

Resource List of Disability and/or Education Organizations

<u>Great Schools</u> This nonprofit organization provides school ratings and resources to help parents support their child's learning including article, tips, and interactive tools. https://www.greatschools.org/

<u>Autism Society of Minnesota (AUSM)</u> Non-profit organization, AUSM, promotes education, advocacy, and support of with people who have or work with those who have autism spectrum disorders. https://ausm.org/

<u>Family Voices of Minnesota</u> This organization focuses on children, youth, and young adults who have special health care needs. They provide tools that connect patient, families, and professionals. Family Voices offers "The Connected Program" to help families who have a child or teen with a disability or special health care needs connect a parent who has received specialized training. https://familyvoicesofminnesota.org/

<u>PACER Center</u> This MN based parent training and information center offers individual assistance, workshops on a variety of educational topics, publications that can be located on their website, and resources to families who have a child or young adult with a disability. They provide help with navigating insurance program and information on ways to effectively communicate with school staff or medical professionals. https://www.pacer.org/

<u>Follow Along Program</u> This free state-wide program help parents find support for their young child who is at risk of developmental delays. It includes and early childhood professional or nurse conducting questionnaires and providing information about developmental milestones, services that might benefit the child, and activities to do with the child.

https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/childrenyouth/fap/index.html

<u>Help Me Grow</u> The Dept. of Education and Health and Human Services division of the State of Minnesota partner with local service agencies to help parents and professional gain access to resources about early childhood development including information about milestones, videos, ways to support child development, and screening and evaluations.

https://helpmegrowmn.org/HMG/index.htm