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**Job Search and Job Placement**

**Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Hotline**

*Phone:* 1-800-949-4232  
*Website:* www.adainformation.org  
*Eligibility:* Open to the public  
*Description:* Provide technical assistance related to the application of the federal legislation that protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination in the workplace. Training is provided free of charge on issues related to ADA.

**Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

3815 Steele Street, Denver, Co 80205  
720-944-3666  
*Website:* [www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/ods_dvr1.html](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/ods_dvr1.html)  
*Contact:* Staff  
*Eligibility:* Must be determined at time of application. Services are restricted to people with disabilities. Testing may be provided to determine whether client is disabled before services can be rendered.  
*Description:* Provide job search and development services for people with documented disabilities to help secure and maintain employment. Employment is the key issue addressed by vocational rehabilitation but DVR also refers client for independent living support. Educational needs related to employment are secondary. Youth in special education can be enrolled in vocational rehabilitation before they graduate from high school.

**CP of Colorado- High School/ High Tech**

801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230  
303-691-9339  
*Website:* [www.cpco.org/empworks.htm](http://www.cpco.org/empworks.htm)  
*Contact:* Jennifer Ross  
*Hours:* 8:00-5:00 PM, M-F  
*Fees:* NO  
*Eligibility:* Services are provided to youth with disabilities ages 14-25 that have challenges to employment.  
*Description:* High School/High Tech provides youth with disabilities with job readiness training and job placement.
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Denver Division of Workforce Development- Youth Services
1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 520, Denver, CO 80204
720-865-5700 FAX 720-865-5681
Website: http://www.milehigh.com/employment/youthservices
Contact: Staff
Hours: Office: 8:30-5:30, M-F Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students with disabilities may be eligible for a variety of programs (including WIA, TANF and others) based on income and motivation to work and advance their education.
Description: Youth Services offers year round programming for all youth ages 14-21, including those with disabilities, which help support engagement in employment, career development and secondary and post-secondary education. Programs can include summer internship experiences. Contractors across the city provide these services.

Program for System Improvement
1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204 (Speer Workforce Center)
303-315-1271 FAX 720-867-1208
Contact: Tom Muniz Email: tom.muniz@denvergov.org
Website: www.cowinpartners.org/consumer-navigator.asp Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to customers registered with the Workforce Center or existing clients of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).
Description: Disability Program Navigators provide Colorado Workforce Centers with technical assistance to enhance the job services provided to people with disabilities. Navigators offer community resources, ADA information, and disclosure information to support workforce center advisors in assisting people with disabilities in the job search process.

Rocky Mountain Human Services
9900 East Iliff Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80231
303-636-5940 FAX 303-636-5603
Website: www.rmhumanservices.org Contact: Georgia Sigala Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to Denver in and out school youth ages 12-21 who have disabilities. Youth ages 18-21 can receive employment assistance.
Description: Provides service learning and employment opportunities. Program will be located in Denver communities.
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**Denver Workforce Centers**

**Speer:** 1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204 720-865-5619  
**Westside:** 1200 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80204 720-944-1615  
**Stapleton:** 3401 Quebec Street, Suite 7700, Denver, CO 80205 720-865-0060  
**Dia:**  8500 Pena Blvd., Main Terminal West Side, Denver, CO 80249 303.342.2590  
**Quigg Newton:** 4440 Navajo St., Denver, CO 80211 303.458.4891  
**Website:** www.denvergov.org  
**Contact:** Workforce Center nearest you  
**Hours:** Vary  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Open to customers registered with the Workforce Center or existing clients of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).  
**Description:** The Workforce Centers listed are equipped with various assistive technologies that assist with the job search process. Staff is available to help with the use of equipment. Disability navigators are available at the Speer and Quigg Newton sites to provide additional job search and placement assistance.

**School to Work Alliance Project (SWAP)**  
1330 Fox St. Denver, CO 80204  
303-866-3869  
**Website:** N/A  
**Contact:** Jamie Konecny  
**Hours:** Vary  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Youth must be 17-25 years old, in or out of school without a high school diploma or GED, and attend Denver Public Schools (DPS) or live within the DPS catchment. Sixteen year olds will be considered if they are at risk of dropping out. Must have a mild to moderate disability and have an IEP or sufficient disability documentation.  
**Description:** SWAP provides job readiness training, job search assistance, job development, placement and coaching and social skills training.

**SSI Benefits Planners**  
**Speer Workforce Center:** 1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204  
**Contact:** Melanie Honsbruch  
**Phone:** 303-636-1464  
**FAX:** 720-865-5685  
**Stapleton Workforce Center:** 3401 Quebec Street, Suite 7700, Denver, CO 80207  
**Contact:** Christina Ragel  
**Phone:** 303-636-1256  
**FAX:** 720-865-0091  
**Hours:** 8-4:30 or as scheduled  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Open to the public  
**Description:** Provides information on how work affects SSI and SSDI benefits and the work incentives that are available, plus they provide information on the Eligibility Criteria and Application Process for SSI and SSDI benefits.
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Job Support for People with Developmental Disabilities

Bayaud Enterprises
333 W Bayaud Ave. Denver, CO 80223
303-830-6885 FAX 303-830-6653

Website: www.bayaudenterprises.org Contact: Mary Page, ext 203
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be referred by DVR or TANF. Serves individuals with a variety of disabilities.
Description: Provides vocational evaluation, work adjustment, general office skill training and job search assistance and job coaching.

Rocky Mountain Human Services
10375 E. Harvard Ave. Ste. 200 and Ste. 400 Denver, Colorado 80231
303-636-5600 FAX 303-636-5603

Website: www.rmhumanservices.org Contact: Lori Schult
Hours: 8-5 PM, M-F Fees: NO
Eligibility: Impairment of general intellectual functioning (full scale IQ 70 or less) and significant delay in adaptive behavior (motor, communication, social/emotional, daily living.
Description: Community Centered Board, serving the City and County of Denver, providing supports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental delays and disabilities. Services include Adult Living Services, Clinical Services and Traumatic Brain Injury Services.

Easter Seals- Employment Services
5755 West Alameda Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80226
303-937-7713, ext. 256 FAX 303-233-1028

Website: http://co.easterseals.com Contact: Donna Schulte
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with disabilities over 18 years of age. Must be referred through DVR or Community Center Boards (ex. Denver Options).
Description: Serves primarily people with developmental disabilities. Provides job coaching, placement and work crew opportunities.

Shalom Denver
2498 W. 2nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80223
303-623-0251 FAX 303-620-9584

Website: www.shalomdenver.com Contact: Staff
Hours: 8-4 PM, M-Th, 8:00-3:00 F Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must have an IQ of 70 or less and have acquired a disability prior to 21 years of age. Services are geared toward people who have developmental disabilities.
Description: Shalom provides a sheltered workshop, community supported employment, and DVR assessments, job coaching and job search.

Section 2: Summer Employment/Internships

**Colorado Center for the Blind- Earn and Learn**
2233 W. Sheppard Ave., Littleton, CO 80120
303-778-1130      FAX 303-778-1598
Website: [www.cocenter.org](http://www.cocenter.org)
Contact: Eric Woods (ext 230)
**Hours:** Summer only; youth live in an apartment during 8 week program
**Fees:** $3500 per month; funding assistance may be available through schools or DVR.
**Eligibility:** Program is designed for high school students that are blind.
**Description:** Youth have the opportunity to learn independent living skills and to participate in a work experience.

**Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition- Summer Internships**
655 Broadway, Suite 775, Denver, Colorado 80203
303-839-1775 (voice), (303) 839-0015 (TTY) FAX 303-839-1782
Website: [www.ccdconline.org](http://www.ccdconline.org)
Contact: Julie Reiskin
**Hours:** Vary
**Fees:** YES, $1000 but scholarships are available
**Eligibility:** Youth ages 14-18 who have a disability. Requires an application and interview.
**Description:** Through interactive class instruction, attendance at hearings and meetings, mentoring by a policymaker, and individual/group projects, teens will learn about self and community advocacy as well as history related to the disability movement.

**Denver Division of Workforce Development- Youth Services**
1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 520, Denver, CO 80204
720-865-5619      FAX 720-865-5681
Website: [http://www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org)
Contact: Staff
**Hours:** Office: 8:30-5:30, M-F
**Fees:** NO
**Eligibility:** Students with disabilities may be eligible for a variety of programs (including WIA, TANF and others) based on income and motivation to work and advance their education.
**Description:** Youth Services offers year round programming for all youth ages 14-21, including those with disabilities, which help support engagement in employment, career development and secondary and post-secondary education. Programs can include summer internship experiences. Contractors across the city provide these services.

**Earn and Learn- Goodwill Industries**
6850 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80221
303-650-7700 X 279
Website: [www.goodwilldenver.org](http://www.goodwilldenver.org)
Contact: Mike Pritchard
**Hours:** Vary
**Fees:** NO
**Eligibility:** Must be an in-school junior or senior. Applications are due early spring.
**Description:** Provide paid, professional summer internships in local businesses. No disability specific services are available.
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**Governor’s Summer Job Hunt**  
1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 520, Denver, CO 80204  
720-865-5700 FAX 720-865-5681  
**Website:** [www.ppwfc.org](http://www.ppwfc.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** Vary **Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Open to all Denver youth ages 16 and older. Must provide proof of age and citizenship.  
**Description:** Provide youth with job referrals for summer positions.

**Mile High Youth Corps**  
1801 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO 80204  
303-433-1206 FAX 303-433-5997  
**Website:** [www.milehighyouthcorps.org](http://www.milehighyouthcorps.org)  
**Contact:** Brigid McRaith (ext 223)  
**Hours:** Call for schedule **Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Must be 16-24 years old.  
**Description:** Provide outdoor, labor-intensive jobs. Hours can be long and work is physical in nature. No disability specific services are offered.

**Summer Scholars**  
3401 Quebec St., Suite 5010, Denver, CO 80207  
303-355-0290 FAX 303-355-0883  
**Website:** [www.summerscholars.org](http://www.summerscholars.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** Vary **Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Summer Scholars seeks teens with strong academic skills, who are friendly, self-motivated, and who enjoy children. All three sections of the Summer Scholars Classroom Assistant application must be submitted in order to be considered. The three sections include: Classroom Assistant Application; English Teacher’s Recommendation; Personal Recommendation. Applications can be downloaded from the Summer Scholars website and are due March 1, 2008.  
**Description:** Youth are paid to provide tutoring and academic support to elementary school youth for an 8-week period.

**YouthBiz**  
3280 Downing Street #C, Denver, CO 80205  
303-297-0212, ext 106 FAX 303-297-0228  
**Website:** [www.youthbiz.org](http://www.youthbiz.org)  
**Email:** info@youthbiz.org  
**Contact:** Habakkuk Ammishaddai  
**Hours:** 9:00-5:30 PM **Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Must be in middle or high school and have adequate transportation to participate in the program.  
**Description:** YouthBiz offers a two-tiered program with incentive pay based on a variety of criteria. Tier 1 offers job readiness, computer and study skills training. Tier 2 offers entrepreneurial training and advanced job readiness and career development experiences. Sessions last 12 weeks during the school year and 8 weeks during the summer.
Youth Works
700 Kalamath Street, Denver, CO 80204
303-308-8121, ext 126  FAX 303-308-8120
Website: www.microbusiness.org  Contact: Mischelle Brown
Hours: Vary  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to youth ages 10 and up.
Description: Provides business development training and experience. Youth can earn Y-notes to earn rewards and can qualify for small loans to develop their business idea. Program runs year round. Youth Works serves both youth with and without disabilities.
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Section 3: Education

High School/ GED/ Transitions

Denver Area Youth Services GED Program
688 Bryant Ave., Denver, CO 80204
303-302-3297
Website: www.denveryouth.org  Contact: Julianne Mitchell
Hours: 8:30-3:30  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth can register for GED classes with ID and social security card. Must be 17-21 and referred by public agency.
Description: GED preparation classes and referral for testing. Special education teacher is available to work with youth with learning disabilities. Students must participate in full day program.

Denver Public Schools ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education) Program
(Also known as Work Experience Study)
1330 Fox Street, 2nd Floor South, Denver, CO 80204
720-423-8097  FAX 720-423-8024
Website: N/A  Contact: Marta Osuna
Hours: Vary  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to all DPS students including those who attend Emily Griffith Opportunity School. ACE is geared toward youth who are at risk and/or are in special education.
Description: Provides job readiness, internships, apprenticeships, work experience and job placement and bus training.

Denver Interagency Transition Team
Website: http://www.employmentworks.org/DITT
Contact: Monica Schultz, 303-909-8726
Hours: Vary  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Collaborative group that works to address gaps in transition services for youth with disabilities who wish to obtain employment or pursue higher education.

GED Accommodations-Colorado Department of Education
201 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80203  303-866-6613
Website: http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/GEDindex.htm#AccForms
Contact: Chalmer Naugle, 303-866-6859
Eligibility: Must have documented disability in order to qualify for GED accommodations. To apply, student must fill out form for his or her particular disability (see options on website) and submit to the Chief Examiner at the local GED testing center.
Description: Provide GED accommodations forms and ultimately, approve accommodations requests. Accommodations can include extra time, oral presentation of questions, use of a scribe for writing, etc.
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Job Corps
924 W. Colfax Ave #104., Denver, CO 80204
303-623-0420
Website: http://jobcorps.doleta.gov/  
Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary, call for appointment
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to youth who are 16-24, US citizens, and meet the program’s income requirements.
Description: Provides help with GED or diploma as well as job training in a residential program. A disability coordinator is available to help youth with disabilities receive the services and accommodations they need to be successful.

College Prep Programs

AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination)
Offered in a variety of high schools in the Denver area
Website: www.avidonline.org  
Contact: Sandy Mason
Phone: 720-554-5043  
www.avid.org
Hours: N/A
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students who are not high academic achievers (must have a 2.5 GPA or higher) but have the potential to take on rigorous coursework.
Description: AVID assists and supports students to take on more challenging coursework and provides training in study skills, critical thinking and enrichment activities. Adams County AVID participants are eligible for the Daniels Fund scholarship. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.

College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)
260 College Ave, Ft. Lupton, Co 80621
Bueno Center for Multicultural Education, 247 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0572
303-857-4022 x4317 or 303-492-6043  
FAX 303-492-2883
Website: N/A  
Contact: Tammy Molinar-LeBlanc
Hours: Vary
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Any migrant or seasonal employed agricultural worker or their children who: within the last 24 months have worked a minimum of 75 days in farm work, been eligible to participate or have participated in a migrant education program under Chapter 1 - Migrant Education, or participated in a WIA section 167 program. Students must be full-time, first year freshmen with a permanent US residency.
Description: The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is a federally funded program that assists migrant and seasonal farm workers and persons working in agriculturally related activities pursue higher education. Have worked with youth with learning disabilities in the past.
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**College LIFT**  
Colorado UpLIFT  
3914 King St., Denver, Co 80211  
303-830-6615      FAX: 303-830-6763  
Website: [http://www.coloradouplift.org/](http://www.coloradouplift.org/)  
Contact: Bill Aragon  
Hours: Varies  
Fees: NO  
**Eligibility:** Youth must be previously enrolled in Colorado UpLIFT or apply to the program. UpLIFT operates out of North, West, East, Lincoln and Manual High Schools.  
**Description:** UpLIFT assists students with the college application process, scholarships and provide support once youth are enrolled in college. Serve some youth with disabilities.

**College Summit**  
1201 E. Colfax Ave. Ste.301, Denver, Co 80218  
(303) 832-7174    FAX: (303) 832-9032  
Email: coinfo@collegesummit.org  
Website: [www.collegesummit.org](http://www.collegesummit.org)  
Contact: Susan Bross  
Hours: Varies  
Fees: NO  
**Eligibility:** Low income students in high schools where College Summit is offered.  
**Description:** Students get a head start on their college applications through College Summit’s 4-day transformational summer Workshop, and learn lifelong self-advocacy skills that they are trained to share with their peers. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

**Colorado Center for the Blind**  
2233 W. Sheppard Ave., Littleton, CO 80120  
303-778-1130      FAX 303-778-1598  
Website: [www.cocenter.org](http://www.cocenter.org)  
Email: ccb@cocenter.org  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: 8 week full time summer program  
Fees: $3500 per month; funding assistance may be available through schools or DVR.  
**Eligibility:** Program is designed for blind high school students.  
**Description:** This program prepares youth to apply independent living skills in a college setting. They learn how to access disability services on campus and use adaptive technology. Participants live in apartments with a roommate during the 8 week program.

**CSU Educational Talent Search**  
304 Student Services 8200 Campus Delivery, CSU, Ft. Collins, CO 80523  
970-491-6473       FAX 720-491-1077  
Website: [http://lamar.colostate.edu/~ceao/index.html](http://lamar.colostate.edu/~ceao/index.html)  
Contact: John Kelly  
Hours: Office 8:00-5:00 PM  
Fees: NO  
**Eligibility:** Must be a first generation student (neither parent has a bachelor’s degree) and low income. Montbello and Adams City High Schools are the only schools in the Denver area that offer this program. Students can be in 6th grade and higher.  
**Description:** Program provides workshops and presentations on topics related to college prep, self-esteem and study skills. No specific services for youth with disabilities.
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CSU Upward Bound
304 Student Services 8200 Campus Delivery, CSU, Ft. Collins, CO 80523
Phone: 970-491-6473 FAX 720-491-1077
Website: http://lamar.colostate.edu/~ceao/index.html Contact: Carmen Rivera
Hours: Office 8:00-5:00 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be a first generation student (neither parent has a bachelor's degree) and low income. Montbello and Adams City High Schools are the only schools in the Denver area that offer this program. Program enrolls youth in 10-12th grade. Students must apply to the program to enroll. No specific services for youth with disabilities.
Description: Program provides one to one counseling and mentorship, college preparation, tutoring and 6 week summer program on the college campus.

Educational Opportunity Center
P.O. Box 173363 Campus Box EOC Denver, CO 80217-3363
303-556-2600 FAX: 303-620-4805
Physical Building: 1201 5th street Ste. 325, Denver, Co 80204
1111 W. Colfax Ave. Denver, Co 80204
Website: www.ccd.edu/eoc Contact: Ryan Ross
Hours: M-F, 8-5 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Adults ages 19 and older unless Educational Talent Search is not available in a young person's school.
Description: The center offers assistance with financial aid, including loans, scholarships and FAFSA. They also provide career and education planning, assistance with the college application process and support for youth who have dropped out of school and want to further their education. Office is located at 1205 5th Street, Suite 325 (Auraria Campus Administration Building). The building is wheelchair accessible.

Educational Talent Search
P.O. Box 173363 Campus Box EOC Denver, CO 80217-3363
303-629-9226 FAX 303-620-4805
Website: N/A Contact: Teresa Gatewood
Hours: M-F, 8-5 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: The program is open to youth who are in middle or high school or 11-18 years old and out of school. They must be first generation students with a limited family income. Middle school students who attend Horace Mann and Skinner and high school students who attend North or West are eligible for intensive services. The public is invited to attend educational presentations for students and parents offered by Talent Search.
Description: The program helps middle and high school students stay in school, graduate and enroll in higher education programs. Students who have dropped out of school are provided assistance to re-enroll and plan for higher education. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.
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Ethnic College Counseling Center, Inc.
PO Box 221710, Denver, CO 80222
303-751-9731    FAX Same number
Website: www.ethniccollegecounselingcenter.com    Contact: Pensal McCray
Email: pensalpiano@gmail.com
Hours: 10-3 PM Office Hours    Fees: $100/semester; may be reduced if low income
Eligibility: Open to all
Description: This program prepares middle and high school students for college. It provides 2 workshops per month, a college tour and college fair alternating years, and tutoring. It also offers summer enrichment programs in and out of state. Some out of state programs are held at traditionally black colleges. Participants are prepared to write college essays, search for scholarships and engage in other college prep activities.

GEAR UP
1560 Broadway Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80202
303-866-2723    FAX 303-866-4266
Website: www.coloradogearup.com    Contact: Coordinator in your area (see website)
Hours: Vary    Fees: NO
Eligibility: Student must regularly attend a GEAR UP school. Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident of the United States and qualify for free or reduced lunch. Students must take challenging college prep classes.
Description: A follow up program helping to orient youth toward college. Students begin in the 7th grade and continue in GEAR UP until 12th grade. Students who complete the program are eligible for a scholarship. GEAR also works with the community in various capacities to ensure that low-income youth are able to successfully prepare for college.

Minds Matter
PO Box 48162, Denver, CO 80204
720-273-6192
Website: http://www.mindsmatter.org    Contact: Bijal Chokski
Email: info@mindsmatterdenver.org
Hours: Vary    Fees: NO
Eligibility Requirements: Must be a freshman or sophomore with 3.0 GPA, eligible for free/reduced lunch program. Must attend North, West or DSST.
Description of Program: Academic mentoring program with a focus on college preparation.
Pre-Collegiate Development Program (CU Boulder)
108 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309
303-492-2885 FAX 303-492-3035
Website: http://www.colorado.edu/odece/pcdp/index.html Contact: Ed Espinoza
Email: pcdpa@colorado.edu
Hours: Varies Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students must be first generation in their family to go to college, maintain a 2.75 GPA and be enrolled in middle or high school.
Description: The program’s objective is to assure that student participants successfully complete their high school education in a timely manner and possess the academic and social skills necessary to matriculate their chosen post secondary institution. The primary focus of the program is to prepare youth (grades 9-12) for professional careers of specific interest to them. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

Pre-Collegiate Development Program (CU Denver)
Campus Box 147, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217
(303) 556-2322 FAX: 303-556-2054
Website: www.ucdenver.edu/academics/degrees/precollegiate.aspx
Contact: Greg Lee
Hours: 8:00-5:00 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students must be first generation in their family to go to college, maintain a 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in middle or high school.
Description: The program’s objective is to assure that student participants successfully complete their high school education in a timely manner and possess the academic and social skills necessary to matriculate their chosen post secondary institution. The primary focus of the program is to prepare youth (grades 9-12) for professional careers of specific interest to them. Have accommodated youth with physical disabilities in the past.

Upward Bound
Metro State College of Denver
Campus Box 66, PO Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217
303-556-2812 FAX: 303-556-6245
Website: www.msudenver.edu/hsub/ Contact: Paulette McIntosh
Hours: 9:00-5:30 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students must attend East, Lincoln, Manual, North, and West High Schools. They must enroll in their freshman or sophomore year. Participants are low income and/or first generation college-bound students.
Description: This program assists students to gain the skills and motivation necessary to complete high school and go on to college. Services include tutoring, academic and career planning and college visits. An eight-week summer program is also offered. No specific programming for youth with disabilities.
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Upward Bound for Veterans
Metro State College of Denver
1030 Saint Francis Way, Rm 13, Denver, Colorado 80234
303-556-3305 FAX: 303-556-6245
Website: www.mscd.edu/~vub Contact: Leroy Chavez
Hours: 8:00-4:30 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Veterans who have served 180 consecutive days of active duty are eligible.
Description: This program prepares veterans to enter college. They provide free GED preparation and testing and pre-collegiate basic skill classes. Once a veteran is enrolled in college, support and tutoring are provided. Have experience working with people with disabilities.

Post-Secondary Education- Disability Support Services (Denver Area)

* For links to Disability Service Offices websites for Colorado colleges, please go to the College in Colorado website at:
http://www.collegeincolorado.org/Help/Direct_to_College_Connections/Services_for_Students_with_Disabilities.aspx

Access Center for Disability Accommodations and Adaptive Technology at Metropolitan State College of Denver
Auraria Library, Ste 116, Campus Box 56, PO Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217
303-556-8387 FAX 303-556-6852
Website: www.mscd.edu/~access Contact: Staff
Hours: 7:30-5:00 Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must have documentation substantiating a diagnosed disability.
Description: The ACCESS CENTER assists students with documented disabilities in reaching their academic potential by providing qualified students with disabilities reasonable academic accommodations as mandated under ADA and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The ACCESS CENTER offers some of the latest adaptive technology. Approved students will receive training and access to a variety of hardware and software products in the computer lab area. Software on site includes, but is not limited to, JAWS, Dragon Naturally Speaking and ZoomText. Access to media in alternative formats is also available including: E-Text, Enlarged Print and Braille.

Center for Persons with Disabilities- Community College of Denver
Auraria Campus, South Classroom Building, Room 134, P.O. Box 173363; Campus Box 400, Denver, Colorado 80217-3363
303-556-3300 FAX 303-556-3898
Website: www.ccd.edu/EPAC/disabilities.html Contact: Glenda Nash-Buscarello
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students must have a documented disability.
Description: Provides screening, support and accommodations for students with disabilities.
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College Living Experience
1391 Speer Blvd., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80204
303-825-2533/ 800-486-5058  FAX 303-825-2538
Website: www.cleinc.net  Contact: Cheryl Okizaki
Hours: Vary  Fees: YES ($30,000 per contract year)
Eligibility: Youth must have a documented disability. Some students that qualify for vocational rehabilitation may have some of the cost of CLE paid for through DVR.
Description: Youth can receive support for enrollment in post secondary education, independent living skills training (including social skills, financial management, etc.) and tutoring. Services are tailored to each youth’s specific needs. Youth live in apartments located in central Denver (apartment rental fee not included in contract).

Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind- Transition Program
33 North Institute Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719-578-2100  FAX 719-578-2101
Website: http://www.csdb.org/transition/index.html
Contact: Lou Tutt
Hours: Vary  Fees: YES
Eligibility: Open to any student who is deaf/hard of hearing or visually impaired/blind, has completed high school but not earned a diploma and have an active IEP.
Description: The Transition Program provides outreach services, community-based services, and residential services. Involvement in the Transition Program may include classes on the CSDB campus or at the local community college, employment, and/or on-the-job training in the Transition students' home districts. In addition, some students attend 4-year colleges throughout the country.

Emily Griffith Opportunity School- Special Needs Counseling
1250 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80205
720-423-4742 for appointment  FAX 720-423-4840
Website: www.egos-school.com  Contact: Eileen Ashford
Hours: Regular  Fees: Yes, for classes but not for advising.
Eligibility: Must have a documented disability to request accommodations.
Description: The Special Needs Counselor provides assistance to prospective students to determine necessary accommodations, schedule classes and provide general advising. Call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Office of Disability Resources- University of Colorado at Denver
Campus Box 118, PO Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364
303-556-3450, TDD 303-556-4766
Website: http://www.cudenver.edu/Admissions/Registrar/Student+Resources/default.htm
Contact: Lisa McGill
Hours: 8-5 PM  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Students must have a documented disability.
Description: Provides assistance to students needing academic accommodations.
ROOTS
Community College of Denver, SW Campus
3001 S. Federal Blvd. Denver, CO 80236
720-858-2900 FAX 303-556-2431
Website: http://www.ccd.edu/es/ESknowF&S.html#r
Contact: Louise Griego
Hours: Vary Fees: YES, covered through
Eligibility: Must be a person with a disability referred through DVR.
Description: Provides business and financial services training and unpaid/paid internships to people with disabilities.
Section 4: Learning Disabilities

Alternative Schools That Can Accommodate Students With L.D.

Denver Academy
4400 E. Iliff Ave., Denver, CO 80222
303-777-5870 FAX 303-777-5893
Website: www.denveracademy.org Contact: Staff
Hours: 7:45-4:45 Fees: YES, private school some financial aid available
Eligibility: School serves 1st thru 12th grade and specializes in serving students with learning disabilities.
Description: School provides education and support for students with learning differences.

Denver Human Services- Learning Lab/Basic Skills Program
1200 Federal Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204
720-944-2498 FAX 720-944-1719
Website: N/A Contact: Staff for Basic Skills or Glenda Sinks for GED
Hours: 8:30-4:00 Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth must be 17 or older, TANF, Food Stamp or Denver Employment First (DEF) recipient. If student scores below 6.0 on TABE test, he/she qualifies for Basic Skills Program. If student scores 6.0 or higher, they are referred to GED prep classes.
Description: Offers basic skills assessment and referral for learning disability evaluation if needed.

Life Skills Academy
1000 Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80204
720-889-2898 FAX 720-889-2897
Website: www.lifeskillsceneters.com Contact: Joanna Perez (ext 202)
Hours: Classes 7:30-12:30, 1-6 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be 16-21 years old. Need to provide school transcripts at time of enrollment. Youth must be counted as a drop out for 60 days, although exceptions have been made.
Description: School is able to accommodate special education students (up to 25% of total student body).

PS-1 Charter School
1062 Delaware St., Denver, CO 80204-4033
303-575-6690, ext 300 FAX 303-575-6661
Website: http://ps1charterschool.org Contact: Laura Laffoon
Hours: 8:30-4:00 Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth will need immunization records and birth certificate to enroll. Call for school orientation schedule.
Description: Many of the teachers on staff have a special education background and are able to work with youth who have a learning disability.
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**Red Rocks Community College- Learning Center**  
Lakewood Campus, 13300 West Sixth Ave. - Lakewood, CO 80228-1255  
303-914-6600  
**Website:** [www.rrcc.edu](http://www.rrcc.edu)  
**Contact:** Avelina Kimmey  
**Hours:** M-F, 9-3 PM  
**Fees:** YES, may qualify for financial assistance  
**Eligibility:** Open to the public.  
**Description:** Provide services and accommodations for youth with documented learning disabilities for GED pre-testing and preparation.

**Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL)**  
1700 South Holly Street, Denver, Colorado, 80222  
303-759-2076  
**Website:** [www.rmsel.org](http://www.rmsel.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** Regular  
**Fees:** YES, $150 non-refundable deposit + other fees  
**Eligibility:** Students must live within the boundaries of Denver, Cherry Creek, Littleton or Douglas County public schools. Once application is submitted, students are selected by random lottery.  
**Description:** The Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) is a public school of choice. RMSEL is able to accept students who are enrolled in special education. A copy of the IEP is required at time of enrollment.

**Low Cost LD Testing**

**Child Find**  
1330 Fox Street, Denver, CO 80204  
**Phone:** 720-423-2025  
**FAX** 720-423-8018  
**Website:** [http://Denver.co.schoolwebpages.com](http://Denver.co.schoolwebpages.com)  
**Contact:** Erin Turner  
**Hours:** M-F, 8-4:30  
**Fees:** None  
**Eligibility:** Children age 3-21 who live in the city and county of Denver are eligible for services.  
**Description:** Provide assessment of the learning pattern of children with special needs.

**Children’s Hospital**  
13123 E. 16th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80045  
720-777-6630  
**Website:** [www.childrenscoloradol.org](http://www.childrenscoloradol.org)  
**Contact:** Liz Grandman, 720-777-0987  
**Hours:** M-F, 8-4:30 PM  
**Fees:** YES  
**Eligibility:** Serving children 0-5 and older youth with “complicated” cases.  
**Description:** Clinic provides psychological testing, review of child’s history through parents and school, learning evaluation and forms a diagnosis. Will take Medicaid and other public and private insurance.
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Child and Family Clinic
2190 E Iliff Ave., Denver, CO 80208
303-871-3306 FAX 303-871-4747
Website: None Contact: Staff Receptionist
Hours: M-Th, 9:30-6:00 PM, F 8:30-5:00 PM Fees: Sliding scale according to income

Eligibility: Open to the public; adults and children are eligible.
Description: Provide services to assess the learning pattern of children with special needs.

Denver University Counseling and Education Services Clinic
2450 S. Vine St., Denver, Rm 226, D-80208
303-871-2528 or 303-871-3230 FAX 303-871-4456
Website: http://www.du.edu/education/partnerships/counsel-educ-clinic.html Contact: Staff

Hours: Depends on university schedule Fees: Sliding scale

Eligibility: Open to public.
Description: Provides low cost LD testing on a sliding scale. Waiting list varies depending on time of year. Closed in summer.

Denver University Professional Psychology Center
2450 S. Vine Street, Denver, CO 80208
303-871-3626 FAX (303) 871-3625
Website: www.du.edu/gspp/ppc Contact: Christine Devore
Hours: Varies according to university schedule Fees: YES, sliding scale

Eligibility: If under 15, parent must be present. Otherwise, client can contact directly to set up an assessment.
Description: Provide low cost psycho-educational assessments. 3-4 month wait list. Assessments are conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m.-12:00. Also, provide informal tutoring services when tutors are available.

Literacy Programs

Learning Source for Adults and Families
455 S. Pierce Street, Lakewood, CO 80226
303-922-4683 FAX 303-742-9929
Website: http://coloradoliteracy.org/ecomm/index.cfm Contact: Nita Bratt
Hours: M-F, 8:00-3:30 PM Fees: YES, vary

Eligibility: Youth must be 16 years and older
Description: Adult education including ESL and GED. Able to work with students who have a 4th grade reading level or higher. Centers in Lakewood, Denver, and Aurora.
Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

**Literacy Program- McLain Community High School**
13600 W. 2nd Place, Lakewood, CO 80228
303-982-7488     FAX 303-982-7494
**Website:** [http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/high/mclain/web/cb_program_info.htm#](http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/high/mclain/web/cb_program_info.htm#)
**Contact:** Ann Mezo

**Hours:** M-F, 9:00-1:00 PM; 6:00-9:00 PM
**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** Youth 21 years of age and older with low reading skills.

**Description:** Offers one-to-one tutoring for adults who need to improve their reading, writing, and math comprehension skills. Applicants are accepted throughout the year. There is no tuition unless the student is otherwise enrolled in McLain Community High School.

**National Institute for Literacy Hotline**
P.O. Box 81826, Lincoln NE, 81826
(800) 228-8813     FAX 402-464-6974
**Website:** [www.nifl.gov](http://www.nifl.gov)
**Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** M-F, 9:00-6:00 PM EST
**Fees:** NO

**Eligibility:** None

**Description:** Offers information and referral regarding literacy programs.

**Open Book (now partnering with Focus Points)**
3235 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80205
303-573-5169
**Website:** N/A
**Contact:** Brooke Waggenseller

**Hours:** Call for schedule
**Fees:** YES

**Eligibility:** Must be 17 years old and have a reading level below 8th grade, not enrolled in public school, or post-secondary education. Appointment needed for assessment/intake.
Section 5: Advocacy and Support

Advocacy, Support and Information

ADAPT
201 S. Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-733-9324
Website: www.adapt.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open
Description: ADAPT works to help people with disabilities live in the community with real supports instead of being placed in nursing homes and other institutions.

ARC Disability Advocate
1905 Sherman Street Suite 300 Denver, CO 80203
303-831-7733
Website: www.advocacyfdenver.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: 8-4:30 PM  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with developmental disabilities.
Description: Advocates for persons with developmental disabilities and their families through information and referral, individual and system change advocacy legislation, program development, and community education.

Autism Society of Colorado
550 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80226-3116
720-214-0794  FAX 720-274-2744
Website: www.autismcolorado.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: 9:00-4:30 PM  Fees: $15 membership
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Information referral and advocacy organization for people with autism and their families and caregivers.

Brain Injury Association of Colorado
4200 West Conejos Place #524, Denver, CO 80204
303-355-9969
Website: www.biacolorado.org  Contact: Staff
Hours: Office 8:30-4:00  Fees: YES, membership fees
Eligibility: Open to people with brain injuries, their families and health professionals.
Description: Provides information, referral, support groups, self-advocacy training, and legislative support for people with brain injuries and their families. Also, coordinate the Colorado Brain Injury Trust.
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CHARG Resource Center
709 E. 12th Ave. Denver, CO 80203 (Main Office)
303-830-8805                                    FAX 303-830-8918
Website:  www.charg.org                           Contact:  Jennifer Miller 3/830-2130
Hours:  Vary                                     Fees:  NO
Eligibility: Program is designed to serve people with mental illness over 18 years of age.
Description: CHARG offers a drop-in center with a variety of social and health services and advocacy support and information.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
Website:  http://www.chadd.net/template.cfm?affid=192&p=about  (Local Chapter)
Description: Offers resources and information about ADD/ADHD.
4400 E Iliff Ave.                                 Phone:303-753-1783

Colorado Cross Disability Coalition
655 Broadway, Suite 775, Denver, Colorado 80203
303-839-1775 (voice), (303) 839-0015 (TTY)        FAX 303-839-1782
Website:  www.ccdconline.org                     Contact:  Staff
Hours:  Vary                                     Fees:  NO
Eligibility: Serves all people with disabilities.
Description: Provides advocacy services and legal resources for people with disabilities. Organization is run and directed solely by people with disabilities.

Colorado Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
1575 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203
303-866-4824, TTY 303-866-4734
Website:  www.ccdhh.com                          Contact:  Staff
Hours:  9 - 5 PM                                  Fees:  NO
Eligibility: Must be deaf or hard of hearing.
Description: Provides information via the web site on variety of resources for people with hearing impairments. Helps to advocate for the needs of people with hearing impairments.

ColoradoDeaf.Com
www.colorado deaf.com
Description: Provides public and private resources for deaf people living in Colorado including listings for interpreters, “deaf friendly” businesses, etc.
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Commission for People with Disabilities
201 W. Colfax Ave., Dept. 1102, Denver, Co. 80202
720-913-8480 Voice or 720-913-8475 TTY
Website: www.denvergov.org/dephome.asp?depid=468
Contact: See list on website for contact info regarding specific issues.
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: Provides advocacy for people with disabilities within the City of Denver, deaf interpreters for city based programs, and coordinates compliance with ADA law for the city.

Rocky Mountain Human Services
9900 East Iliff Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80231
303-636-5600 FAX 303-636-5603
Website: www.rmhumanservices.org Contact: Lori Schult
Hours: 8-5 PM, M-F Fees: NO
Eligibility: Impairment of general intellectual functioning (full scale IQ 70 or less) and significant delay in adaptive behavior (motor, communication, social/emotional, daily living).
Description: Community Centered Board, serving the City and County of Denver, providing supports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental delays and disabilities. Services include Early Intervention, School Age Service Coordination, Family Support Services, Children's Extensive Support Waiver, Children with Autism Waiver, Adult Living Services, Clinical Services and Traumatic Brain Injury Services.

Family Voices Colorado
801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230
303-691-0846 or 303-904-6073 (Spanish speakers)
Website: http://www.familyvoicesco.org/ Contact: Kerry Greenhill
Hours: 8-5 PM, M-F Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with disabilities and their families.
Description: Family Voices assists families, service providers and other advocates in navigating health care and other services necessary for people with chronic health and/or disability related issues and needs. Family Voices can assist consumers in accessing public and private health and related systems. Although the focus is on children, adults are also encouraged to call.

Learning Disabilities Association of Colorado (LDAC)
2050 East Evans Ave., Denver, Colorado 80208
(303) 894-0992 FAX 303-830-1645
Website: www.ldacolorado.com Contact: Staff
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: The LDAC participates in lobbying legislators and school board members on behalf of learning disabled individuals. LDAC also collects current research on the subject of learning disabilities. LDAC attends staffings and presents workshops and conferences throughout Colorado to provide parents and teachers with the most up-to-date information on learning disability issues. LDAC also offers IEP advocacy.

DWD/Youth Transitions Grant
Spring 2013
Mental Health America of Colorado
1385 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80222
720-208-2220 FAX 720-208-2250
Website: http://www.mhacolorado.org/ Contact: Staff
Hours: 8-5 PM, M-F Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to people with mental illness and their supporters.
Description: Provides education and advocacy services for people with mental illness. MHAC offers a leadership program for people with mental illness that develop organizational, advocacy and leadership skills (www.wecanolorado.org) as well as pro bono services for community agencies that lack resources for mental health services.

Rocky Mountain D.S.A.
3515 S Tamarac Dr. Suite 320, Denver, Co 80237
Phone: 303-797-1699 FAX 303-756-6144
Website: www.mhdsa.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to people with Down Syndrome and their families, professionals and the community.
Description: Provides Down Syndrome education, resources and support in partnership with individuals, families, professionals, and the community.

National Alliance of the Mentally Ill Colorado
1100 Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80206
303-321-3104 FAX 303-321-0912
Website: www.namicolorado.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to people with mental illness and their families.
Description: Provides support, advocacy and resources to people with mental illness and their families.

Office of Civil Rights
U.S.Department of Health and Human Services
999 18th Stree, t Suite 417 , Denver, CO 80202
800-368-1019/ 303-844-20255, TDD: 800-537-7697FAX 303-844-4303
Website: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.html?src=rt
Contact: Velveta Howell
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: Provides information and support to uphold Federal laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.
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Rocky Mountain Dyslexia Association
508 S. Pontiac Way, Denver,, CO 80224
(303) 721-9425      FAX: N/A
Website: www.dyslexia-rmbida.org     Contact: Lynn Kuhn, President
Hours: Varies     Fees: YES for membership
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: Information and referral as well as educational conferences are available to people with dyslexia/reading disorders and to the general public.

Parent Resources

Colorado Families for Hands And Voices
PO Box 3093, Boulder, CO 80307
303-492-6283
Website: www.handsandvoices.org     Contact: Sarah Kennedy; Katherine Baldwin (Denver Contact) 720-221-8323
Hours: Vary     Fees: YES, dues for membership but scholarships available
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Provides support and resources to parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center
14231 East 4th Ave, #100, Aurora, CO 80011
303-365-CPRC (2772)     FAX 303-365-2778
Website: http://www.denvermetrocprc.org     Contact: Yvette Plummer
Hours: 9am - 3pm M - F     Fees: NO
Eligibility: Parent or caregiver of a child with a disability from birth – 26 years of age as well as professionals who work with families and children with disabilities.
Description: The Denver-Metro Community Parent Resource Center informs and empowers low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse families as advocates for their children with disabilities, age birth-26, to achieve meaningful participation in their schools and communities in the Denver Metro area. We present trainings to parents and professionals as well as provide parent advising via email, telephone or face-to-face. Spanish translation is available. All services are free of charge.

El Grupo Vida
P.O. Box 11046 Denver, CO 80216
303-904-6073     FAX 303-295-7850
Website: http://www.elgrupovida.org/about.asp     Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary     Fees: Free
Eligibility: Open to the public; geared toward Latino families.
Description: El Grupo Vida is a network of parents and families who have children with disabilities. They offer support, information and community events. Website in English and Spanish.
N.O.V.A. (Nurturing Our Village Association)
P.O. Box 390726, Denver, Colorado 80239
303-371-CARE (2273)
Website: www.novalsm.org Contact: Bridgette Larkin
Eligibility: Program is open to the public but is designed to serve African American families.
Description: NOVA is a leadership development, support and program to aid Black families and those with children who have “special needs”* in navigating through the education and healthcare systems.

Parent To Parent
801 Yosemite Street, Denver, CO 80230
1-877-472-7201 (English and Español)
Website: www.p2p-co.org
Eligibility: Open to parents who have sons or daughters with special health care needs and/or disabilities.
Description: Connects and empowers parents through support groups, 1 to 1 matching, information and resources.

Peak Parent Center
611 N. Weber Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(800) 284-0251(Hotline) FAX (719) 531-9452
Website: www.peakparent.org Contact: Staff
Hours: M-F, 8-5 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to parents of children with disabilities, professionals working with youth with disabilities and other supportive people.
Description: Provide technical assistance, resources and training to parents and advocates who have or are working with children with disabilities. Also offer parent to parent support on a one on one basis. Spanish speaking counselor is available. Also, provide newsletter.
### Community Resources for Youth With Disabilities

#### Section 6: Youth Development

**Adam’s Camp**  
6767 S. Spruce Street, Centennial, CO 80112  
303-563-8290  
**Website:** [www.adamscamp.org](http://www.adamscamp.org)  
**Hours:** 9:00-5:00, M-F  
**FAX** 303-563-8291  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Fees:** YES; scholarships available; accept Insurance and funding from CCB  
**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 1 to 26 with disabilities.  
**Description:** Offers 5 day overnight camping experience for youth with disabilities ages 9-21. Also, offer intensive 5 day therapy program which provides OT, PT, Speech and Art Therapy along with parent information groups.

**Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver**  
2017 West 9th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204  
303-892-9200  
**Website:** [www.bgcmd.org](http://www.bgcmd.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** After school and evenings  
**FAX** 303-892-9210  
**Fees:** $2 for membership  
**Eligibility:** Open to youth ages 6-18.  
**Description:** Clubs are located across Denver (see website for details). Clubs offer recreational activities for youth. No special programming for youth with disabilities. Most clubs are wheelchair accessible.

**Boy Scouts**  
10455 W. 6th Ave. Suite 100, Denver, CO 80204  
303-455-5522  
**Website:** [www.denverboyscout.org](http://www.denverboyscout.org)  
**Contact:** Chris Laycock  
**Hours:** Vary  
**FAX** 303-455-4689  
**Fees:** Yes, for some events  
**Eligibility:** Open to all youth (male and female); program supports inclusion of youth with disabilities in all programming. Special Needs Scouting also available.  
**Description:** Provides outdoor recreational events and activities.

**City Wild**  
1620 E, 36th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205  
303-227-6862  
**Website:** [www.citywild.org](http://www.citywild.org)  
**Contact:** Christi Stafford  
**Hours:** See below  
**FAX** 303-295-0482  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Open to middle and high school aged youth.  
**Description:** Middle school program provides experiential and environmental education program using outdoor activities such as rock climbing, skiing, hiking, etc. High school program offers leadership training, professional development, college prep and financial management.
Colorado Center for the Blind- Summer Youth Program
2233 W. Sheppard Ave., Littleton, CO 80120
303-778-1130 FAX 303-778-1598
Website: www.cocenter.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Summer only Fees: Yes
Eligibility: Youth with impaired vision and 14-18 years of age. Must provide social security card.
Description: Provide independent living, mobility training and assistive technology training. Students live in dorms during the summer camp. Recreational activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing, etc. are included in the program.

Colorado UpLift
3914 King Street, Denver, CO 80211
303-830-6615 FAX 303-830-6763
Website: http://www.coloradouplift.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary (in and after school) Fees: NO
Eligibility: Elementary, middle and high school youth can participate. UpLift is available at Columbine, Greenlee, Hill, Horace Mann, Kepner, Lake, Remington, and Skinner Middle Schools as well as Denver School for Science and Technology, East, George Washington, Lincoln, North, and West High Schools.
Description: Provides long-term support to youth from elementary to high school. Youth who complete their program get a scholarship to college. Offer cultural and recreational activities. No specific services for youth with disabilities; however, the program has served youth with developmental disabilities, hearing impairments and learning disabilities in the past.

Denver Parks and Recreation- Adaptive Recreation
201 W. Colfax Ave. Dept 601, Denver, CO 80202
720-865-0820
Website: http://www.denvergov.org/Recreation/RecreationPrograms/SpecialNeeds/tabid/425657/Default.aspx Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary per activity Fees: YES; scholarships available
Eligibility: Open to people with disabilities.
Description: Parks and Recreation offer a variety of adapted recreational activities to people with disabilities including Special Olympics. TRAC is also available to help people with disabilities integrate into standard recreation center programs.
Environmental Learning For Kids (ELK)
14460 E. 50th Ave., Denver, CO 80239
303-291-7554 FAX 303-371-3009
Website: www.elkkids.org Contact: Kim Glatz
Hours: Vary Fees: $50 per youth, $75 per family per year
Eligibility: Open to youth ages 8-18 years old.
Description: Environmental education program for urban youth who would not normally seek a career in natural resources (females, youth of color). Activities are geared toward the outdoors. Do classroom-based programs and fishing activities for youth with disabilities and has an inclusion policy.

Girls Inc.
1499 Julian Street, Denver, CO 80204
303-893-4363 FAX 303-893-4352
Website: www.girlsincdenver.org Contact: Angell Perez-Williams (ext 106)
Hours: Vary Fees: Yes, scholarships available
Eligibility: Open to girls ages 6-18 years old.
Description: Provides workshops and classes that are geared toward teenage girls health, empowerment and well-being. Programs are offered in summer and during the school year. No specific programming for youth with disabilities; work to include youth with disabilities in the program. Building is wheelchair accessible.

National Sports Center for the Disabled
1801 Mile Hi Stadium Circle 1500, Denver, CO 80204
303-293-5711 FAX 303-293-5448
Website: www.nscd.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary per activity Fees: YES, for some activities
Eligibility: Serves youth and adults with a broad range of disabilities.
Description: Provides a variety of outdoor and sports activities including skiing, soccer, rock climbing, etc. for children, youth and adults with disabilities.

N.O.V.A. (Nurturing Our Village Association)
P.O. Box 390726, Denver, Colorado 80239
303-371-CARE (2273)
Website: www.novalsm.org Contact: Bridgette Larkin
Eligibility: Program is open to the public but is designed to serve African American families.
Description: NOVA is a leadership development, support and program to aid Black families and those with children who have “special needs”* in navigating through the education and healthcare systems. Sponsored by Parent to Parent.
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The Spot/Urban Peak Denver
730 21st Street, Denver, CO 80205
303-974-2928 FAX 303-295-6116
Website: http://www.thespot.org/thespot.html Contact: Staff
Hours: S-Th, 4:30-9:30 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to youth ages 14-24.
Description: A night time urban youth recreation center that offers break dancing, computer graphics, a dark room, music production, graffiti murals and GED classes. Frequently serve youth with mental illness.

VSA Arts of Colorado/Access Gallery
909 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204
303-777-0797
Website: www.vsaco.org Contact: Staff
Gallery Hours: W-F, 10-5 PM, Sat 10-2 PM Fees: In some cases
Eligibility: Designed for individuals with disabilities and their families.
Description: VSA provides art classes for people with disabilities (all ages) and education programs for teachers. They also have a gallery space that displays the work of local artists that have a disability.

Youth Works
700 Kalamath Street, Denver, CO 80204
303-308-8121 FAX 303-308-8120
Website: www.microbusiness.org Contact: Mischelle Brown
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Youth must be under 25 years old and interested in entrepreneurship.
Description: Youth Works provides entrepreneurship training through 1:1 mentorship to help youth start a business or improve an existing business. Micro loans may be available to youth who complete the training program. Able to accommodate youth with disabilities.
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Section 7: Legal Resources

Colorado Citizens ID Project
(A partnership between CO Legal Services, MetroCareRing, CO Coalition for the Homeless and Denver Urban Ministries)

Website: [http://www.coloradoidproject.org](http://www.coloradoidproject.org)  Contact: See website.
Eligibility: Program serves low-income, disabled, homeless and elderly citizens seeking documentation of their identity and citizenship in order to obtain health care, public benefits, housing, transportation, employment and secure other essential human rights.
Description: Program provides legal representation, advocacy, technical assistance and management of supplemental fund for individuals to pay for document fees.

Colorado Legal Services
1905 Sherman St., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80203
303-837-1313  303-866-9360
Website: [www.coloradolegalservices.org](http://www.coloradolegalservices.org)  Contact: Staff
Hours: (Walk in) 8:30-11:00, M-F  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must meet income requirements. Must complete an intake interview prior to receiving services.
Description: Provide referral for low-income individuals to legal information and resources. Website has links to low cost legal help, legal clinics, self help information, etc.

The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People
455 Sherman Street, Suite 130, Denver, CO 80203
303-722-0300, 303-722-3619 TTY  FAX 303-722-0720
Website: [http://www.thelegalcenter.org/index.htm](http://www.thelegalcenter.org/index.htm)  Contact: Staff
Hours: 8:30-5 M-F  Fees: Yes, on occasion
Eligibility: Must be seeking legal services that are offered by the Legal Center and have a documented disability. No income requirements.
Description: Provide very specific legal services for people with disabilities such as dispute resolution for cases concerning Vocational Rehabilitation (called the Client Assistance Program), assistance with ensuring children get appropriate education, representation for housing complaints, and advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities regarding assistive technology needs in partnership with Colorado Assistive Technology Project. Also, provide assistance with PABSS (Protection and Advocacy of Beneficiaries of Social Security).

Metro Volunteer Lawyers (formerly Legal Aid)
1905 Sherman Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80203
303-837-1313
Website: [www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org](http://www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org)  Contact: 303-837-1313 (intake)
Hours: Vary  Fees: Based on income level
Eligibility: Must be a resident of Denver, Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin or Jefferson counties. Must call Colorado Legal Services at 303-837-1313 for intake interview.
Description: Provides low cost or free law services for guardianship, landlord/tenant disputes, people with HIV/AIDS, etc. (See full listing on website)
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University of Denver Law Clinics
2255 East Evans Avenue, Room 335, Denver, Colorado 80208
303-871-6135      FAX
Website: http://www.law.du.edu/clinics  Contact: Staff
Hours: 8:30-5:00 PM, M-F  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Based on income (125% of poverty level)
Description: Provide legal representation for criminal defense (misdemeanors only),
civil disputes (landlord/tenant, wage and hour claims and evictions), disability civil
rights, mediation and arbitration.
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Section 8: Mentoring

Big Brother Big Sisters
1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 450, Denver, CO 80211
303-433-3666 FAX 303-433-5447
Website: http://www.biglittleco.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Ages 7-12 for the Community Mentoring program and REACH (mentoring for youth with incarcerated parent). Must live within Denver metro area.
Description: Provide variety of mentoring programs including a school-based and sports based program. No specific services for people with disabilities.

Colorado Youth for a Change
2543 California Street, Denver, CO 80205
303-888-3470
Website: www.cyc.info.org Contact: Brian Brinkerhoff
Hours: 8-5, M-F Fees: NO
Eligibility: Desire to return to school.
Description: Outreach workers receive referrals directly from a list of dropouts generated by Denver Public Schools as well as community organizations, school personnel, parents and youth themselves. Outreach specialists build a positive, encouraging relationship with out-of-school youth, assess their motivation to return to school, work to eliminate barriers to restart their education, and help youth to find an school that appropriately fits their needs.

Colorado Youth At Risk
1700 E. 28th Ave. Denver, CO 80205
303-623-9140 FAX 303-623-9139
Website: http://www.coloradoyouthatrisk.org Contact: Natasha Reynolds
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Program serves highly at risk youth who are in 9th grade who are at risk of dropping out of school at Manual and George Washington. Students can self refer or be referred by parent or school staff. Recruit students in the fall.
Description: Provides mentoring as well as a follow up program that provides services geared toward graduation, tutoring and college prep. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

Denver Kids
1330 Fox St., 2nd Floor South, Denver, CO 80204
720-423-8266 FAX 720-423-8264
Website: http://www.denverkidsinc.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: A teacher, counselor, nurse or other school personnel through DPS, refer youth to the program. Youth cannot be enrolled in another mentoring program such as Denver Partners, I Have A Dream, etc.
Description: Provide academic and emotional support to students in DPS. Provide counseling and mentorship as well as recreational activities. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

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**Denver Partners**
701 South Logan Street, Suite 109, Denver, CO 80209  
303-777-7000  FAX 303-777-0150  
**Website:** [www.metrodenverpartners.org](http://www.metrodenverpartners.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** 8-5  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Serves Adams, Douglas and Denver counties and ages 10-18. Youth must be considered at risk to qualify. Referral needs to come through an agency or school.  
**Description:** Provides mentoring and tutoring services. No specific services for youth with disabilities.

**Save Our Youth**
3443 West 23rd Avenue, Denver, CO 80211  
303-455-1126  FAX 303-480-1397  
**Website:** [www.saveouryouth.org](http://www.saveouryouth.org)  
**Contact:** Trudy Swain  
**Hours:** Vary  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** SOY serves 10-19 year old youth, primarily minority youth residing in poor urban Denver neighborhoods. Must be self referred.  
**Description:** Mentoring program with a spiritual focus. Mentors meet with youth once a week for one to two hours and provide mentorship over 3 ½ year period. The program has served youth with learning disabilities.
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Section 9: Mental Health Services

Asian Pacific Center
1825 York Street, Denver, CO 80206
303-393-0304 FAX 303-388-1172
Website: www.apdc.org Contact: Staff
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Denver resident, high school youth only, usually nominated by high school counselor. Must go through an interview to enroll. Target group: Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders.
Description: Provides mental health services, youth programs and a multicultural interpreters bank. Youth programs are RELAY, which provides mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, recreation and cultural activities and “Youth Strengthening Youth” program which is a peer counseling and leadership program.

Colorado AIDS Project
2490 W. 26th Ave., Building A, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80211
303-837-0166 FAX 303-861-8281
AIDS Info: 1-800-333-2437
Website: www.coloradoaidsproject.org Contact: Staff
Hours: 9-5 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be infected by or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
Description: Provide a wide variety of services including case management, counseling and support, housing, prevention and testing.

Conflict Center
4140 Tejon Street, Denver, Colorado 80211
303-433-4983 FAX 303-433-6166
Website: www.conflictcenter.org Contact: Staff
Hours: 8:30-5:30 Fees: YES
Eligibility: Open to the public.
Description: Teaches non-violent methods for dealing with conflict.

ECCOS Family Center
655 Broadway, Ste. 450, Denver, CO 80203
303-480-1920 FAX 303-433-9627
Website: N/A Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary Fees: YES
Eligibility: Services are geared toward Latino children, youth, adults and families.
Description: ECCOS provides a variety of programs including counseling, support groups, mentoring, parenting classes, etc.
El Futuro
881 Federal, Denver, Colorado 80204
720-904-7125 FAX 303-433-9627
Website: N/A Contact: Reynaldo Mireles
Hours: Vary Fees: NO
Eligibility: Geared toward gay, bisexual and transgender Latino men and their families/support people.
Description: El Futuro provides educational, social, and counseling interventions to the Latino community at risk or living with HIV/AIDS through support groups, individual counseling and community center activities.

FACES
1325 S. Colorado Blvd. Suite B509., Denver, CO 80222
720-570-9333 FAX 720-570-9339
Website: www.facesonline.org Contact: Staff
Hours: 8:30-5:00 Fees: YES
Eligibility: Social service agencies or programs refer most clients served by FACES. Others may sign up for waiting list for services.
Description: FACES provides counseling to children ages 0-12, teen parenting in-home counseling and support in both English and Spanish.

GRASP (Gang Rescue and Support Project)
701 S. Logan Street, #109, Denver, CO 80209
MEETING LOCATION: 303 W. Colfax Ave., 9th Floor
303-777-3117 FAX 303-777-0150
Website: http://www.graspyouth.org Contact: Francisco Gallardo
Hours: Group meets every Thursday at 5:30 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Male/female youth, ages 14-19, gang-involved (ranked in or associated with gang members, and/or family history of gang involvement), substance abuse issues, history of juvenile justice involvement, family dysfunction or family involvement in any of the above.
Description: Gang Rescue and Support Project is a peer-run, intervention program that works with youth who are at-risk of gang involvement or are presently active in gangs, helps families of gang victims, and serves as a youth advocate. They help with tattoo removal and provide educational programs.

Judi’s House
1741 Gaylord Street, Denver, CO 80206
720-941-0331 FAX 720-941-0728
Website: www.judishouse.org Contact: Staff
Hours: By appointment Fees: Free, donations accepted
Eligibility: Services are for children pre-school to high school age and families that have lost a sibling, parent, friend or grandparent.
Description: Provide support groups for children coping with grief after a significant loss.
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**MDS (Maria Droste) Counseling Services (Options Program)**
1355 South Colorado Boulevard Suite C-100, Denver, CO 80222
303-756-9052, ext 127 FAX 303-756-0308
**Website:** [www.mds Counseling.org](http://www.mds Counseling.org) **Contact:** Intake
**Hours:** By appointment **Fees:** Sliding scale
**Eligibility:** This program serves children, adults and families seeking counseling. MDS accepts most insurance including Medicare and Medicaid and has options for those that do not have adequate insurance coverage or the financial resources to pay for counseling through the private sector.
**Description:** Provide short term, problem focused and long term counseling services.

**Mental Health Corporation of Denver**
4141 Dickerson Place, Denver, CO 80222 (Main Office, call for locations)
303-504-6500 (main), 303-504-1250 (intake)
**Website:** [www.mhcd.org](http://www.mhcd.org) **Contact:** Staff
**Hours:** 8-5 PM **Fees:** Sliding scale or Medicaid/Medicare
**Eligibility:** Call intake (number above) for initial screening.
**Description:** Provides mental health assessment and treatment, crisis intervention and care coordination, medical evaluation and management.

**One Way Youth Services**
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1017, Denver, CO 80204 (Meeting site)
303-339-0326 FAX 720-855-8273
**Website:** [www.onewaydenver.com](http://www.onewaydenver.com) **Contact:** Cisco Gallardo or Joseph “JoJo” Padilla
**Hours:** Every Tues, 6:00-7:30 PM **Fees:** NO
**Eligibility:** Youth must be referred by agency or professional.
**Description:** Two tiered process that motivates gang involved youth to change their lives. Support group meets weekly.

**People House**
3035 W. 25th Ave., Denver, CO 80211
303-480-5130 FAX 303-480-3646
**Website:** [www.peoplehouse.org](http://www.peoplehouse.org) **Contact:** Lori Ohlson, 303-525-3038
**Hours:** Office 12-5 PM, M-F **Fees:** Sliding Scale
**Eligibility:** Services are for people with low income who do not have financial resources for counseling.
**Description:** Provide low cost counseling to children, adults, families and couples. Also, have a veteran reintegration program.
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**Project PAVE**
2051 York Street, Denver, CO 80206
303-322-2382   FAX 303-322-0032  
**Website:** [www.projectpave.org](http://www.projectpave.org)  
**Contact:** Amy Stambuck, Director  
**Hours:** 9-5, M-F or by appointment  
**Fees:** Sliding Scale  
**Eligibility:** Youth and families who are or have been impacted by domestic violence, abuse and or neglect  
**Description:** Provides individual and family counseling for youth and families impacted by domestic violence, abuse and or neglect. Group counseling and advocacy services are also available. PAVE also has does violence prevention in three schools in DPS, Adams 50, and Aurora.

**Rainbow Alley**
13, Denver, CO01 E. Colfax Ave. Denver, Co 80218  
303-831-0442  
**Website:** [www.glbtcolorado.org/rainbow_alley](http://www.glbtcolorado.org/rainbow_alley)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** T & Th 3-8 pm, W 3-7 pm, F 3-10 pm, and Sat 4-10 pm  
**Eligibility:** Services are for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning young people, 12-21 years old.  
**Description:** A drop in youth center that provides health services, support group, counseling and referral, and youth lead events and activities.

**Servicios de La Raza**
4055 Tejon St., Denver, CO 80211  
303-458-5851, Annex 303-477-3817  
FAX 303-455-1332  
**Website:** [http://www.serviciosdelaraza.org](http://www.serviciosdelaraza.org)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** M-F, 8:00 to 5:00  
**Fees:** Varies, see below  
**Eligibility:** Open to the public. Services are geared toward adults and families.  
**Description:** Provides domestic violence victim services (free), mental health services (paid for through Medicaid or self-pay, sliding scale) and emergency services such as food and clothing banks for residents within the 80211 zip code. SDLR offers the WIA case management based program for youth 16-21 years old.

**VORP of Denver**
430 W. 9th Ave., Denver, CO 80204  
303-534-6167  
FAX 303-796-9593  
**Website:** [www.denvervorp.org](http://www.denvervorp.org)  
**Contact:** Rose Herrera  
**Hours:** 9 AM-4 PM, M-Th  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Open to the public.  
**Description:** VORP provides restorative justice, victim-offender mediation as well as one on one services.
Section 10: Assistive Technology/Books on Tape

Assistive Tech Partners/Assistive Technology Program of Colorado
601 E. 18th Avenue, Suite 130, Denver, CO 80203
303-315-1280, 303-837-8964 TTY FAX 303-827-1208
Website: http://www.uchsc.edu/atp Contact: Staff
Hours: 8-5, M-F Fees: YES (see below)
Eligibility: Open to the public. Medical insurance is accepted; some scholarships may
be available for evaluations and attendance at the annual conference. Colorado AT
Match offers a technology exchange program (see website for details).
Description: Provide clinical evaluations for people with disabilities, training for
professionals and assistance with funding for assistive technology.

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
2211 W. Evans, Denver, CO 80223
303-866-2500
Website: www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/ods_dvr1.html Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Must be determined at time of application. Services are for people with
disabilities. Testing may be provided to determine whether client is disabled. Disability
must be determined before services can be rendered.
Description: Provide funding for equipment needs for people with documented
disabilities to enhance employability on case-by-case basis.

Colorado Talking Book Library
180 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, CO 80226
303-727-9277 FAX 303-727-9281
Website: www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Services provided to the visually impaired, people with reading disabilities or
physical disabilities that prevent them from handling printed material.
Description: Services offered by the Colorado Talking Book Library include providing
postage-free recorded, braille, and large print library materials to eligible readers in
Colorado.

Denver Public Schools Assistive Technology Team
(Through Assistive Tech Partners- see above)
4250 Shoshone, Denver, CO 80211
720-424-4076 FAX 720-423-8249
Website: www.dpsk12.org Contact: Linda Cordts
Eligibility: Youth must be referred by a teacher or family member and an established
IEP. Referral form is on the DPS website under Student Services Manual.
Description: Provides assistive technology assessments to determine what devices or
strategies will allow the youth to best access the curriculum.
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**Digital Federal Credit Union- Access Loans**
PO Box 9130, Marlborough, MA 07152-9130
1-800-328-8797

**Website:** [https://www.dcu.org/loans_visa/index.html](https://www.dcu.org/loans_visa/index.html)  **Contact:** Staff

**Eligibility:** Open to people with disabilities or people purchasing equipment on their behalf.

**Description:** Provide loans to purchase adaptive technology. Loan amounts can range from $1,500 to $25,000.

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**Recordings For The Blind and Dyslexic**
1355 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite C-406, Denver, CO 80222
303-757-0787

**Website:** [http://www.rfbd.org/Denver_Unit.htm#intro](http://www.rfbd.org/Denver_Unit.htm#intro)  **Contact:** Staff

**Hours:** M-Th: 8:00 AM-8:00 PM, F: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

**Fees:** Personal Membership: $35/year + $65 registration fee

**Eligibility:** Must have a documented disability.

**Description:** Sliding scale fee for books on tape. They offer a wide selection of titles.
Section 11: Equipment/Service Needs/Home Adaptations

Digital Federal Credit Union - Access Loans
PO Box 9130, Marlborough, MA 07152-9130
1-800-328-8797
Website: https://www.dcu.org/loans_visa/index.html Contact: Staff
Eligibility: Open to people with disabilities or people purchasing equipment on their behalf.
Description: Provide loans to purchase adaptive equipment, including durable medical equipment, power wheelchairs, and building accessibility. Loan amounts can range from $1,500 to $25,000.

Friends of Man
PO Box 937, Littleton, CO 80160-0937
303-798-2342
Website: www.friendsofman.org Contact: Staff
Hours: 9:00-5:00 PM Fees: NO
Eligibility: Person must be referred by an agency and complete an application to get help. Special guidelines for each item requested are listed on the website.
Description: Provides financial assistance with wheelchairs, prostheses, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medications, and medical bills.

Hear Now
9745 E. Hampden Ave. #300, Denver, Co 80231
303-695-4920
Website: http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org/hearnow/ Contact: Staff
Hours: Regular Fees: NO
Eligibility: Services are for the hearing impaired and are offered to those with limited resources. Applicant must be a permanent resident of the United States. Application is available on line.
Description: Provides reconditioned hearing aids to people with limited resources.

Home Builders Foundation
9033 E. Easter Place, Suite 200, Centennial, CO 80112
FAX 303-733-9440
Website: http://www.hbadenver.com/foundation/ Contact: Staff
Hours: Vary Fees: Based on income
Eligibility: Services are provided to victims of crime, illness or circumstance (per website).
Description: Provides free construction and labor to install wheelchair ramps.
International Hearing Dog
5901 E. 89th Ave., Henderson, CO 80640
303-287-3277 V/TTY  FAX 303-287-3425  
**Website:** www.ihdi.org  
**Contact:** Valerie Foss-Brugger  
**Hours:** 7:30-3:30, M-F  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Priority given to adults 18 and older who have 65 decibel hearing loss, live alone or with other hearing impaired individuals, do not have another dog in the home and are physically able and willing to care for a dog.  
**Description:** Provides hearing dogs free of charge to deaf individuals.

Kids Mobility Network, Inc.
2687 W. Bitterroot Place, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
303-242-8281  FAX 866-449-8962  
**Website:** www.kidsmobility.org  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Eligibility:** Open to all children.  
**Description:** Provide used durable medical equipment (DME) to children with disabilities including walkers, wheelchairs and power chairs. Also, accept donations of used equipment and can provide loaner equipment while DME is on order.

MS Society- Colorado Chapter
900 S. Broadway, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80209
303-698-7400  FAX 303-698-7421  
**Website:** http://coc.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=COC_homepage  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** 8:00-5:00 PM  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Open to anyone with MS.  
**Description:** Provides referrals and resources for durable medical equipment.

Rebuilding Together
12567 W. Cedar Dr. Suite 200,., Denver, CO 80228
720-524-0840  FAX 303-217-2080  
**Website:** www.rebuildingdenver.org  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** 8-4:30 PM  
**Fees:** NO  
**Eligibility:** Must own and occupy your own home with no intention to sell for one year, meet income requirements, and have a disability or be living with someone who is disabled.  
**Description:** Rebuilding Together Metro Denver unites volunteers to repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income elderly and people with disabilities in the Denver metropolitan area. They build wheelchair ramps, install grab bars and railings.
Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
3815 Steele St. Denver, Co 80205
720-944-3666

Website: www.cdhs.state.co.us/DeafCommission/tedp.htm

Contact: Staff

Eligibility: Must be a Colorado resident, have a certified hearing loss, have access to phone service and meet income requirements.

Description: Provides free communication devices such as TTY machines, amplified phones, speaker phones, ring signaling devices, and specialized telephone equipment for citizens who are Deaf-Blind.
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Section 12: Transportation

Transportation Assistance

**American Red Cross**
444 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203
303-722-7474, option 4  
**FAX 303-722-7588**  
**Website:** [www.denver-redcross.org](http://www.denver-redcross.org)  
**Contact:** Transportation Dept.  
**Hours:** 9:00-3:00 PM  
**Fees:** YES, car ride $12.50 ($25 round trip)  
**Eligibility:** Open to the public.  
**Description:** Provides transportation services starting at 9:00 AM and ending with the last ride of the day beginning at 3:00 PM. Allow 3-5 business days to schedule a ride & 24 hours to cancel.

**RTD Access-A-Ride**
1600 Blake Street, Denver, Colorado 80202
303.299.2960 or TTY 303.299.2980  
**Website:** [http://www.rtd-denver.com/SpecialRides/access-a-ride/](http://www.rtd-denver.com/SpecialRides/access-a-ride/)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** 8-5, M-F  
**Fees:** YES  
**Eligibility:** Must have a documented disability that prevents use of unable to access or use a wheelchair lift equipped bus, does not have a wheelchair life equipped bus in their area or whose disability does not allow them to get to or from a bus stop. Requires a functional assessment and a doctor’s statement. Services are available to people ages 6 and up.  
**Description:** Provides door-to-door transportation service for people with disabilities.

Driving

**Performance Mobility**
333 E. 76th Avenue, Denver, CO 80029
303-288-0140  
**FAX 303-288-0366**  
**Website:** [www.performancemobility.com](http://www.performancemobility.com)  
**Contact:** Staff  
**Hours:** 8-5 PM  
**Fees:** YES  
**Eligibility:** Open to the public.  
**Description:** Provides accessible vans, mini-vans and vehicle equipment.

**Colorado Adaptive Driving Program**
Spaulding Rehabilitation- OT Department  
900 Potomac Street, Aurora, CO 80111
303-367-1166  
**FAX 303-363-5634**  
**Website:** [www.spaulingrehab.com](http://www.spaulingrehab.com)  
**Contact:** Anna Carter  
**Hours:** 8-4:30 PM, M-F  
**Fees:** YES, $400 (DVR may cover)  
**Eligibility:** Open to the public; prescription is required from physician.  
**Description:** Provide driver safety assessments and adaptive vehicle evaluation and training.
Division of Motor Vehicles- Oral Driver’s License Testing
1865 W. Mississippi Avenue, Denver, CO 80223
303-937-9507
**Website:** [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov)  **Contact:** Staff
**Hours:** 8-11 AM, M-F at any licensing office  **Fees:** YES, $20 for license
**Eligibility:** Available to the public.
**Description:** Provides a taped driver’s license test.

Master Drive of Denver
15659 E. Hinsdale Dr., Englewood, CO 80112
303 627-4447  FAX 303-627-6474
**Website:** [http://www.masterdrive.com/frame_rehab.html](http://www.masterdrive.com/frame_rehab.html)  **Contact:** Denise Kaplan
**Hours:** Vary  **Fees:** YES
**Eligibility:** Program is designed to serve people who are stroke survivors and people with traumatic brain injuries, MS, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, and ADD/LD. Also, offer driver’s education classes for youth with disabilities.
**Description:** Provides evaluation and interventions to help people with disabilities develop or regain the skills needed to drive.
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**Section 13: Independent Living Centers**

**Association of Colorado Centers For Independent Living**
201 S. Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-733-9324  TDD 303-733-0047
Website: http://www.accil.net  Contact:
Hours: Regular  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with all types of disabilities.
Description: Provides a variety of services including advocacy, assistance with benefits, attendant services, education including life skills and basic skills/GED, financial literacy, some assistance with assistive technology, etc.

**Mile High Independent Living Center**
110 16th St. #603, Denver, CO 80202
303-800-4700, 303-320-2330 TTY  FAX 303-320-1355
Website: mhilc.org  Contact: Brent Belisle
Hours: 8:30-5:00, M-F  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves people with all types of disabilities.
Description: Provides independent living skills training, advocacy, information and referrals, food bank, financial management classes, peer counseling services and jail diversion programs.
Shelters for Youth

**Comitis**
2178 Victor St., Aurora 80045
303-343-9890  303-341-9160  
Website: www.comitis.org  
Contact: Staff  
Hours: 24 hours; call for appointment  
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Shelter for youth 12-17 years old.
Description: Comitis offers shelter for youth awaiting placement and runaways. Also offers a “crisis time out program” which is a 2-week program to provide respite for parents and children. In addition, Comitis offers bus tokens, counseling (by phone or in person- financial donation suggested), clothing, food baskets, and some furniture.

**Family Tree Gemini House**
1629 Simms Street, Lakewood, CO 80215
303-235-0630
Website: www.thefamilytree.org  
Contact: Dennis Desparrois  
Hours: Vary  
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Serves youth ages 11 to 17.
Description: Gemini is an adolescent center providing, in a structured environment, emergency shelter, counseling, education, 24-hour referral line, aftercare and street outreach to homeless and runaway youth. Youth in unsafe situations can stay at Gemini for up to 90 days. The shelter is wheelchair accessible for females; arrangements can be made for males as needed.

**Urban Peak**
1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-974-2908  
FAX 303-777-9438
Website: www.urbanpeak.org  
Contact: Intake staff  
Hours: Vary, call for appointment  
Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to homeless youth ages 15-20.
Description: Provide shelter and services to homeless youth including family reunification, counseling, health care, GED and employment services. Urban Peak is wheelchair accessible and equipped to work with youth with mental illness.
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Transitional Housing

Mayor’s Transitional Housing Program for Youth
303-974-2908  FAX 303-777-9438
Website: www.urbanpeak.org  Contact: Suzanne Kittleson
Eligibility: Open to youth who are 16 to 22 years old and engaged in work or school or both full-time. Must be homeless or borderline homeless (“couch surfing”); rent is based on 30% of income or subsidized so rent is $200/month. Youth who are in the foster care system are eligible for a stipend that covers rent. The apartment building is not wheelchair accessible.
Description: Provide transitional housing for up to 18 months. Case management and life skill training is included in the program.

Urban Peak STAR Program
1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-974-2908
Website: www.urbanpeak.org  Contact: Suzanne Kittelson
Hours: Call for appointment  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Must be a homeless youth dealing with substance abuse issues or have a dual diagnosis.
Description: Youth are provided an apartment but are required to participate in treatment to remain eligible for housing. Rent is based on 30% of income ($50 minimum); deposit $150.

Urban Peak Transitional Housing for Disabled Youth (Rowan Gardens)
1630 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
303-974-2908
Website: www.urbanpeak.org  Contact: Suzanne Kittelson
Hours: Call for appointment  Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to qualified homeless youth with a documented disability. Need to enter the program by age 21.
Description: Provide 16 unit transitional housing complex for youth with disabilities ages 18-24. Rent is based on 30% of income, $50 minimum per month. $150 deposit and $25 application fee are required.
Section 15: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

Information on Applying for SSDI
Website: http://www.ssa.gov/dibplan/dapply.htm
Description: Has links to apply for SSDI on line and to help locate a local Social Security office.

Social Security Disability Benefit Eligibility
Website: http://www.ssa.gov/best
Description: The Social Security Administration provides a simple web-based tool to see if an applicant might be eligible for benefits from any of the programs they administer. This tool will provide eligibility information based on the answers given by an applicant; however, BEST is not an application for benefits.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Information
Website: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/d&s1.htm
Description: Provides basic information about SSDI for children and adults.

SSI Benefits Planners
Speer Workforce Center: 1391 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80204
Contact: Melanie Honsbruch
Phone: 303-636-1464 FAX: 720-865-5685
Stapleton Workforce Center: 3401 Quebec Street, Suite 7700, Denver, CO 80207
Contact: Christina Ragel
Phone: 303-636-1256 FAX: 720-865-0091
Hours: 8-4:30 or as scheduled Fees: NO
Eligibility: Open to the public
Description: Provides information on how work affects SSI and SSDI benefits and the work incentives that are available, plus they provide information on the Eligibility Criteria and Application Process for SSI and SSDI benefits.