Pastoral Support for Persons with Disabilities Contact List

Organization/Contact Info

Website Resources

Local Pastoral and	Service Support Resources
Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for Archdiocese of Newark Anne Masters, MA, FAAIDD Director 973-497-4309 Anne.Masters@rcan.org	www.rcan.org/disabilities Provides guidance on supportive strategies to facilitate meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities within the parish and to promote appreciation of individuals with disabilities as indispensable members of the Body of Christ.
MOM2MOM 877-914-6662 877-914-MOM2	www.mom2mom.us.com Peer support services for mothers and other caregivers of individuals with disabilities. Excellent as a compassionate listener who personally understands, as well as can offer guidance navigating system of services.
Autism New Jersey 609-588-8200	www.autismnj.org/ Provides education and public policy initiatives and recognizes the autism community's many contributions to society.
Autism Family Services of New Jersey 800-336-5843	autismfamilyservicesnj.org Under the above organization focused on supporting a better quality of life for individuals with autism and their families.
Alzheimer's New Jersey 888-280-6055	www.alznj.org Education, guidance and referral information about Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
Bergen County Special Services (BCSS) CAPE Resource Center 201 343-6000 x4067	https://bcss.bergen.org/index.php/cape- center-home Provides resources for the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and career needs of students through learning environments in the schools, homes, and communities.
Caregivers of New Jersey 877-265-6360	nicaregivers.org Also under Autism Family Services of NJ, focused on advocacy, support coordination and training for caregivers.
Community Access Unlimited 908-354-3040 Has different locations in Union County, though people from other counties may participate in a number of their programs.	www.caunj.org Provides community access through effective and comprehensive support services for individuals with disabilities, at-risk youth and people with housing needs.
The Family Resource Network 800-336-5843	www.familyresourcenetwork.org Umbrella organization supporting families and individuals who live with a variety of disabilities and chronic illnesses.
Family Support Center of New Jersey 732-262-4373	www.fscnj.org Also part of above group, provides training and support programs for families.

Epilepsy Services of New Jersey 800-376-2345	www.epilepsyservicesnj.org Information and resources dedicated to help improve quality of life for people affected by epilepsy and their loved ones.
Family Support Organization of Essex County 973-395-1441	www.fsoec.org Serves families with children who have emotional, behavioral, mental health, substance use, intellectual and developmental disabilities through advocacy, peer support and education.
Family Support Organization of Bergen County 201-796-6209	www.fsobergen.org/ Family-run organization that provides education, support, and direct family-to-family peer support to family members of children with emotional and /or behavioral challenges.
Family Partners of Hudson County 201-915-5140	www.familypartnershc.org Family-run organization committed to providing effective and customized support to families, caregivers, and providers of children with emotional, mental, and behavioral needs.
Family Support Organization of Union County 908-755-0090	www.fso-union.org/ A system partner within New Jersey's Division of Child Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS). Provides help to children with complex emotional, mental health, or behavioral issues by focusing on family strengths and utilization of community resources.
The Arc of New Jersey 732-246-2525	www.arcnj.org/ Serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Community-based services are available statewide through local chapters. Bergen County https://www.arcbp.com/ Essex County https://arcessex.org/ Hudson County https://arcunion.org/ Union County https://arcunion.org/
Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey (CPNJ) 973-763-9900	www.cpnj.org/ Provides services across the lifespan so that individuals and families establish and follow a carefully crafted life plan that may include public school or in-home therapy, private schooling, adult day care, assistive technology.
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 800-950-NAMI	www.nami.org/ The nation's largest grassroots mental health organization of more than 500 local affiliates that work to raise awareness and provide education and support in communities.
National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) 800-221-4602	www.ndss.org/ The leading human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome, their families, caregivers, and professionals. NDSS has local affiliates that provide an array of benefits.

National Faith-	Based Organizations
Guidelines for the Celebration of	Guidelines in English
the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities, USCCB, Rev. 2017	Guidelines in Spanish
National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) 202-529-2933 ncpd@ncpd.org	www.ncpd.org A number of references for catechetical and pastoral considerations.
Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Newark (CCAN) 800-227-7413	www.ccannj.com/ Provides social service, behavioral health, and education programs in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark
National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) 215-877-2660	www.ncbcenter.org Parent and pastoral resources and phone consultations
Be Not Afraid (BNA)	www.benotafraid.net BNA follows ethical teaching of the Catholic Church and serves parents of all faith traditions. It is a ministry of accompaniment through peer support which other services are built on.
Collaborative on Faith & Disabilities Is part of the network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) and affiliated faculty and staff, seminaries and Divinity Schools, individuals and partnering organizations.	www.faithanddisability.org Excellent reference for latest in research, education, & service related to disability, religion, & inclusive support
Pastoral Support for People	Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (HOH)
Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf Fr. Bismarck Chau Rev.Bismarck.Chau@rcan.org 973-497-4009 Video Phone: 973-685-5574	www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/ministry-deaf/welcome Pastoral resources and references for individuals who a Deaf or HOH.
National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) lnfo@ncod.org	www.ncod.org Pastoral resources and references for individuals who are Deaf or HOH.