

# Banning Community News

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## ADVOCACY RESOURCES

### *Parent/caregiver support*

#### Desert Arc

73255 Country Club Dr.  
Palm Desert, CA 92260 Phone (760) 346-1611  
website: <https://www.desertarc.org/>

A transitional and vocational Organization for Individuals with disabilities age 18 and above. Provides development programs, behavior Management, employment programs, support services and supported living services. They have training for different vocations and then help with job placement in those areas or any area the client is interested in. Employment coaches will actually come on the job site to help train if it is like an on the job training type employment. The coach comes each time the client is scheduled and then tapers off their services. Physical activities are also available and seasonal sports.

#### Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)

6848 Magnolia Ave., #150  
Riverside, CA 92506 Phone: (951) 328-1200, (866) 828-8275  
Website: ; [www.taskca.org](http://www.taskca.org) Email: [taskca@yahoo.com](mailto:taskca@yahoo.com)

Task helps children with special needs and their families receive the support they need, in special education, disability services and assistive technology. Task uses workshops to help teach parents how to navigate through all these necessities for their child. Task also offers telephone support, IEP consultations, youth programs, and assistive technology.

#### Find more resources by visiting:

**National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**  
(NICHCY, 1825 Connecticut Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20009,  
1-800-695-0285 or 202-884-8200 [nichcy@fhi360.org](mailto:nichcy@fhi360.org) website  
<http://nichcy.org>



### *Variety*

#### Children's charity of the desert

Variety has three different programs to help children with disabilities. The first is providing specially-designed bicycles, adaptive strollers, wheelchairs, and other mobility aids for children with special needs. Their second program is to increase literacy rates among elementary students by providing not just books for the classrooms, but also mentors who promote a love for learning and reading in the students. Last but not least they have a program to provide necessary, even life-saving medical equipment, and

## Inland Regional Center (IRC)

1500 Iowa Ave, Suite 100  
Riverside, CA 92507 Phone: (951) 826-2648  
Website: <https://www.inlandrc.org/consumersfamilies/>

Community-based Service Providers work with the Inland Regional Center (IRC) to help individuals with disabilities live independently and have empowered lives as established by the Lanterman Act. The Inland Regional Center provides services needed by a child with disabilities as early as birth and into Adulthood. IRC provides behavior management services, parent support behavior intervention training, medical equipment, Early Start therapeutic services, Employment programs, Certified family homes, healthcare facilities, housing support services and much more to those with disabilities who qualify under the Lanterman Act. The IRC will help these qualified individuals from birth to adult with any and all services they need to live and prosper as capable individuals.

## Ezekiel's Gift of Love Coachella Valley Down Syndrome Foundation

P.O. Box 2938, Indio, CA 92202  
Phone: (442) 324-3188 website: <https://ezekielsgiftoflove.com/contact-us>

Ezekiel's Gift of Love Coachella Valley Down Syndrome Foundation was established for individuals with Down syndrome and their families to provide support, education, and hope within the community. For services the foundation starts by delivering a gift basket to the family that just gave birth to a child newly diagnosed with down syndrome. Not only are there several goodies that a newborn would need, but also a list of local resources in addition to Ezekiel's Gift of Love foundation. Other services include support groups for parents/caregivers, social events, educational workshops, and siblings' workshops.

## Family Voices of California

1663 Mission St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103 Phone: (415) 282-7494  
Email: [pipmarks@familyvoicesofca.org](mailto:pipmarks@familyvoicesofca.org)  
Website: <http://www.familyvoicesofca.org/contact-us/>

Parent-run centers, collaborating statewide, Family Voices of California is operating to ensure quality health care for children and youth with disabilities. This organization produces a newsletter to help keep their subscribers updated with resources, workshops, legislature policy updates and action items that affect children with disabilities and special healthcare needs. Family Voices of California also offers a variety of Webinars to help families learn their rights, understanding Medi-Cal and healthcare availability and more. They provide Advocacy tools, materials, publications, and other information pertinent to Children and youth with special healthcare needs. One of their big events is an annual Health Summit, held in Sacramento this year.

healthcare services to children with special needs. Every November they host an annual KPLM Variety Cares for kids radiothon to raise funds for the December annual bike presentation.

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## Parent to Parent USA

P.O. Box 9054  
Austin, TX 78766  
Phone (484) 272-7368

A national program that matches parents of children with disabilities to another parent with a child of similar circumstances. It is a mentor program for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities. They will help the new family deal with the stress, new terminology, be a supportive ally and advise how to get support.

Website: <http://www.p2pusa.org>

## Special Olympics

1600 Forbes Way, Suite 200,  
Long Beach, CA 90810 Phone: (562) 502-1100  
Website: <https://www.specialolympics.org/programs/united-states/southern-california>

Hosting a diverse year-round sports training for children and adults with disabilities, the special Olympics provides athletic competition. Physical fitness, courage, joy, friendships, and participation in a sharing of skills, is the experience the Special Olympic athletes and their families receive when they join and engage in the Special Olympics.

## National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD)

4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20008-2304 Phone: (877) 871-0744  
Website: <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/about-us/>

State and Local workforce expansion is aided by NCWD/Youth to greater serve all youth, including youth with disabilities. Their mission is to make certain that youth in transition are provided access to quality services to gain education, employment, and independent living. For resources, they provide publications, videos, and webinars. NCWD/Youth provides help with individualized Learning Plans (ILP), Innovative strategies, Transition, youth and Family engagement, professional development, and offer a Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program (RAMP).

## National Down Syndrome society (NDSS)

Headquarters National Advocacy & Public Center  
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New York, NY 10017 Washington, DC 20005  
Email: [info@ndss.org](mailto:info@ndss.org) Website: <https://www.ndss.org/contact/>

A leading human rights organization for individuals with Down syndrome. NDSS ensures that all people with Down syndrome have acceptance and inclusion. The NDSS has hosted a three-day advocacy meeting in Washington, DC where affiliate group leaders and self-advocates attended training sessions on effective advocacy and leadership and met with Congressional Representatives. The NDSS has retained its National Policy Center in Washington, D.C. which works with members of Congress and federal agencies to create and improve laws, regulations and other policies; train and educate parents, self-advocates and others to advocate on the local, state, and national levels.

