

National Disability Organizations with Local Chapters/Affiliates

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

NCIL advances the independent living philosophy and advocates for the rights of, and services for, people with disabilities to further their full integration and participation in society. NCIL represents over 700 organizations and individuals nationwide including: Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), individuals with disabilities, and other organizations.

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Suite 209
Arlington, VA 22201
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TTY: (703) 525-4153
Fax: (703) 525-3409
Email: ncil@ncil.org
Find your local Centers for Independent Living

UCP (United Cerebral Palsy)

UCP provides direct services for more than 30,000 children and adults with various disabilities (including cerebral palsy) and their families, through UCP affiliates - a nationwide network of 111 affiliates in 39 states.

1660 L Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036-5602
Voice: (800) USA-5-UCP or (202) 776-0406
TTY: (202) 973-7197
Fax: (202) 776-0414
E-mail: national@ucp.org
Find your local UCP

Easter Seals

Easter Seals provides rehabilitation, day care, employment, and recreation services to more than one million children and adults with various disabilities and their families, at more than 400 sites across the country.

230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, IL 60606
Voice: (800) 221-6827
Voice: (312) 726-6200
TTY: 312-726-4258
Fax: 312-726-1494
Email: info@easter-seals.org
Contact an Easter Seals near you

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

PVA is a membership organization of veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction. PVA advocates for members' health care, civil rights, and veterans' benefits, as well as spinal cord injury research and education for the public.

801 Eighteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-3517
Voice: (800) 424-8200
Email: info@pva.org
Find a PVA chapter in your state

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

DAV is a nonprofit organization of more than one million veterans disabled during time of war or armed conflict. DAV provides medical and legislative advocacy, employment, social support, and transportation services.

3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076
Voice: (859) 441-7300
Find a DAV chapter in your state

Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation is a national not-for-profit organization that supports the more than 100 types of arthritis and related conditions with advocacy, programs, services and research. Through its 150 chapters and service points nationwide, it provides community-based programs to make life with arthritis easier.

P.O. Box 7669
Atlanta, GA 30357-0669
Voice: (800) 283-7800
Find your local Arthritis Foundation office

Amputee Coalition of America (ACA)

The ACA is a national, non-profit amputee consumer educational organization representing people who have experienced amputation or are born with limb differences. The ACA includes individual amputees, amputee education and support groups for amputees, professionals, family members and friends of amputees, amputation or limb loss related agencies, and organizations.

900 East Hill Avenue, Suite 285
Knoxville, Tennessee 37915-2568
Voice: 1-888-AMP-KNOW (1-888-267-5669)
Knoxville: (865) 524-8772
Fax: (865) 525-7917

Email: info@amputee-coalition.org
Find an ACA Regional Representative in your area
Find a peer support group in your area

The Arc of the United States

The Arc is a national grassroots organization of and for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities, and their families, friends, and professionals who work with them. The Arc has 140,000 members who are affiliated through approximately 1,000 state and local chapters across the nation.

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Voice: (301) 565-3842

Fax: (301) 565-3843

Fax: (301) 565-5342

Email: info@thearc.org

Go to the "Locations" button on the left side of the Arc's homepage to see their nationwide listing of chapters.

TASH

TASH focuses on people labeled as having severe disabilities who are most at risk for being excluded from mainstream society, are perceived by traditional service systems as being most challenging, are often the least equipped to advocate on their own behalf, and are most likely to need on-going, individualized supports to participate in inclusive communities and enjoy a quality of life similar to that available to all citizens.

29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 210

Baltimore, MD 21204

Phone: (410) 828-8274

Fax: (410) 828-6706

Email: Nancy.Weiss@tash.org

Find a TASH chapter in your area

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Through its 50-state network of chapters, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society funds research, furthers education, advocates for people with disabilities, and provides a variety of programs for the third of a million Americans who have MS and their families.

733 Third Avenue

New York, NY 10017

Voice: 1-800-Fight MS (1-800-344-4867)

Find your local Multiple Sclerosis Society chapter

Spina Bifida Association of America

The Spina Bifida Association of America is a national membership organization with several local chapters around the nation that support people with spina bifida through advocacy, programs, services and research.

4590 MacArthur Blvd., NW, Suite 250

Washington, DC 20007-4226

Voice: (800) 621-3141

Voice: (202) 944-3285

Fax: (202) 944-3295

Email: sbaa@sbaa.org

Find a chapter in your area

American Council of the Blind (ACB)

ACB strives to elevate the social, economic and cultural levels of blind people; improve educational and rehabilitation facilities; cooperate with blind services institutions and organizations; and educate the public about blindness and the capabilities of blind people. ACB's membership - not limited to blind or visually impaired individuals - numbers in the tens of thousands. The majority of its members belong to one or more of its 71 affiliated organizations - 51 state and regional affiliates and 20 national special interest and professional affiliates.

1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 1004

Washington, DC 20005

Voice: (800) 424-8666

Voice: (202) 467-5081

Fax: (202) 467-5085

Email: info@acb.org

Find an ACB affiliate in your area

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

AFB is a national nonprofit headquartered in New York City, with offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and San Francisco, and a governmental relations office in Washington, DC. AFB addresses issues of literacy, independent living, employment, and access through technology for blind and visually impaired Americans. AFB is also the repository for the Helen Keller Archives.

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

Voice: (800) AFB-LINE (800-232-5463)

Voice: (212) 502-7600

Email: afbinfo@afb.net

Contact the AFB office closest to you

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

NFB, which has 50,000 members in 50 states, seeks to help blind persons achieve self-confidence and self-respect, and to act as a vehicle for collective self-expression by the blind. NFB provides public education on blindness, employment services, technology and adaptive equipment evaluations and referrals, and advocacy services.

1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
Voice: (410) 659-9314
Email: nfb@nfb.org
Find an NFB affiliate in your state

National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

NAD oldest and largest constituency organization safeguarding the accessibility and civil rights of 28 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans in education, employment, health care, and telecommunications. Its federation of 51 state association affiliates including the District of Columbia, organizational affiliates, and direct members.

814 Thayer Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500
Voice: 301-587-1788
TTY: 301-587-1789
Fax: 301-587-1791
Email: NadInfo@nad.org
Find an NAD affiliate in your area

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

NAMI is a nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with severe mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and anxiety disorders. NAMI has more than 210,000 members, with 1,200 state and local affiliates.

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2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201-3042
Voice: (703) 524-7600
TDD: (703) 516-7227
Fax: (703) 524-9094
Find your local NAMI affiliates

National Mental Health Association (NMHA)

NMHA is the country's oldest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental

health and mental illness, with more than 340 affiliates nationwide providing grassroots connections for many local services and programs.

1021 Prince Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2971
Voice: (800) 969-NMHA (6642)
Voice: (703) 684-7722
TTY: (800) 433-5959
Fax: (703) 684-5968
Find an NMHA affiliate near you

Epilepsy Foundation

The Epilepsy Foundation works for children and adults affected by seizures through research, education, advocacy and service. A network of more than 60 affiliated local Epilepsy Foundations in hundreds of communities nationwide provides educational and direct services to individuals and families across the country.

4351 Garden City Drive
Landover, MD 20785-7223
Voice: (800) 332-1000
Find a local Epilepsy Foundation near you

National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)

The National Down Syndrome Society works to ensure that all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in community life. Parent support groups and related member organizations around the country and beyond comprise the NDSS Affiliate Program.

666 Broadway
New York, NY 10012.
Voice: (800) 221-4602
Voice: (212) 460-9330
Fax: (212) 979-2873
Find an NDSS affiliate parent support group near you

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH)

SHHH is a national member organization dedicated to opening the world of communication to the over 28 million Americans with hearing loss. Some 250 local chapters around the country hold meetings to provide education, information, support and advocacy.

7910 Woodmont Ave, Suite 1200
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
Voice: (301) 657-2248

TTY: (301) 657-2249
Fax: (301) 913-9413
Find an SHHH chapter near you

Autism Society of America (ASA)

ASA increases public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professionals with whom they interact. About 20,000 members are connected through a network of over 200 chapters in nearly every state, providing information, supporting research and advocating for programs and services for the autism population.

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3067
Voice: 1-800-3-AUTISM
Voice: (301) 657-0881
Fax: (301) 657-0869
Email: info@autism-society.org
Find an ASA Chapter near you

Brain Injury Association (BIA)

The mission of the Brain Injury Association is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy. BIA has 47 state associations, contacts in every state and a network of over 800 support groups.

105 North Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Voice: (703) 236-6000
Fax: (703) 236-6001
Email: advocacy@biausa.org
Find a BIA State Affiliate near you

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)

LDA promotes quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities and their families through awareness, advocacy, empowerment, education, service and collaborative efforts.

4156 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349
Voice: (412) 341-1515
Fax: (412) 344-0224
Email: info@ldaamerica.org
Look for State and local LDA webpages from your area

National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems (NAPAS)

NAPAS is the voluntary national membership association of Protection & Advocacy systems

and Client Assistance Programs – a nationwide network of congressionally mandated, legally-based disability rights agencies. These agencies seek to remedy adverse conditions in care facilities, and ensure full access to inclusive educational programs, financial entitlements, health care, accessible housing and productive employment opportunities.

900 Second Street, NE, Suite 211
Washington, D.C. 20002
Phone: 202-408-9514
Fax: 202-408-9520
E-mail: napas@earthlink.net
Look for State P&A and Client Assistance Program (CAP) webpages

National Rehabilitation Association

The National Rehabilitation Association is a membership organization of rehabilitation professionals. Members include rehab counselors, physical, speech and occupational therapists, job trainers, consultants, independent living instructors and other professionals involved in the advocacy of programs and services for people with disabilities.

633 S. Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Voice (703) 836-0850
Fax (703) 836-0848
TDD (703) 836-0849
Email: info@nationalrehab.org
Find a chapter in your area

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)

MDA is a voluntary health agency with more than 200 offices across the country, providing direct medical and support services, public awareness and research projects concerning neuromuscular diseases.

3300 E. Sunrise Drive
Tucson, AZ 85718
Voice: (800) 572-1717
Email: mda@mdausa.org
Find an MDA office in your area

National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA)

The NSCIA has chapters throughout the United States which participate in a variety of activities - working with local and national officials and agencies to develop better programs and services and acting as community advocates for improved access, housing, transportation, employment, and

leisure time activities for disabled people. Peer support and other services are also provided.

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Suite 300-9
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
Voice: (800) 962-9629
Voice: (301) 588-6959
Fax: (301) 588-9414
Email: nscia2@aol.com
Find an NSCIA chapter in your state

Goodwill Industries International

Goodwill is one of the world's largest nonprofit providers of employment and training services for people with disabilities through a network of autonomous community-based organizations providing services in response to local needs. It strives to achieve the full participation in society of people with disabilities and other individuals with special needs.

9200 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814
Voice: (240) 333-5200
Email: contactus@goodwill.org
Find a Goodwill near you

VSA Arts

VSA arts creates learning opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities, offering programs in creative writing, dance, drama, music and the visual arts. VSA arts currently has affiliates in 40 U.S. states and 70 international affiliates in 67 countries. VSA Arts' programs now serve 4.3 million Americans and 1.3 million people in other parts of the world.

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Washington, D.C. 20036
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TDD: (202) 737-0645
Fax: (202) 737-0725
Email: info@vsarts.org
Find a VSA Arts affiliate close to you