

NEW MEXICO

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EPICS Project - Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs Project

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Organization Type: Information Centers, National Organizations and Associations, Parent/Family Support

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The EPICS Project is a service for parents of American Indian children and young adults with disabilities and other special needs. EPICS provides training and information to Indian parents and families in order to facilitate their active involvement in meeting the special health and educational needs of their children. EPICS provides training and advocacy assistance to professionals as well as parents. Their parent training publications and videotapes are developed by American Indian parents or by consultants with the assistance of American Indian families.

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New Mexico Commission for the Blind

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Organization Type: General
Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind

The Commission for the Blind provides a variety of services enabling blind people to become fully participating, contributing members of society. These services provide the means by which blind persons may realize their fullest potential. Blind people lead normal lives, have families, raise children, participate in community activities, and work in a wide range of jobs. Blind persons are electrical engineers, secretaries, machinists, scientists, teachers, lawyers, farmers, business owners, supervisors and homemakers. The real challenge is to educate blind people about their own potential and to educate society about the capabilities of the blind. The following programs and services provide the means by which blind persons may regain a productive role in society: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Students in Transition to Employment Program, Assistive Technology Services, Employment Development Center, Emergency Eye Care, Business Enterprise Program, NEWSLINE for the Blind, Independent Living/Older Blind Services, Adult Orientation Center, and New Mexico Jobline.

New Mexico Technology Assistance Program (NMTAP)

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations
Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The New Mexico Technology Assistance Program (NMTAP) offers free services to New Mexicans with disabilities to help them get the assistive technology (AT) services they need. The mission of NMTAP is to help individuals with disabilities enhance their quality of life through the use of AT. To fulfill this mission, the NMTAP staff provides the following services to New Mexicans with disabilities and their families:

* Assistive Bank of Loanable Equipment (ABLE) - Offers teachers, therapists, case managers, and DVR counselors the opportunity to try out an assistive device with their students/clients prior to purchase

* Financial Loan Program - NMTAP, in conjunction with a financial institution, offers low cost financial loans to qualified persons with disabilities to purchase assistive devices or equipment.

* Information & Referral - NMTAP can help you identify local assistive technology service providers, potential funding sources, information about transportation, help with finding a job, other related programs, and help determine the types of benefits for which you qualify.

* Training Services - NMTAP offers regional trainings throughout the state year round. If your school district, agency, or family would like additional training on assistive technology.

Project for New Mexico Children Who Are Deaf/blind

The Center for Development and Disability; 2300 Menaul NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Phone: (505) 272-0321 (877) 614-4051 (toll-free)

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Website: <http://cdd.unm.edu/deafblind/>

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Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind

The Project for New Mexico Children and Youth Who Are Deaf/blind is a statewide program designed to provide technical assistance, training, distance education, and networking information to families, service providers, and individuals, birth through 21, who are deaf/blind. This web site offers parents and service providers a place to: share and receive information, support each other throughout the state, receive consultations regarding assistive technology, and access links to state and national organizations providing services and information.

Sources of Custom-Produced Books

Alamogordo

BRAVI

New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped

1900 North White Sands Boulevard

Alamogordo, NM 88310

(505) 437-3505

Chairperson: Ms. Patricia Harmon

Cochairperson: Ms. Alicia McAninch

Braille: literary, textbooks; tactile drawings and maps; thermoforming; 19-hole spiral binding; computer-produced; software (Duxbury, Ed-It, Hot Dots, Pokadot, MegaDots, TranscriBex); embosser (Thiel, Romeo, Braillo 2000)

Recording: general, textbooks; open-reel masters; 4-track cassette duplication

Recording chairperson: Ms. Alicia McAninch

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes; maintains book-master collection

Santa Fe

*New Mexico Talking Book Library
1209 Camino Carlos Rey
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 476-9770
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talkingbooks@stlib.state.nm.us
Program manager: John Brewster*

Braille: literary, short items, agenda; computer-produced; software (Duxbury), embosser (Romeo)

Other Information: accepts no requests from outside state

New Mexico Instructional Resource Center

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New Mexico Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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