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Special Needs
Resource Directory



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The JCC of Central New Jersey is committed to the inclusion of people of all abilities, backgrounds, denominations, gender identity and religious affiliations into all of our programs. We are committed to making our Wilf Jewish Community Campus a barrier-free environment and our programs equally inclusive. We believe inclusion is an attitude, not an activity. Inclusion is belonging.

In honor of February's Jewish Disability Acceptance, Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), we have compiled a list of professional agencies and businesses across the state that support people with disabilities and their families. Feel free to print or electronically share this directory with others to ensure as many people as possible benefit from these resources.

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10 Independence Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059

Adaptive Swim

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Adult Support Services

Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled

JSDD provides 24-hour supervised living in group homes, supervised apartments and supportive living settings in Essex, Morris, and Union Counties. Jewish traditions and observances are an integral part of the agency's services. JSDD currently has the capacity to support fifty people in fifteen sites with individualized staffing considerations and community inclusion as a priority.

Linda Press, Executive Director

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310 Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston, NJ 07039

WAE Center

JSDD's WAE (Wellness, Arts & Enrichment) Center is a holistic, alternative learning program providing classes 5 days/week to men and women interested in exploring the arts, wellness and general skill development opportunities. The sale of individual's artwork and products created through the arts results in income to the participating members.

Aubrie George, Director, WAE Center

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After School Programs

Club Connect at the JCC of Central NJ

Club Connect is a place where high school students with disabilities can connect and have fun in a safe and supportive environment! This program offers a healthy snack, social skills review, adaptive fitness, recreational activities, opportunities to participate in community service and more!

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Counseling Services

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Day and Sleepaway Camps

Camp Yachad at the JCC of Central NJ

The Camp Yachad Shadow Program provides a 1:1 shadow for campers with special needs, age 24 months through middle school, so they can fully participate in the camp experience within a same-age camp group. Camp Yachad also offers paid, supported employment opportunities to high school students and young adults with disabilities through our Skills Training Program.

Mallory Zipkin, Camp Director

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One Happy Camper NJ

Our experts provide guidance to Jewish camp options for children and teens with special needs, ranging from fully inclusive to self-contained programs within broader camps as well as camps designed specifically for campers with special needs. Check out our Guide to Finding the Right Jewish Camp for your Child with Disabilities for helpful information and program list or contact us for free, personalized guidance.

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901 Route 10, Whippany, NJ 07981

Round Lake Camp @ NJY Camps

Round Lake at NJY Camps is an inclusive sleep away program for children ages 7-17 with diverse needs. All traditional camp programs are provided such as STEM, the arts, swimming, sports and adventure courses. In addition, OT, speech and academic supports are available for those who qualify.

Aryn Barer, Director

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Dentists and Orthodontists

Carter Smile

Dr. Carter is uniquely qualified and enjoys treating special needs patients – especially autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and those with craniofacial differences – and lectures nationally and internationally on the subject. She frequently appears on Sirius Doctor Radio and in magazines.

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Oceans Orthodontists & Pediatric Dentistry

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Early Childhood Inclusion Programs

Brody Family Early Learning Center at the JCC of Central NJ

Our infant through kindergarten program is inclusive, and staff participate in extensive training on understanding age-appropriate developmental milestones. We collect data to inform our teaching practices and provide individualized accommodations for children who need additional support.

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Financial Planning

Allied Wealth Partners Special Needs Division

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Information and Support

Learning Disabilities Association of NJ (LDANJ)

Volunteer organization of families, educators, professionals and students. Provides resources and information related to learning disabilities for all ages. Organizes two conferences per year. Mailing list registrants receive the monthly bulletin board September through June, which provides events happening in NJ and nearby states and relevant information about LD regarding legislation, evaluations, educational materials, etc.

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Parent PASS (Parent Advocacy & Support Services) at the JCC of Central NJ

Individualized appointments provide guided support and resources for parents/guardians planning for the educational needs of a child with disabilities or suspected disabilities. This program provides tools to help caregivers understand the complex special education process and advocate for their child's needs. Program covers the transition from early intervention, beginning the special education evaluation process, receiving existing supports through an IEP or Section 504 Plan, planning for transition to adult life and assistance in preparing for collaborative participation with their district in meetings.

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Shri Krishna Nidhi (SKN) Foundation

The mission of SCOPE (Special needs Community Outreach Program for Empowerment) is to support South Asian families of children with special needs through activities that educate, advocate, and empower. Support: Ongoing parent-to-parent mentoring facilitates mutual support and understanding which provides a safe space and introduces parents to others with similar challenges and needs. A Parent Support Specialist connects families to needed resources through the Parent Empowerment Program designed to build self-advocacy skills and training for the first year of a new diagnosis. Education: Regular workshops and trainings address felt needs of parents of children with special needs (e.g., IEP education, toilet training). Community: Inclusive social events provide safe spaces for children and families to socialize, to have fun and make friends in a judgment-free zone. Resources: SCOPE serves as a resource for health systems and the community to provide cultural competence resources to providers, and health and wellness related information to families.

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SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

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Jewish Community Centers and Federations

Greater MetroWest ABLE, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ

Greater MetroWest ABLE supports and advocates for individuals with disabilities and their families, with the goal of sustaining a fully inclusive community in which everyone has opportunities to meaningfully participate in Jewish life. ABLE provides information and referral, convenes community partners and supports our synagogues, schools and camps.

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Jewish Abilities Alliance of the Jewish Federation of Southern NJ

The JAA of the Jewish Federation of SNJ is committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with special needs. We believe they should have the opportunity to achieve their highest potential, and lead independent, and fulfilled lives as members of our community. Our Director, Special Needs can connect with families in need of community/agency resources.

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JCC of Central NJ

Inclusive programming for all ages. Programs include Early Childhood, Club Connect (after school recreation program for high school students with disabilities), adaptive swim, adaptive personal training, Camp Yachad shadow program (campers ages 2 – middle school), Camp Yachad Skills Training Program (paid vocational training internship), Parent PASS (parent advocacy and educational support services), Community Based Instruction and more!

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Kaplen JCC on the Palisades

The Kaplen JCC on the Palisades and The Guttenberg Center for Special Services offer a variety of programs for adults with disabilities. All programs and summer camps are designed to meet the specific needs of our participants. Our goal is to create a nurturing environment and community, allowing each individual the opportunity to reach their potential. We provide social, recreational, cultural and educational experiences in natural and inclusive community settings, with appropriate supports, for children, teens and adults with disabilities.

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Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center

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Special Education Schools/Programs

Community Based Instruction at the JCC of Central NJ

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Windsor Schools of Pompton Lakes, NJ

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Equal Opportunity Support Services provides support coordination statewide to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. We believe these individuals should live their lives as similar to other members of their communities as possible.

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JESPY House

Established in 1978, JESPY House supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from ages 18 and up in the areas of developing life skills, work readiness and employment, recreation, athletics, behavioral health and advancing independence. JESPY also offers a variety of residential living opportunities.

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Jewish Family Services of Central New Jersey

Provides support groups for parents and caregivers of children and adults with disabilities. Provides mental health counseling to caregivers and family members of adults with disabilities. JFSCNJ provides support coordination services to adults over 21, eligible through the state of NJ Department of Developmental Disabilities.

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Jewish Family Services of MetroWest New Jersey

Support Coordination for individuals found eligible through the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Coordinated Care of MetroWest supports individuals, and/or caregivers who are overseeing the lifetime care of adults with developmental or acquired disabilities. Services include free phone consultation, fee for service short-term and long-term case management.

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PRISM Support Services

We are a DDD support coordination agency providing support coordination services throughout New Jersey. We have been providing support coordination since 2014 and self-approve our own plans as a result of doing high quality work. Our staff is experienced and effective in meeting our clients' needs. We are accepting new clients throughout New Jersey.

Ian Griffiths

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Supported Employment

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Vocational Rehabilitation is a federal/state program to help people who have a disability qualify for, find, or keep a job. If you are a student, you may also qualify for services to help you make the transition from school to work - pre-employment transition services and transition services - to become successful in your chosen career or explore career pathways.

dvradmin@dol.nj.gov

www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/

(609)292-5987, (609) 292-2919/TTY, (609) 498-6221 /VP

Offices located in each county



Inroads to Opportunities

Since 1959, Inroads to Opportunities, formerly the Occupational Center of Union County, has provided programs and services to over 400 individuals each year with all types of disabilities and ranging in age from 16 through retirement. Programs and services include vocational preparation, transition from school to work, job placement, day habilitation, and mental health services.

Norma Reveron

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Jewish Vocational Service

Providing people with disabilities the individualized assistance necessary to enable them to be successful in the workforce through career discovery, transition services and vocational evaluations.

Rebecca Shulman, Senior Program Director

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(973) 674-6330

83 Walnut Street, Montclair, NJ 07042

Skills Training Program at the JCC of Central NJ

Providing paid supported employment to teenagers and young adults with disabilities in a camp setting.

Beth Mitchell, M.A. CCC-SLP, Director of Inclusion and Diversity

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(908) 889-8800 x203

1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Supported Higher Education

College Steps

College Steps is a nonprofit that provides customized, college support for students with learning and social challenges such as learning disabilities, autism and executive functioning deficits.

Brya Emery

admissions@collegesteps.org • <https://www.collegesteps.org/>

(888) 732-1022

PO Box 978, Waitsfield, VT 05673



The College Experience

The College Experience is a two-year non-credit bearing life skill-based college program hosted at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. The College Experience offers students the opportunity to experience college life while being supported in a unique curriculum tailored to the goals of independent living and employment.

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300 Washington Ave Extension, Albany, NY 12203

Synagogues

Congregation Beth Israel

Works with families to make sure that each student's needs are met not just on an individual basis but on a community level as well. Giving those students who need one on one support throughout their class experience, both in person and virtual, and working with our teachers and other support staff to ensure that classes are accessible and welcoming to all students' needs.

Aviva Tilles

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18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains, NJ, 07076

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael welcomes all to our community! We provides each person with assistance according to their need, such as large print prayer books and Machzorim, and elevators for entry both into the sanctuary and onto the Bimah for worshipers utilizing wheelchairs. Our religious school has instruction for students of all learning types, including individualized, one-on-one Hebrew lessons.

Tracey Shenker, Executive Director • Rabbi Adrienne Rubin

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60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah is a warm, welcoming, and inclusive community. Our Religious School students receive close and individual attention in small classes from K through bar and bat mitzvah. Adults with special needs have attended our Shabbat and holiday programs for over 30 years.

Bonni Clark

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(732) 381-8403

111 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066

Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El follows a proud tradition of Reform Judaism with a focus on Torah and worship, education, social action, Jewish culture, Israel and leadership. We work to build meaningful connections through Jewish values, celebrating each person's unique journey. We strive to be a compassionate and spiritual community dedicated to inclusion. Inclusion programming is available in our early childhood program. Religious school education for children ages 5 and older with special needs are taught by a certified special education teacher through our Ma'ayan special needs program.

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756 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090

Temple Sholom

Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation that welcomes traditional and non-traditional families and individuals. Our congregation aspires to create a warm and caring atmosphere that fosters inclusiveness and community. We are happy to work with individuals and families to provide accommodations so that everyone can participate in meaningful Jewish learning and worship.

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Cantor Darcie Naomi Sharlein

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Limor Guttman, Director of Education

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Therapeutic Supports

Robin Edelstein Direct Instruction

Private, direct Instruction for children up to age 5. I see children in the home or school setting as well as supporting parents through the special needs process. I have a dual Master's in Early Intervention/Infancy, Parenting and Development. I offer complimentary consultation and references are available.

Robin Edelstein

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True Abilities LLC

Exceptional occupational therapy services for children & adults, in-home, at school or virtually. We put the FUN in function utilizing proven strategies/techniques and games for true results!

Yifat Kedar OTR/L

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(862) 223-8076

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Transportation Training

New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJ TIP@Rutgers)

NJTIP@Rutgers teaches people with disabilities and others how to travel safely and independently on buses, trains, light rail, county and private systems. We offer individual and group travel training and seminars on accessible mobility options in NJ.

Karen Alexander, Managing Director

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NJTIP @ Rutgers

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Travel

Ear For Your Travels

Accessible travel

Jarra Ruddy

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You can find a wide variety of Inclusion and Support programs at the JCC!



After school social and recreational program for high schoolers with disabilities



Parent PASS

Educational parent advocacy and support services

Monthly Speaker Series

Offers a variety of topics and speakers relevant to caregiving of individuals with disabilities



Adaptive Swim, Yoga and Personal Training

Modified fitness programs for individuals with disabilities or people who benefit from a modified pace of activity

Camp Yachad Shadow Program

Provides 1:1 staff support to campers with disabilities so they can excel in an inclusive camp environment



Camp Yachad Skills Training Program

Provides paid supported employment and vocational training to teenagers and young adults with disabilities



Inclusion Model in Early Childhood Program

(ages 2-kindergarten)

Provides an inclusive school environment and accommodations to support each learner's needs

Community Based Instruction

Offering Community Based Instruction experiences through partnership with your child's school district

Check out our Special Needs Resource Directory at www.jccnj.org!



Join the Inclusion and Support Services Facebook Group offering info on programs, services and resources!



Questions? Contact Beth Mitchell, Director of Inclusion and Diversity, at bmitchell@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800 x203.

For more information visit our website at www.jccnj.org.



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