

PORTER COUNTY INDIANA SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTACT LIST

School	Address	Phone Number	Contact	Area Served
Porter County Education Services (SELF)	750 Ransom Rd., Valparaiso	219-464-9607	Special Education Department	All of Porter County

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Porter County Sites	Address	Phone Number	Contact Email
Council On Aging	1005 Campbell Box 246, Valparaiso	219-531-5571	karen.wilson@geminus.org
Hebron Resource Center	611 N. Main St., Hebron	219-996-5882	karen.wilson@geminus.org
South Haven	310 W. U.S. Hwy 6, Valparaiso	219-763-2666	marcia.saprony@geminus.org
Westchester Intermediate School	1050 S. 5th St., Chesterton	219-983-3726	marcia.saprony@geminus.org

LOCAL PRIVATE THERAPY PROVIDERS

Agency / Program	Address	Phone Number	Comments
Children's Therapy Plus	6504 East 129th Ave, Crown Point	219-662-7654	
Deaconess	3207 Cascade Dr. Ste. B-C, Valparaiso	219-465-5460	
Jacob's Ladder	P.O.Box 2385, Portage	219-764-4888	
Kidworks - Developmental Intervention Center	1120 S. Calumet Rd. Ste. 1 & 3, Chesterton	219-983-WORK (9675)	
Hospital	Address	Phone Number	Contact
Methodist Hospital (CDC) Southlake	303 East 89th Avenue, Merrillville	219-738-3500	Therapy Department
Munster Community Hospital	901 MacArthur Boulevard, Munster	219-836-6752	Therapy Department
St. Margaret Rehab Center	Omni 41—221 US Route 41, Schererville	219-322-2037	Therapy Department

LOCAL RESOURCES

Resource	Address	Phone Number	Comments
Childcare Resource & Referral / Work One (CCR&R)	P.O. Box 59, Gary	1-866-582-2229	Provides information regarding child care locations for families in Lake, Porter & LaPorte Counties. For more information visit www.workonenw.com/childcare.htm
Family to Family	Not Applicable	1-800-396-7188	Connecting families in the community. For information please visit www.inf2f.org

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES

Community Programs	Address	Phone Number	Comments
Porter County Library	Portage Branch, South Haven Branch, Valparaiso Branch, Hebron Branch & Kouts Branch	219-462-0524	For more information on this library or your local town library please visit www.pcpls.lib.in.us
Portage Parks & Recreation Department / Woodland Park	2100 Willowcreek , Portage	219-762-1675	For additional information regarding programs & activities please visit www.ci.portage.in.us/parks
Department of Parks and Recreation Valparaiso	155 Indiana Ave. Ste. 103, Valparaiso	219-465-3586	For more information regarding programs and activities offered please visit www.valapraisoparks.org &/or www.valparaisogolf.com
Horizon Gymnastics	1254 Horse Prairie Ave., Valparaiso	219-477-6542	www.horizongymnasticscenter.com
Lakeshore Gymnastics	878 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton	219-926-4274	
Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Indiana	22 Tyler Ave., Hobart	219-962-5751	Offers preschool / daycare for children 1-7 years. Additional PT, ST & OT therapies provided as needed, sometimes runs a waiting list.
YMCA—Portage Township	3100 Willowcreek Rd, Portage	219-762-YMCA (9622)	For more information on the facility and programs please visit www.ymcaofportage.org
YMCA—Duneland Family YMCA	215 Roosevelt St., Chesterton	219-926-4204	For more information on the facility and programs please visit www.duneland.com/ymca.html
YMCA—Valparaiso	55 Chicago St., Valparaiso	219-462-4185	For more information on the facility and programs please visit www.valpoyymca.org
Gymboree Play and Music	1155 Marsh St, Valparaiso	219-548-8404	For more information please visit www.gymboree.com
Kindermusik	To find the location nearest you, please visit www.kindermusik.com and choose "find a location"		For more information on classes or other parent information, also visit www.kindermusik.com
Opportunity Enterprises / All About Kids	2801 Evans Ave. Valparaiso	219-464-9621	Expressive speech group for children up to 3½.
Parents As Teachers - Chesterton & Porter Co.		219-395-8412	For information please contact Jill Stricker or send an email to Jills@patpc.org

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INDIANA STATEWIDE DISABILITY INFORMATION NUMBERS

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
ADA Technical Assistance Program	The Great Lakes ADA Center answers questions regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and provides technical assistance and training to people with disabilities and business. Website: www.adagreatlakes.org	800-949-4232
The Arc of Indiana	Advocates for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities and their families. The ArcLink provides resources and advice on home and community based services with detailed information on service providers via the Web site. Website: www.arcind.org or www.TheArcLink.org	800-382-9100 Or 317-977-2375
Area Agencies on Aging (& Disability)	Provides a broad range of in-home and community-based services to eligible older adults and persons of all ages with disabilities. This toll-free number will connect you with your local office.	800-986-3503
ATTAIN (Assistive Technology through Action in Indiana)	Promotes access to technology-related services, through training, individual advocacy activities, individual case advocacy on funding issues, policy review and position statements. Website: www.attaininc.org	800-528-8246 Or 317-486-8808
Breaking New Ground (BNG)	Provides information and resources for people with disabilities working in agriculture and rural families in Indiana who have been impacted by disabilities. Website: www.ecn.purdue.edu/ABE/Extension/BNG	800-825-4264 Or 765-494-5088
Center for Disability Information & Referral	Statewide referral services on disability, including providers, support groups, educational and residential facilities. Lends books and videos (part of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community). Website: www.iidc.indiana.edu/~cedir	800-437-7924 Or 812-855-9396
Children's Special Health Care Services	Helps eligible families with children's medical expenses related to a disability or chronic health condition.	800-475-1355
Civil Rights Commission	Enforces Indiana civil rights laws, prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, education, public accommodation and credit. This includes Fair Housing and many ADA provisions. Website: www.state.in.us/crc	800-628-2909 Or 317-232-2600
Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DDARS)	Assists eligible people with disabilities and older Hoosiers through in-home services, supported employment, independent living, deaf/hard-of-hearing services, blind and visually impaired services, and social security disability eligibility and more. Website: www.state.in.us/fssa	800-545-7763 Or 317-232-7000
Division of Special Education— Department of Education	Provides information on special education services and issues for individuals from ages 3-22. Website: www.indstate.edu/soe/iseas/dse.html	877-851-4106 Or 317-232-0570
Family Helpline	Telephone hotline through the Indiana State Department of Health. Responds to all categories of calls for assistance.	800-433-0746
First Steps Early Intervention System	Refers families to community early intervention programs for children from birth through age 3, who are developmentally delayed or are at risk. Website: www.state.in.us/fssa/first_step/	800-441-7837 Or 317-232-1144
Hoosier Healthwise Hotline	Assists lower-income residents of Indiana by providing insurance coverage for health care services, including Hoosier Healthwise for children. Website: www.state.in.us/fssa/HTML/PROGRAMS/HH4C.html	800-889-9949

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Indiana Institute on Disability and Community	Provides training, advocacy and research to support inclusive education; community living/membership; integrated employment; autism support; and choice for people with disabilities and families. Website: www.iidc.indiana.edu	800-825-4733 Or 812-855-6508
Indiana Parent Information Network (IPIN)	A family directed organization that works with parents, professionals and volunteers to support children with special needs. Website: www.ipin.org	800-964-4746 Or 317-257-8683
IN*SOURCE (Resource Center for Families with Special Needs)	Provides families with information/training to help assure effective educational programs and appropriate services for children and young adults with disabilities. Links families with parents in their community who have been trained to help resolve special education issues and concerns. Website: www.insource.org	800-332-4433 Or 219-234-7101
NAMI Indiana (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)	Provides family and consumer support and public education about people with psychiatric disabilities. Website: www.namiindiana.org	800-677-6442 Or 317-925-9399
Protection and Advocacy Services (Indiana)	Assists people with disabilities to resolve disability-related problems including problems with services and access discrimination issues. Website: www.state.in.us/ipas/	800-622-4845 Or 317-722-5555
State Information Center	Provides general information and referral for all state government services, permits, licenses, etc. For an online listing of state agency telephone numbers, go to: www.isd.state.in.us/cgi-bin/phone/tms#START	800-457-8283 Or 317-233-0800
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Indiana	Provides information, referral, advocacy, diagnostic and treatment clinics, equipment funding and support services to people with cerebral palsy and their families throughout Indiana.	800-723-7620 Or 317-632-3561
Vocational Rehabilitation	Provides referral for persons with disabilities to local office for educational/training for job placement.	800-545-7763 ext.1319 Or 317-232-1319

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