

Disability Information/Resources/Trainings

- A Parent's Guide to Special Education in NC: <https://law.duke.edu/childedlaw/special-education-nc/>
- Autism After 18: <http://autismafter18.org/>
- Autism Charlotte: **704-910-4512**
- Autism Society of NC: **1-800-442-2762**
- Beginnings – For Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: **800-541-4327**
- Disability Rights and Resources: **704-537-0550** [all disabilities]
- Down Syndrome Association of Greater Charlotte: **704-536-2163**
- Dyslexia Advocacy Group of the Carolinas: **704-659-1461**
- Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC): **1-800-962-6817** [all disabilities]
- Office for Civil Rights: Technical assistance **202-453-6020** (provides limited information)
[Disability discrimination, file a complaint]
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html>.
- The Arc of Mecklenburg County: **704-332-4535** [focused on intellectual & developmental disabilities]
- The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD): info@nclid.org
- Trusted Parents: **980-229-7253** [all disabilities]

Support Groups:

- Charlotte Autism Foundation – Multicultural Autism Support Group: **704-618-1489**
- Exceptional Parents of Exceptional Children (Christ Church Charlotte): **704-714-6957**
- Family Support Network of North Carolina: **704-336-7173**
- HITCH-UP (Hearing Impaired Toddlers and Children Have Unlimited Potential): www.hitchup.org
- ParentVOICE (Mental Health America): **704-365-3454** [strict eligibility criteria]

Legal Assistance:

- Cuddy Law Firm: **704-800-5252** [serves low income]
- Disability Rights of NC: **919-856-2195** [free, but limited capacity]
- Gahagan Paradis Law Firm: **919-942-1430** [charges retainer for services]
- Law Offices of Keith Howard: **704-612-4151** [serves low income]
- Legal Aid of NC: **1-800-219-5262** [free, but must meet income eligibility requirements]
- Legal Services for Children of NC: **919-914-0548** [free/low cost]
- Vaughn & Associates: **704-360-8798** [charges retainer for services]
- Vogel Law Firm: **704-552-3750** [requires a retainer for services]

Charter Schools in NC:

- www.ncpublicschools.org/charterschools/

Drop-Out Prevention:

- Communities in Schools: **704-335-0601** [services particular schools]

College:

- ACLU: www.acluofnc.org
- College Foundation of NC: **866-866-(2362)**
- Johnson C. Smith University Scholars Program: **704-378-1164**
- NC Reach: **800-585-6112**
- The College Board: <https://www.collegeboards.org/>