

Additional Resources

Your clients may want additional information about some of the topics covered in this guide. Most public libraries and bookstores have books on home buying, personal financial planning, mortgages, and home maintenance and repair.

In addition, many pamphlets and booklets on how to buy and maintain a house are available free or at very low cost from the U.S. government. Request a Consumer Information Catalog by writing to:

Federal Consumer Information Center
P.O. Box 100
Pueblo, CO 81002

These publications also can be downloaded or read online by visiting the center's Web site: www.pueblo.gsa.gov/housing/htm.

For information and technical assistance specifically targeting people with disabilities, the following is a compilation of organizations that offer helpful publications or provide information via the Internet. Also included is a select list of publications relating to person-controlled housing.

Organizations

ABLEDATA

Telephone: 1-800-227-0216

Web site: www.abledata.com

ABLEDATA, a service of the U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, maintains a database of information on assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment, including customized products and do-it-yourself designs.

American Association of University Affiliated Programs

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 410

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Telephone: (301) 588-8252

Web site: www.aauap.org

This membership association of university affiliated programs (UAPs) provides information on national policy issues and local UAPs, which support independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in the community of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today (ADAPT)

201 S. Cherokee
Denver, CO 80223
Telephone: (303) 733-9324
Web site: www.adapt.org

ADAPT promotes federal funding of personal assistance services for people with disabilities and the elderly in an effort to enable people with disabilities to live in the community rather than in nursing homes and other institutions. It has state and local chapters throughout the country.



The Arc of the United States

National Headquarters Office
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Telephone: 1-800-433-5255
TDD: (817) 277-0553
Web site: www.thearc.org

The Arc works at the national, state, and local levels to promote services, research, and public understanding of individuals with mental retardation and related disabilities and their families.

AZtech, Inc.

2495 Main St., Suite 418
Buffalo, NY 14214
Telephone: (716) 833-7870
Web site: <http://cosmos.ot.buffalo.edu>

AZtech (which stands for A to Z assistive technology) is a community-based enterprise operated by and for people with disabilities. It maintains a web-based clearinghouse on consumer information related to assistive technology products and research.

Biomedical, Industrial and Human Factors Engineering

College of Engineering and Computer Science
Wright State University
Dayton, OH 45435
Telephone: (937) 775-5044
Web site: www.cs.wright.edu/bhe/rehabengr

This group provides information about rehabilitation engineering, including a list of rehabilitation engineers throughout the country, design considerations, and assistive technology in an effort to "open closed doors."

The Center for Universal Design

North Carolina State University

Box 8613

Raleigh, NC 27695-8613

Telephone: 1-800-647-6777

TDD: (919) 515-3082

Web site: www.design.ncsu.edu/cud

This national center promotes and evaluates accessible design in buildings. It offers an extensive list of publications including fact sheets on the Fair Housing Amendments Act (*Provisions Relating to Discrimination Based on Disability and Reasonable Modification of Existing Premises*). *The Housemate Agreement* describes a model for homeowners who find it helpful to share their homes with others.

Center on Human Policy

Syracuse University

805 South Crouse Avenue, Room 101

Syracuse, NY 13244-2280

Telephone: 1-800-894-0826

TDD/TTY: (315) 443-4355

Web site: www.mssm.edu/tbinet

This policy, research, and advocacy organization works to ensure the rights of people with severe disabilities and their integration into community life.

Available publications include the *Annotated Bibliography on Community Integration* (1990, 250 pp., \$16.75).

Communitas, Inc.

730 Main Street

Manchester, CT 06040

Telephone: (860) 645-6976

This group makes available publications on person-centered work and circles of support, including *The Whole Community Catalogue*, a source book for full participation and inclusion of people who have disabilities (\$15 plus \$2 S&H).

Connections for Information and Resources on Community Living (CIRCL)

135 E. Live Oak, Suite 704

Arcadia, CA 91006

Telephone: (626) 447-5447

Web site: www.allenshea.com/CIRCL/CIRCL.html

CIRCL's mission is to create opportunities for building and sharing individual, organizational, and community strengths in supported living.

Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association

75-20 Astoria Boulevard
Jackson Heights, NY 11370-1177
Telephone: (718) 803-3782
Web site: www.epva.org

This organization is dedicated to enhancing the lives of veterans with spinal cord injury or disease. Its areas of interest include advocacy, barrier-free architecture, assistive technology, research and education, sports and recreation, and wheelchair repair.

Evan Kemp Associates

9151 Hampton Overlook
Capital Heights, MD 20743
Web site: www.eka.com

This organization links people with disabilities and chronic illnesses to resources, products, and services that promote active, healthy, and independent living. It publishes *One Step Ahead*, a newspaper targeting people with disabilities.

Fannie Mae

3900 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
Telephone: 1-800-732-6643
Web sites: www.fanniemae.com and www.homepath.com

Fannie Mae's HomeChoice mortgages for low- and moderate-income households that include a person with disabilities are part of its commitment to provide \$1 trillion in targeted home-lending funds for ten million families by the end of the decade. Fannie Mae's Web sites provide in-depth information on many topics related to purchasing a home, including lists of lenders that offer HomeChoice mortgages.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Library and Information Services
HUD Building
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410
Web site: www.hud.gov

HUD's homeownership opportunities and home improvement programs are available to individual households through state and local agencies or organizations. HUD also investigates housing-related discrimination complaints.

Select from the following telephone numbers to obtain information about HUD programs:

- To reach HUD's Customer Service Center, call 1-800-733-4663.
- To reach HUD's Housing Discrimination Hotline, call 1-800-669-9777.
- To reach HUD's Office on Disability Policy, call (202) 401-7991.
- For information on HUD programs, regional offices, and publications, call (202) 708-1420.
- For Fair Housing information and materials, call 1-800-767-7468.

Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU)

Baylor College of Medicine
2323 South Shepherd, Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77019
Telephone: (713) 520-0232
TDD: (713) 520-5136
Web site: www.bcm.tmc.edu/ilru

ILRU is a national center for information, training, research, and technical assistance in independent living. It is affiliated with The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR), a nationally recognized medical rehabilitation facility for persons with disabilities. It maintains a directory of independent living centers nationwide.

Independent Living — USA

Web site: www.ilusa.com

This site provides information on issues affecting individuals with disabilities, including links for health and medicine, advocacy, employment and economic opportunity, and periodicals and magazines.

Institute on Community Integration

University of Minnesota
102 Pattee Hall
150 Pillsbury Drive, SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Telephone: (612) 624-6300
Web site: www.ici.coled.umn.edu/ici

This organization is dedicated to improving the community services and social supports available to individuals with disabilities and their families.

National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils

1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 103
Washington, DC 20005
Telephone: (202) 347-1234
Web site: www.naddc.org

This association is dedicated to helping people with disabilities improve their quality of life and their inclusion in the community. It maintains a list of state developmental disabilities councils.

National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

113 Oronoco Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: (703) 683-4202
Web site: www.nasddd.org

NASDDS tracks federal legislation, regulations, and litigation affecting programs for persons with developmental disabilities.

National Council on Disability

1331 F Street, NW, Suite 1050

Washington, DC 20004-1107

Telephone: (202) 272-2004

TDD/TTY: (202) 272-2074

Web site: www.ncd.gov

This independent federal agency makes recommendations to the President and Congress on issues affecting Americans with disabilities. It promotes policies and programs that empower these individuals to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.



National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 209

Arlington, VA 22201

Telephone: (703) 525-3406

TDD: (703) 525-4153

Web site: www.ncil.org

This national association of centers for independent living and people with disabilities promotes a national advocacy agenda to advance the full integration and participation of persons with disabilities in society.

National Guardianship Association

1604 North Country Club Road

Tucson, AZ 85716

Telephone: (520) 881-6561

Web site: www.guardianship.org

This membership organization provides educational, training, and networking opportunities for guardians.

National Home of Your Own Alliance

Institute on Disability/UAP

University of New Hampshire

7 Leavitt Lane, Suite 101

Durham, NH 03824-3522

Telephone: 1-800-220-8770

TDD: (603) 862-4320

Web site: www.alliance.unh.edu and <http://iod.unh.edu>

This national information and technical assistance center offers information about homeownership and control for people with disabilities, as well as accessible and universal design and home modifications, through its InfoLine and Web site.

National Institute on Life Planning for Persons with Disabilities

919 W. College Avenue

Jacksonville, IL 62650

Telephone: (212) 479-7167

Web site: www.mac.edu/~rfee/nilp/html

This organization promotes transition, life, and person-centered planning for people with disabilities and their families. It also provides information on government benefits, advocacy, guardianship, aging, housing, and supported employment.

President's Committee on Mental Retardation (PCMR)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

Aerospace Center, Room 701

370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW

Washington, DC 20447

Telephone: (202) 619-0634

Web site: www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/pcmr

PCMR acts in an advisory capacity to the President and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on programs and services for people with mental retardation. Request its extensive publications list.

Social Security Administration (SSA)

6401 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, MD 21235

Telephone: 1-800-772-1213

TTY: 1-800-325-0778

Web site: www.ssa.gov

SSA administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) programs. Its PASS and IWRE programs may help disabled individuals who want to own and control their own home. Use the toll-free telephone number to order SSA's publications or to find the location of the nearest SSA office.

TASH

29 West Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 210

Baltimore, MD 21204

Telephone: (410) 828-8274

TDD: (410) 828-1306

Web site: www.tash.org

This advocacy organization — comprised of people with disabilities and their families, friends, and service providers — seeks to ensure an autonomous and dignified lifestyle for people with severe disabilities by “stretching the boundaries of what’s possible.” TASH has regional and local chapters throughout the country.

United Cerebral Palsy Associations

1660 L Street, NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036-5602

Telephone: 1-800-872-5827

TTY: (202) 973-7197

Web site: www.ucpa.org

UCPA and its more than 170 local affiliates work to advance the independence, productivity, and citizenship of people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. It provides information on legislative and advocacy issues and services throughout the country.

World Institute on Disability

510 16th Street, Suite 100

Oakland, CA 94612-1502

Telephone: (510) 763-4100

TDD: (510) 208-9493

Web site: www.wid.org

This nonprofit public policy center pursues research on disability issues and is dedicated to helping people with disabilities overcome obstacles to independent living. Contact the institute for information and a publications list.

Publications and related materials

Following is a list of publications and related materials that may prove useful to home buyers with disabilities:

Home of My Own (1994). A 25-minute video highlighting three project participants filmed in their homes talking about what homeownership has meant to them. Family members and service providers discuss how relationships have changed in the process. The project director, legal counsel, and the state housing finance director provide perspective on the project's historical, legal, and financial significance. Open-captioned and suitable for a general audience. \$20.

Extending the American Dream: Homeownership for People with Disabilities by J. Klein and M. Black (1995, 46 pp.). A report summarizing the financial and demographic data for 16 participants in the New Hampshire Home of Your Own project, including the types of properties purchased, sources and uses of funding, mortgage terms, and profiles of homeowners. Complements the video. \$20.

A Report on Legal and Financial Planning Issues in the Home of Your Own Project by John D. MacIntosh (1995, 13 pp.). As states move from a residential support model to options where individuals with disabilities lease or own their own homes, significant legal and financial planning issues emerge. These include state and federal employment laws, IRS regulations, Medicaid eligibility, and trust and guardianship issues. \$2.

The preceding resources are available from:
National Home of Your Own Alliance
Institute on Disability
University of New Hampshire
7 Leavitt Lane, Suite 101
Durham, NH 03824-3522
Telephone: (603) 862-4320

All My Life's a Circle, Using the Tools: Circles, MAPS and PATH by M. Falvey, M. Forest, J. Pearpoint, and R. Rosenberg (1994, 54 pp.). A short collaborative booklet for use at conferences and workshops. \$15.

From Behind the Piano: Building Judith Snow's Unique Circle of Friends by Jack Pearpoint (1990, 136 pp.). For parents and advocates who doubt whether to champion their child's cause, the story of Judith Snow and her Joshua committee demonstrates that love and determination can convert insurmountable barriers into conquerable challenges and convert vulnerability into strength. \$15.

Members of Each Other: Building Community in Company with People with Developmental Disabilities by John O'Brien and Connie Lyle-O'Brien (1996, 140 pp.). An inspiring collection of essays and reflections exploring how community can be regenerated when everyone is included in the process. \$15.

PATH Workbook: A Workbook for Planning Possible Positive Futures by J. Pearpoint, J. O'Brien, and M. Forest (60 pp.). This workbook is a creative planning tool for use by individuals, families, or organizations and is a companion to the PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) training video, which also is available from Inclusion Press. \$15.

The preceding are available from:
Inclusion Press
24 Thome Crescent
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M6H 2S5
Telephone: (416) 658-5363

It's Never too Early, It's Never too Late: A Booklet on Personal Futures Planning by Beth Mount and Kay Zwernik (1989, 45 pp.). Explains personal futures planning and offers direction on structuring a planning process and building circles of support. First copy free, additional copies \$5.59 each.

Available from:
Minnesota Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities
300 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155
Telephone: (612) 296-4018



Creating Individual Supports for People with Developmental Disabilities: A Mandate for Change at Many Levels by V.J. Bradley, J.W. Ashbaugh, and B.C. Blaney (1994, 560 pp.). Describes strategies to implement effective individualized supports, including ways to develop collaborations and partnerships.

Critical Issues in the Lives of People with Severe Disabilities by Luanna Meyer, Charles A. Peck, and Lou Brown (1991, 704 pp.). An anthology of documents and research monographs on issues that affect the lives of people with disabilities written by noted authorities and advocates who offer provocative and creative challenges. \$90.

Life in the Community: Case Studies of Organizations Supporting People with Disabilities edited by Steven J. Taylor, Robert Bogdan, and Julie Ann Racino (1991, 34 pp.). Includes case studies organized around the themes of families, housing, and the role of the community in successfully integrating people of all abilities. \$30.

Natural Supports in School, at Work, and in the Community for People with Severe Disabilities by Jan Nisbet, Ph.D. (1992, 384 pp.). Combines thoughtful research and provocative first-person accounts to illustrate how natural supports work. \$30.

The preceding are available from:
Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company
P.O. Box 10624
Baltimore, MD 21285-0624
Telephone: 1-800-638-3775

Finding a Way Toward Everyday Lives: The Contribution of Person Centered Planning by John O'Brien and Herbert Lovett (1992, 19 pp.). Describes the foundation for person-centered planning and its potential for creating a better future for people, as well as controversies and fears associated with this approach. A bibliography is included.

Available from:
Pennsylvania Office of Mental Retardation
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675
Telephone: (717) 787-3700

New Life in the Neighborhood by Robert Perske (1980, 77 pp.). A demonstration of how persons with disabilities can be included in the life of a community.

This and many related books are available from:
Abingdon Press
201 Eighth Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37202
Telephone: 1-800-251-3320