit organization.

National Association for Coordination of State Programs for the Mentally Retarded, Social Security Phase I, 2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. (703) 920-0700

The corporation is a non-profit organization devoted to improved and expanded public services to mentally retarded children and adults. The major aims are to facilitate the exchange of information between states on the most advanced and efficacious methods of providing care and training for the retarded and to represent the mentally retarded person before federal and state legislative bodies. The Association conducts conferences and workshops, and publishes a quarterly newsletter entitled MENTAL RETARDATION NEWS.

National Association of Administrators of Community Mental Health Centers, 2014 Washington Blvd., Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 587-1788

Comprised of deaf persons, relatives of deaf persons, and individuals working in the area of deafness, the Association promotes educational, sociological, and economic development for the deaf. Dues are $10. A youth organization, the Junior National Association of the Deaf, is active in over 50 schools for the deaf. A biennial convention and various programs and seminars are sponsored. Periodical publications are THE DAF AMERICAN (monthly) and NAD Newsletter, in addition to numerous pamphlets, books, and films.

The National Association for Gifted Children, 8080 Spring Valley Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. (513) 631-1777

The Association aids schools, parents, and communities in providing for the gifted. Membership is open to interested persons; dues are $20 and up. An annual convention is held in addition to local chapter and regional meetings. Publications are the GIFTED CHILD QUARTERLY (quarterly), occasional newsletters, and special feature publications.

National Association of Hearing and Speech Agencies, 814 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20795. (301) 588-5242

The Association works toward solving the problems of hearing, speech, and language handicapped individuals. Approximately 160 local chapters and member agencies assist in the improvement of both the quality and quantity of care for the communicatively handicapped. Membership is open to agencies, professionals, and individuals. Dues are $15 and up. Annual conventions and local chapter meetings are held. Periodical publications are HEARING AND SPEECH NEWS (bimonthly) and a newsletter, Washington Sounds (monthly).

The National Association for Mental Health, Inc., 1800 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

The National Association for Mental Health is a coordinated citizens' voluntary organization working toward the improved care and treatment of the mentally ill and handicapped; for improved methods and services in research, prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness and handicaps; and for the promotion of mental health. Membership in the National Association is through the local chapters and/or state mental health associations. The National Association is supported by the federal or state associations. Publications include newsletters, local and national newspapers, and a quarterly magazine entitled MENTAL HEALTH. The NAMH also produces films for public education.

The NAMH annual meeting is held in November. NAMH sponsors Mental Health Month, which is May.
National Association for Music Therapy, Inc., Box 610, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. (913) 842-1909

The Association works for the advancement of research in music therapy by establishing qualifications and standards of training for music therapists and perfecting techniques of music programming which aid medical treatment most effectively. Membership is open to professionals, interested persons, and organizations; dues range from $3 to $50.

JOURNAL OF MUSIC THERAPY (quarterly), brochures, and handbooks are published. A conference and regional workshops are held annually.


NAPRFMR is a non-profit corporation which originated because of the growing interests and concerns of leaders in private residential care over a number of years. Organized in May 1970, it was incorporated on September 18, 1970 in Washington, D.C. NAPRFMR objectives are to promote the concept of private care as a viable resource, to work for adequate resources for quality programs, to promote private facility participation in state, regional and national planning, to encourage and promote higher standards of care, to promote legislation for improved services, to promote the development of state and regional organizations, to encourage higher ethical standards in professional and business practices, to maintain a central reference service, to participate in developing funding and to work with others in serving handicapped persons. NAPRFMR publishes the following: NAPRFMR NEWSLETTER (quarterly), PROJECT REPORT (monthly).

National Association for Retarded Children, 2736 E. 19th St., E. Arlington, Texas 76011. (817) 261-4961

Working through their 1,500 state and local units, the Association helps to advance the welfare of the mentally retarded of all ages. Membership is through the local unit. An annual convention and an annual professional conference are sponsored. MENTAL RETARDATION NEWS (10 issues yearly) is the periodical publication.


The National Association of Social Workers is an organization of professional social workers whose primary functions include professional development, professional standards of social work practice, advancement of sound social welfare services, and improvement of social services. Program priorities for the '70s are: combating racism and poverty, with emphasis on projects to improve social services; health care and civil liberties. Professional issue priorities include development of social work manpower and competence, and standards for social service organizations and programs. NASW publishes News/Personnel Information (newspaper and employment listing) and SOCIAL WORK (bimonthly). Membership is open to professionals in social work, books and brochures on social work practice. JOURNAL OF MUSIC THERAPY (quarterly), brochures, and handbooks are published. A conference and regional workshops are held annually.

National Association of Social Workers, 85 Godwin Ave., Midland Park, N.J. 07432. (201) 447-1484

A national membership organization which provides reading materials in braille, large type, and on tape upon request from visually handicapped persons. Members are both volunteer and professionals. The NBA Braille Book Bank provides thermoform copies of hand-transcribed texts to blind college and graduate students at a charge approximately that of the ink print book.

National Catholic Educational Association, Special Education Dept., 4472 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108. (314) 533-3454

The NCEA Special Education Department coordinates and promotes all the educational activities of the church which relate in any way to the education, training, and care of handicapped children, youth, and adults. Areas of disabilities organized under the framework of the Department include: acoustical, emotional, mental, orthopedic, and visual. Membership is open to individuals and agencies involved in some aspect of Catholic special education. Dues are $20 for individuals and $75 for agencies.

National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, 105 5th Ave., New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040. (516) 746-4440

Its purposes are to identify and locate those youths and adults who are eligible to receive service as deaf-blind individuals; to provide initial assessment of physical and psycho-social functioning to determine their feasibility for participation in a program, to provide multi-disciplinary evaluation to determine needs and potentialities; to provide individualized rehabilitation training to achieve, (a) meaningful contact with the environment and effective modes of communication; (b) initial or enhanced employability; (c) maximum participation in the community; and (d) any other development important to the optimum rehabilitation of the deaf-blind individual; to conduct research into deaf-blindness to provide training for new and prospective specialists in services for deaf-blind persons, and to provide community education designed to sensitize both the lay and professional communities to the special needs and normal aspirations of deaf-blind persons.

National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Continental Plaza, 411 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, N.J. 07601. (201) 488-0400

Working on a community, statewide, and national level, the Council strives to develop effective family and criminal courts to improve probation, parole, and institutional services, and to stimulate community programs for the prevention, treatment, and control of crime and delinquency. Membership is open to interested persons; dues are $15. The Council has citizen action councils in 20 states. Three journals, CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (quarterly), JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (semianually), CRIME AND DELINQUENCY LITERATURE (quarterly) are published. The Council cosponsors the National Institute on Crime and Delinquency.

The National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 60612. (312) 243-8400

The Society is a voluntary agency providing direct services for crippled children and adults; education of the public; professional and parent education; research into causes and prevention of handicapping conditions and into methods of care, education, and treatment of the patients involved. The Society is a voluntary agency providing direct services for crippled children and adults; education of the public; professional and parent education; research into causes and prevention of handicapping conditions and into methods of care, education, and treatment of the patients involved. Members are the affiliated State Societies. Publications include REHABILITATION LITERATURE (monthly) $10 a
year), Easter Seal Communicator
(bimonthly, free), and numerous informa-
tional flers, pamphlets, and reprints.
Research institutes, service training insti-
tutes, special workshops, and annual con-
ventions are held.

National Epilepsy League, Inc., 222 N.
Michigan Ave., 5th Floor, Chicago, Illi-
nos 60601. (312) 332-688E

The League is a voluntary agency
which encourages research in epilepsy
and provides information about epilep-
sy, medical resources, and employment
in epilepsy. The League provides epile-
psy medication at low cost and works
to increase public knowledge about epili-
psy and to widen opportunities for
education and employment of epileptics.
Publications include the newsletter, Ho-
rizon, general information pamphlets,
and technical publications.

National Federation of the Blind, 218
Randolph Hotel Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa
50309. (515) 243-3169
Established in 1940 and Incorporated in
1949, it serves the United States. The Fed-
eration is supported by membership fees,
contributions, and endowments. It is a
national membership organization of blind
persons with affiliates in most states. It
promotes legislation to improve social and
economic conditions of blind persons, pro-
vides evaluation of present programs,
assists in establishing new ones, grants
scholarships to blind persons, and
publishes THE BRAILLE MONITOR. The
Federation has public education programs
including a speakers bureau.

The National Foundation-March of
Dimes, P. O. Box 2000, White Plains,
New York 10602. (914) 428-7100

The National Foundation exists to
lead, direct, and unify the prevention of
birth defects through support of pro-
grams of research, medical service, pro-
essional and public education, and com-

NATIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE FOR AUTISTIC AND AUTISTIC-LIKE PERSONS, 101
Richmond St., Huntington, Va. 25702
(304) 523-1912

The center is a service of the National
Society for Autistic Children, Inc., 621
Central Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12206. (318)
489-7275. It provides names and addresses
about day and residential schools, camps,
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public and private. It also provides parents
with information on legislative news, fund-
ing, income, and lists of other parents in their area with the same prob-
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National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 257
Park Avenue South, New York, New
York 10010. (212) 674-4100

The Society endeavors to stimulate
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National Paraplegia Foundation, 333
North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illi-
nos 60601. (312) 644-5370

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National Rehabilitation Association, 1522
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20005. (202) 659-2430

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Broadway, New York, New York
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Porter Sargent Publisher, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

Though Porter Sargent is not an agency, the editor feels that the Sargent Handbook Series, and the Special Education Series available from this publisher, would be of value to those seeking information on special education facilities and programs. Directory for Exceptional Children contains a complete listing of over 3,000 facilities available for instruction, care, and development of the exceptional child; The Academic Underachiever provides a guide to tutorial, remedial, diagnostic, and academic resources in prep school programs and clinics; The Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools is a comprehensive reference source for summer programs, including those for exceptional children; If Your Child Is Handicapped is a collection of the experiences of 46 families confronted by serious injury, disease and congenital defects in their children; Forgotten Children: A Program for the Multihandicapped sheds light on training and treatment for the multihandicapped. A bureau is maintained to advise parents and guardians concerning schools and camps; a complete form will be sent on request to be filled in with data that will allow for pertinent and helpful suggestions.

United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc., 66 E. 34th St., New York, New York 10016. (212) 889-6655

As a voluntary health agency, UCP works to: (a) promote research in cerebral palsy, the treatment, education, and habilitation of persons with cerebral palsy and to promote professional training programs of all types related to the problem of cerebral palsy; (b) further, by professional and public education, information concerning prevention and all aspects of the problem of cerebral palsy; (c) promote better and more adequate techniques and facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with cerebral palsy; (d) cooperate with governmental and private agencies concerned with the welfare of the handicapped; (e) promote the employment of persons with cerebral palsy; (f) solicit, collect, and otherwise raise funds and other property for above purposes and for supporting facilities for the care, treatment, and study of persons with cerebral palsy; and (g) to establish and work with local and state affiliates (over 300 currently). Conferences, workshops, and seminars are conducted. Publications include THE UCP CRUSADER (bimonthly, free) and professional literature.

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), P.O. Drawer P, Boulder, Colorado 80302. (303) 449-3333

The WICHE Special Education and Rehabilitation Program is a consultative one in the Division of Mental Health and Related Areas, Robert L. Stubblefield, M.D., Director. It is a cooperative effort between WICHE and key personnel in agencies, Institutions, and communities, plus the western colleges and universities. These special efforts for exceptional children and the handicapped are being developed on local and regional bases, covering the 13 western states. Surveys and data collections, seminars and institutes, and consultation services are part of the program. Conference proceedings and papers dealing with training and service issues are published.