Navigating Community Resources for Children & Youth with Disabilities
What is The Advocacy Network on Disabilities?

MISSION

“The Advocacy Network on Disabilities champions the rights of individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities by promoting inclusion, providing services, and advancing systems change.”
Our Services

**FAMILY SUPPORT:** Experienced, family-friendly staff help people with disabilities and their families identify and access services, learn parenting skills and receive counseling.

**ALL CHILDREN TOGETHER (ACT):** An initiative of The Children’s Trust, project staff work with the organizations it funds to increase their capacity to provide quality, inclusive programs.

**SYSTEMS ADVOCACY:** Seeking change that can help many people at once, staff works to change policies, rules or laws that determine how services are provided.
At the end of this workshop you will be able to….

• Identify two resources for children 0-3 years old

• Identify two resources for children 3-5 years old

• Identify two scholarships available for students with disabilities
INFANTS AND TODDLERS: Birth to 36 months
PRE-SCHOOLERS:

36 months - 5 years old
Evaluation and Services
Kindergarten - 21 years old
Important Details Parents Should Know…
School Choices
How Can Your Program Help Children with Disabilities (or Suspected)?
Useful Documents

√ “Getting to Know Me”

√ Authorization for Exchange of Information

√ Individual Educational Plan (IEP)

√ Evaluation recommendations & strategies

√ Parent-Teacher Conference documentation
What a difference knowledge makes...
# AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

## INDIVIDUALS ON WAIT LIST BY PRIORITY GROUP

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