The reference circular is intended to help parents promote the development of their handicapped preschoolers. Resources of five major types are listed: recordings of stories, songs, and learning activities, educational games, toys, and play equipment; books for parents; magazines of interest to parents; and national organizations concerned with handicapped children. Listings typically include addresses, phone numbers, brief descriptions, authors and dates (when applicable). (CL)
INTRODUCTION

Parents of a preschool handicapped child will find in this reference circular a wide range of information to assist them in promoting their child's development in the early years.

The listing of organizations, producers, and distributors is limited to those who offer materials or services at the national level. They should be contacted directly for information about local services and distributors.

The books included in Section III were in print at the time this reference circular was compiled and should be available from local bookstores or directly from the publishers. Prices are subject to frequent change and are shown for comparative purposes only. The books cited may also be available on loan from local public libraries.

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I. RECORDINGS OF STORIES, SONGS, AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Catalogs or descriptive material may be requested from the sources indicated.

Audio Book Contractors
P.O. Box 40115
Washington, DC  20016

Favorite stories and fairy tales for young children.

Caedmon
1995 Broadway
New York, NY  10023
(800) 223-042u (all states)
(212) 580-3400 (New York state call collect)

Stories to develop listening skills; fairy tales; popular stories; songs and poems for very young children.

Children's Book and Music Center
2500 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA  90404
(213) 829-0215

Creative play activities; nursery rhymes; folksongs; bedtime songs.

CMS Records, Inc.
226 Washington Street
Mount Vernon, NY  10553
(914) 667-6200

Learning activities; musical games; fingerplays; rhymes and rhythms; popular songs; poems; and stories.

Dimension 5
P.O. Box 185
Kingsbridge Station
Bronx, NY  10463

Development of body movement through music and rhythmic activities.
Educational Activities
P.O. Box 392
Freeport, NY 11520
(516) 223-4666 (New York)
(800) 645-3739 (all other states, except Alaska and Hawaii)

Activity songs; nursery rhymes; songs and rhythm games for motor development; nature activities; bedtime stories.

Folkways Records
632 Broadway
New York, NY 10012
(212) 777-6606

Folk music; rhythm activities; nursery rhymes; sing-alongs; activities to develop skills with numbers, letters, and animal names.

Kimbo Educational
Shoreline Recordings
P.O. Box 477, 10 N. Third Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740
(201) 229-4949 (New Jersey)
(800) 631-2187 (all other states)

Activity songs to develop listening, perceptual, and motor skills; creative movement exercises and rhythm activities; sing-alongs to develop concepts of color and numbers; activities and exercise for physical fitness.

Pacific Cascade Records
47534 McKenzie Highway
Vida, OR 97488
(503) 896-3290

Sing-alongs; activity songs for motor and language development, body awareness, auditory response, and social behavior; nursery rhymes; holiday songs.

Pathways of Sound, Inc.
6 Craigie Circle
Cambridge, MA 02138

Folk tales and nursery rhymes.
Nursery rhymes; folktales; activity songs and games for learning the alphabet and numbers; favorite songs for young children.

Popular children's stories; folk and fairy tales.

Rhythm and activity songs for self-concept development; action and game songs for special holidays and indoor play.

Sing and play introduction to the alphabet; dancing; fairy tales with cast favorites from the TV show; bedtime stories; sing-alongs to learn letters, numbers, and music; fairy tales.

Nursery rhymes; animal stories; fables and folktales; young children's favorite songs and holiday stories.
Folk and fairy tales; controlled vocabulary stories for language development.

Holiday and bedtime stories; popular picture books; fairy tales.
II. EDUCATIONAL GAMES, TOYS, AND PLAY EQUIPMENT

Catalogs or descriptive material may be requested from the sources indicated.

Educational Games, Toys, and Play Equipment Designed for Use by Handicapped Children

American Foundation for the Blind
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000

Touch puzzles with high-contrast colors and textures to teach concepts of basic shapes while developing motor skills; multicolored foam letters and numbers for visually impaired children.

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206

Various games and toys for development in visually impaired children of fine motor skills, tactile and auditory discrimination, and number and language concepts.

Play Learn
PCA Industries, Inc.
2298 Grissom Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146
(314) 567-6277 (Missouri)
(800) 325-4794 (all other states)

Playground equipment and adaptive equipment for handicapped children--swing platforms for wheelchairs, wheel-through gyms, safety slides and climbers, and wheelchair picnic/work tables.

Rifton Equipment for the Handicapped
Route 213
Rifton, NY 12471
(914) 658-3141

Therapeutic equipment for young handicapped children; varied types of safety chairs, feeding trays, walkers and standers, adjustable tables, adaptive easels, scooter boards, supine boards, hand-driven tricycles, and therapy swings.
Science Products
Box A
Southeastern, PA 19399
(800) 222-2148 (Pennsylvania)
(800) 233-3121 (all other states)

Alphabet and nursery rhyme books; scratch and sniff books and puzzles; touch and feel books with moving parts and touch activities; read-along stories on cassette with background music and special effects for visually impaired children.

Educational Games, Toys, and Play Equipment Suitable for Use by Handicapped Children

Beckley-Cardy Co.
114 Gaither Drive
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
(216) 234-8833

Various games, toys, books, craft activities, and educational kits for development of motor and language skills, social and self-help skills, and perception concepts.

Bowmar, Inc.
P.O. Box 25308
Oklahoma City, OK 73125
(405) 528-8444 (Oklahoma call collect)
(800) 654-8608 (all other states)

Tape programs to help young children develop oral comprehension, skills for speech improvement, and reading readiness; story-poems describing plants and animals, and adventure story books.

Childcraft Education Corp.
20 Kilmer Road
Edison, NJ 08818

Various games, toys, books, craft activities, and educational kits for development of motor and language skills, social and self-help skills, and perception concepts.
Community Playthings
Route 213
Rifton, NY  12471
(914) 658-3141

Steel gym equipment, climbers, see-saws, slides, and panel gyms for improving motor development; hand puppets for dramatic play; block dominoes to create interest in numbers and letters.

Constructive Playthings
2008 West 103d Terrace
Leawood, KS  66206
(913) 642-8244 Kansas
(800) 255-6124 (all other states)

Playground equipment for pre-schoolers--slides, climbing gyms, spring horses, and crawl tubes; toys for sand and water play.

Developmental Learning Materials
P.O. Box 4000
Allen, TX  75002
(800) 442-4711 (Texas)
(800) 527-4747 (all other states)

Pegboards for teaching numbers, letters, colors, shapes, sizes, and other perception skills; building blocks and interlocking toys; wooden block play figures; simple puzzles.

Educational Teaching Aids
159 W. Kinzie Street
Chicago, IL  60610
(312) 559-1400

Various games, toys, books, craft activities, and educational kits for development of motor and language skills, social and self-help skills, and perception concepts.

Fisher-Price Toys
East Aurora, NY  14052

Activity games to develop social skills; alphabet boards; puzzles to develop vocabulary; popular picture books for pre-school children.
Ideal School Supply Company
11000 South Lavergne Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(312) 425-0800

Various games, toys, books, craft activities, and educational kits for development of motor and language skills, social and self-help skills, and perception concepts.

Lakeshore Curriculum Materials Co.
2695 E. Dominguez Street
P.O. Box 6261
Carson, CA 90749
(213) 537-8600 (California call collect)
(714) 551-8182 (California call collect)
(800) 421-5354 (all other states)

Learning boards for counting, letters, shapes, colors, answers to everyday questions, listening skills, and following directions, and vocabulary development.

Playskool
4501 W. Augusta Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60651
(312) 276-6700

Various games, toys, books, craft activities, and educational kits for development of motor and language skills, social and self-help skills, and perception concepts.

Western Publishing Company, Inc.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(414) 633-2431

Various games, toys, books, craft activities, and educational kits for development of motor and language skills, social and self-help skills, and perception concepts.
III. BOOKS FOR PARENTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY


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Nousanen, Diane, and Lee W. Robinson. Take charge: a guide to resources for parents of the visually impaired. Austin, TX: National Association for Parents of the Visually Handicapped, 1980. 94p. $5.50. (P.O. Box 180806, 78718).


IV. MAGAZINES OF INTEREST TO PARENTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

This section includes a list of magazines written for parents that are concerned with such issues as family relations, early childhood education, child development, and programs and services for handicapped children. A separate listing describes magazines which are intended for use by or with preschool children. Many newsletters and journals of interest to parents are published by organizations that deal with a specific disability. These titles are listed under the name of the organization in Section V. Subscriptions to the magazines listed in this section are available from the source given with each title.

Magazines for Parents

Childhood education. 5 issues/year. $32/year. Association for Childhood Education International, 3615 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20016.

   Articles on child development and education (infancy through adolescence); reviews of books, films, and periodicals; parents' column.


   Articles about children and families, as well as articles for the professional. Regular departments include news and reports from the field; book reviews; and a listing of recent U.S. government publications related to children.

Children's world. Bimonthly. $8.50/year. Children's House, Inc., P.O. Box 111, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

   Practical articles on Montessori methods of teaching as well as topics in elementary and early childhood education and child development; reviews of books, records, and films.


   Articles emphasize problem solving at the parent-child level; practical information for families about dealing with a disabled child.
Family journal. Bimonthly. $15/year. Family Journal Magazine Co.,
1205 University Avenue, Columbia, MO 65201.

Offers parents advice and information on all aspects of child
rearing; articles cover timely topics such as choosing a summer
camp, safe toys, and reviews of children's books and books
concerned with parenting.

Future reflections. Bimonthly. $3/year for individuals, $15/year for
institutions. National Federation of the Blind, Future Reflections,
Barbara Cheadle, editor, P.O. Box 1947, Boise, ID 83701.

Advice to parents and information on all aspects of raising
visually handicapped children; articles cover subjects such
as selecting toys, facts and myths about blindness, attitudes
about blindness; reports on current legislation and educational
opportunities.

Handicapped Americans reports. Biweekly. $154/year. Capitol Publications,
Inc., 1300 North 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22209.

Current news and reports about federal, state, and local legislation
and programs affecting disabled persons.

Parents' choice. Quarterly. $10/year. Diana H. Green, Parents' Choice
Foundation, P.O. Box 185, Waban, MA 02168.

Reviews of children's books, television, movies, records, toys,
games, computer software, and video cassettes.

Office of Information and Resources for the Handicapped, Clearinghouse on
the Handicapped, Room 3119, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202.

Concise articles covering a variety of current topics with an
appropriate bibliography for one article; resource lists; reviews
of new publications; announcements of films, awards, conferences,
and services.

Young children. Bimonthly. $15/year. National Association for the Education
of Young Children, 1834 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Articles about recent research and theory in early childhood
education and child development; reviews of books and legislation
dealing with education.
Magazines for Children

Chicadee. 10 issues/year. $12/year. Young Naturalist Foundation, 59 Front Street E., Toronto, Ontario M5E 1B3 CANADA.

Animal stories, articles, games, and puzzles for preschool children.

Sesame Street. 10 issues/year. $8.95/year. Children's Television Workshop, 1 Lincoln Plaza, New York, NY 10023.

Activities to help a child interpret pictures, draw, recognize letters and numbers; suggested activities designed for ages 3 to 5 (with parental guidance); includes a section for parents.

Turtle: magazine for preschool kids. 9 issues/year. $10.95/year. 1100 Waterway Boulevard, P.O. Box 567, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Bedtime stories; color-ins, simple puzzles, and illustrated riddles for children ages 2 to 5.

Your big backyard. Monthly. $8.95/year. National Wildlife Federation, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22180. (Two-part series; each part published as an annual for two years; printed on a repeating cycle).

Color photos of animals, nature topics, and outdoor life; simple crafts, stories, and poems for children ages 3 through 5.
V. NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
3417 Volta Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
(202) 337-5220 (voice and TTY)

Promotes the teaching of speech, lipreading, and the use of residual hearing. Provides information about educational programs, career development, signaling devices, and general resources; offers educational scholarships for oral deaf students. A lending library contains publications on speech and deafness; books may be borrowed by mail. Publishes text and reference books, manuals, and audio-visual materials on topics of current concern in the field of deafness.

Principal publications: Volta Review, 6/year and one single topic monograph. Research and current perspectives from specialists in education, audiology, speech and language sciences, and psychology.

News/ads, 10/year. An update on legislation, technology, job listings, and continuing education opportunities.

American Council of the Blind Parents
Route A, Box 78
Franklin, LA 70538
(318) 836-9780

Provides opportunities among members for sharing information and experiences in parent-child relations; keeps current with legislation and technology. Membership is open to sighted and blind parents of visually impaired children and to professionals who work with the visually impaired.

Principal publication: Newsletter, quarterly. Brief items on legislation, technology, parent-child relations, and child development.

American Foundation for the Blind
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000

Serves as a national clearinghouse for information about blindness; promotes the development of educational, rehabilitation, and social welfare services for blind children and adults; conducts research to determine effective methods of serving visually impaired persons;
provides consultation to governmental and voluntary organizations about blindness. Operates a reference library about blindness. Sells aids and appliances to blind persons.

Principal publication: Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness, 10/year. Research articles and technology reports for professional practitioners and researchers who work with blind and visually impaired persons.

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405

Sells braille, recorded, and large type books and educational aids for pre-school visually impaired children; conducts research in specific problems relating to the selection and preparation of educational aids.

Principal publications: Catalogs of braille, recorded, large type books, and educational aids.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 897-5700 (voice and TTY)

Promotes investigation of clinical procedures used in treating disorders of communication, basic research and scientific study of human communication and its disorders, development of comprehensive clinical service programs. Sets standards of clinical competence for professionals providing services to the public.

Principal publications: Asha, monthly. Research findings; general articles of interest to professionals who work in the field of communication disorders.

Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders, quarterly. Articles about current research in specific disorders of communication.
Association for the Care of Children's Health
3615 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 244-1801

Promotes the health of children and their families in all health care settings by publishing information pamphlets and sponsoring parent support groups and advocacy centers. Offers referral services to other agencies and organizations that serve chronically ill and disabled children.

Principal publication: *Children's Health Care*, quarterly. Articles about current research in medicine; book reviews of pediatric and medical books.

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Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities
4156 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234
(412) 341-1515

Provides information and referral services about learning disabilities to the general public and parents; encourages research in neuro-physiology and psychological aspects of learning disabilities; develops and promotes legislative assistance; encourages improvement in education.

Principal publication: *Newsbriefs*, bimonthly. Articles about current developments in the field of learning disabilities.

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Association for the Severely Handicapped
7010 Roosevelt Way, N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 523-8446

Advocates comprehensive, high quality education and rehabilitation services; disseminates research findings and practical applications for education and rehabilitation; encourages effective use of experience and expertise towards quality education and services for persons with severely handicapping conditions.

Principal publications: *TASH Journal*, quarterly. Research reports; descriptions of case studies; practical applications of instructional procedures. *Newsletter*, monthly. News of conferences, workshops, and training programs; reviews of new publications and resources; notices of professional positions available.
Closer Look
Parents' Campaign for Handicapped Children and Youth
1201 16th Street, N.W. Suite 233
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 822-7900

Provides information about handicapping conditions; aids parents in understanding the special child's needs and in locating appropriate services; offers technical assistance to groups planning information and referral services for handicapped children and youth; offers training programs for parents in a variety of areas. Publishes booklets and other materials with practical advice to families for coping with birth-to-adulthood needs of handicapped children.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
6000 Executive Boulevard Suite 309
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 881-9130

Funds research into the cause and prevention of cystic fibrosis by individual scientists and cooperative investigations involving several researchers focusing on a particular topic; sponsors conferences to identify areas requiring further research; encourages research on lung diseases.

Down's Syndrome Congress
1640 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 226-0416

Clearinghouse for information about Down's Syndrome. Advises parents in finding solutions to their special needs and coordinates parent activities; encourages various research activities related to Down's Syndrome; advocates civil rights for persons with this disability.

Principal publication: Down's Syndrome News, monthly. Articles about the syndrome; reports of current research.
International Association of Parents of the Deaf
814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 585-5400 (voice and TTY)

Provides information and support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Maintains a resource library concerned with legislation, family relationships, education, technology, and any other topics relevant to families of deaf children.

Principal publication: The Endeavor, 6/year. Articles and information about all aspects of deafness, with emphasis on children.

International Institute for Visually Impaired, 0-7, Inc.
1975 Rutgers Circle
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 332-2666

An information center for teachers, parents, and others concerned with the development and education of visually impaired preschool children; offers consultant services and workshops.

Principal publications: VIP Newsletter, quarterly. Practical advice for parents; articles on developmental skills, mobility, and education.

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
1275 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
(914) 428-7100

Supports programs of scientific research, medical service, and public and professional health education aimed at treatment and prevention of birth defects. Publishes public health education materials and supports volunteer programs in local clinics and public education.

Principal publications: Maternal/Newborn Advocate, quarterly. Brief reports and articles concerned with maternal and neonatal care.

The Volunteer, quarterly. Reports of interest to local volunteer chapters.
Muscular Dystrophy Association
810 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
(212) 586-0808

Funds research into causes and prevention of muscular dystrophy; supports patients and their families through community services; supports clinics that provide diagnostic services and therapeutic and rehabilitative care. Produces publications for professionals in the field; supports a public education program.

Principal publication: MDA News, bimonthly. Articles related to muscular dystrophy; research reports; conference news.

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired, Inc.
P.O. Box 180806
Austin, TX 78718
(512) 459-6651

Provides support services to parents of children with all ranges of visual loss; provides information through workshops and publications to help parents meet the special needs of a visually impaired child; encourages communication and coordination of services among federal, state, and local agencies involved with visually impaired persons.

Principal publication: Awareness, quarterly. Practical advice and guidance for parents; announcements of new products and services.

National Easter Seal Society
2023 West Ogden Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 243-8400
(213) 243-8880 (TDD)

Disseminates information and educational materials about disabilities; supports research into causes, prevention, and treatment of handicapping conditions; encourages advocacy efforts to ensure the rights of disabled people.

Principal publication: Rehabilitation Literature, monthly. Articles about rehabilitation and medical issues; book and journal article reviews; reports on research findings.
National Federation of the Blind
Parents of Blind Children Division
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(301) 659-9314

Provides information and support to parents of blind children; serves as a forum where parents can share experiences in raising blind children; promotes opportunity and equality for blind children at home and in society.

Principal publication: *Future Reflections*, bimonthly. (see entry on page 13).

National Information Center for Handicapped Children and Youth
P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013

Provides information on specific disabling conditions, direct services for children, parent support groups, sources of teaching materials and financial aid, careers in special education. Offers referral to other government and private agencies that serve handicapped children and youth.

National Society for Children and Adults with Autism
1234 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Suite 1017
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 783-0125

Disseminates information about autism to parents, the general public, and professionals who are interested in the care, education, and welfare of children and adults with severe communication and behavior disorders.

Principal publication: *Advocate*, bimonthly. Reviews of current publications; reports of professional meetings and legislative activity.
Orton Dyslexia Society  
724 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21204  
(301) 296-0232

Provides information and publications about dyslexia to parents and professional persons; promotes research into the study, treatment, and prevention of dyslexia.

Principal publications:  
- Annals of Dyslexia, annual. Articles about current research and treatment procedures.  
- Perspectives, quarterly. Articles on current research; notices of conferences.

Spina Bifida Association of America  
343 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, IL 60604  
(312) 663-1562 (Illinois)  
(800) 624-3141 (all other states)

Provides information about current research, legislation, and resources that give support to families and individuals with spina bifida; funds research, improvement of medical devices, and treatment facilities; encourages training of professionals dealing with care and treatment. Produces publications concerned with spina bifida for the general public and health professionals.

Principal publication:  
- Insights, bimonthly. News of local chapter activities.

Trace Research and Development Center for the Severely Communicatively Handicapped  
314 Waismann Center  
1500 Highland Avenue  
Madison, WI 53706  
(608) 262-6966

Fosters research, development, and dissemination of practical aids and strategies for communication and computer access for severely communicatively handicapped persons.

Principal publication:  
- Communication Outlook, quarterly. Brief descriptions of aids, projects, and programs; international in scope.
United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.
66 East 34th Street
New York, NY 10016
(212) 481-6300

Disseminates information about cerebral palsy; funds and stimulates research into causes and prevention of this disease; develops services and articulates positions on issues of national concern to families of individuals with cerebral palsy.

Principal publication: UC People, bimonthly. Reports on research findings; legislation updates; news of conferences and activities of local chapters.

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Additional copies of this reference circular or any of the reference circulars listed below are available free on request from:

Reference Section
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20542

REFERENCE CIRCULARS

Becoming a Volunteer: Resources for Individuals, Libraries, and Organizations, 1981

Bibles and Other Scriptures in Special Media, 1983

Braille Instruction and Writing Equipment, 1982

Building a Library Collection on Blindness and Physical Handicaps: Basic Materials and Resources, 1981


Guide to Spoken-Word Recordings: Foreign Language Literature and Instruction, 1982


Guide to Spoken-Word Recordings: Literature, 1982

Information for Handicapped Travelers, 1982

National Organizations Concerned with Visually and Physically Handicapped Persons, 1983

Reading Materials in Large Type, 1983

Reading, Writing, and Other Communication Aids for Visually and Physically Handicapped Persons, 1981

Reference Books in Special Media, 1982

Sports, Games, and Outdoor Recreation for Handicapped Persons, 1983

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

A series of bibliographies is also published by the Reference Section. The following titles are available free on request:


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Braille: History and Recent Developments, 1982
Closed Circuit Television Reading Devices for the Visually Handicapped, 1980
Gardening for Handicapped and Elderly Persons, 1981
Library and Information Services to Handicapped Persons, 1983
Mobility and Mobility Aids for Visually Handicapped Individuals, 1984
Reading Machines for the Blind, 1980