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The CP Family Care Guide is a tool for organizing and tracking all the health care information needed by medical staff and caregivers of a child with special health care needs.

The goal of the Care Guide is to make finding and using this information easier. It is packed with forms to record and track doctor's visits, appointments, supplies, medications, hospital stays-you name it. It also serves as a "communications guide" for other caregivers and family members who interact with your child.

It may take a bit of time to get the Care Guide together, but it will be worth it in the long run. The notebook is designed so that pages can be filled out and updated right on your computer screen. The pages can then be saved, printed and organized in a 3-ring binder or other folder. Home health nurses and family members will have your specific instructions and contact information at their fingertips.

Our special thanks to Survival Guide Editor Lee Vanderloop. CPFamilyNetwork hopes that this Care Guide will be extremely useful to you and your family.

Best Wishes.

The CPFamilyNetwork Team

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Emergency Information for Children with Special Needs

Child's Name	Birth Date	Nickname
Home Address	Home/Work Phone	
Parent/Guardian	Emergency Contact/Relationship	
Signature/Consent*	Allergies	
Primary Language	Phone	
PHYSICIANS		
Primary Care Physician	Emergency Phone	
Specialty	Fax	
Current Specialty Physician	Emergency Phone	
Specialty		
Specially	Fax	
Current Specialty Physician	Emergency Phone	
Specialty	Fax	
Nearest ER	Dharmacy	
Hospital Where Ambulance Will Go		
DIAGNOSES/PAST PROCEDURES/PHYSICAL EXAMS		
DIAGNOSES/PAST PROCEDURES/PHYSICAL EXAMS		
Synopsis		





$Emergency\ Information\ for\ Children\ with\ Special\ Needs\ ({\tt continued})$

DIAGNOS	ES/PAST	Γ PROCEDU	IRES/PHY	SICAL EXA	AMS (CON	TINUED)						
Medication	IS											-
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Significant												-
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MANAGEI	MENT DA	ATA										
Allergies: M	1edication	s/Foods to b	e avoided,			and why						-
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Procedures	s to be avo	oided,				and why						-
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												-
IMMUNIZ	ATIONS ((MM/YY)										
Туре	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Туре	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	
DPT						Нер В						_
OPV						Varicella						_
MMR HIB						TB Status Other						_
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Antibiotic	ТОРПУШАЛЬ	3			malean)			Mean		7030	
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Problem _												_
Suggested	Diagnosti	ic Studies										-
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COMMEN	TS ON C	HILD, FAMI	LY, OR OTI	HER SPEC	IFIC MEDIC	CAL ISSUES						
												-
												-
Physician/	Provider S	ignature			Prin	t Name						-



Local and Specialty Care Providers

Primary Physician			
Office Nurse			
Address			
City, State			Zip Code
Phone	Fax		Email
Local Hospital			
Medical Record Number			
Address			
City, State			Zip Code
Phone	Fax		Email
Emergency Room Phone			
Nearest Hospital			
Address			
City, State			Zip Code
Main No.	En	nergency No	
Ambulance No.			
Specialty Care Provider			
Address			
Phone	Fax		Email
Specialty Care Provider			
Address			
Phone	Fax		Email
Specialty Care Provider			
Address			
Phone	Fax		Email
Specialty Care Provider			
Address			
Phone	Fax		Email



Other Hospital and Clinic Information

Hospital Name			
Address			
City, State		Zip Code	
Main No.		Emergency No	
Website			
Clinic			
Medical Record Number			
Hours/Days of Operation			
Physician			
Contact Person/Title			
Phone	Fax	Email	
Clinic			
Medical Record Number			
Hours/Days of Operation			
Physician			
Contact Person/Title			
Phone	Fax	Email	
Clinic			
Medical Record Number			
Hours/Days of Operation			
Physician			
Contact Person/Title			
Phone	Fax	Email	
Clinic			
Medical Record Number			
Hours/Days of Operation			
Physician			
Contact Person/Title			
Phone	Fax	Email	



Pharmacy Information

Pharmacy		
Hours of Operation		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Pharmacy		
Hours of Operation		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Pharmacy		
Hours of Operation		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Pharmacy		
Hours of Operation		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		
Phone		
Website		



Public Health Providers

Public Health Department		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Public Health Nurse		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Nutritionist		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Other		



Dental Care Providers

Dentist/Orthodontist		
Address		
City, State		_ Zip Code
Phone	Fax	_ Email
Other		

Home Nursing Providers

Home Nursing Agency		
Start Date		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Home Nursing Agency		
Start Date		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone		
Website		
Home Nursing Agency		
Start Date		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		
Phone		
Website		
Home Nursing Agency		
Start Date		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		
Phone		
Website		
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Therapy Providers/Agencies

Therapist Name/Type		
Start Date		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Therapist Name/Type		
Start Date		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		
Phone		
Website		
Therapist Name/Type		
Start Date		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		
Phone		
Website		
Therapist Name/Type		
Start Date		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		
Phone		
Website		



Family Support Providers

Division of Developmental Disabilities		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Service Organization		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Service Organization		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
City, State		
	Fax	Email
Phone	Fax	Email
Phone	Fax	Email
Phone Website	Fax	Email
Phone Website Service Organization	Fax	Email
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person	Fax	Email
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address	Fax	Email
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address City, State	Fax	Email Zip Code
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address City, State Phone	Fax	Email Zip Code
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address City, State Phone Website	Fax	Email Zip Code
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address City, State Phone	Fax	Email Zip Code
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address City, State Phone Website Service Organization	Fax	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email Zip Code Email
Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address City, State Phone Website Service Organization Contact Person Address	Fax	Email Zip Code Zip Code



Early Intervention Services

Developmental Disability Center	
Contact Person	
Address	
City, State	 Zip Code
Phone	
Website	
Family Resource Coordinator	
Agency	
Address	
City, State	
Phone	
Website	
Other	



School Contacts

Board of Education		
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	. Email
Website		
School/Pre-School		
Principal	Phone	. Email
Vice Principal	Phone	Email
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Website		
School Nurse		
Phone	Fax	Email
Teacher		
Phone	Fax	Email
Teacher		
Phone	Fax	Email
Teacher		
Phone	Fax	Email
Teacher		
Phone	Fax	Email
Personal/Classroom Aide		
Phone	Fax	. Email
Personal/Classroom Aide		
Phone	Fax	. Email



Special Transportation Services

School Coordinator		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Transportation Service		
Contact Person		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Transportation Service		
Contact Person		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Phone		
Phone		
Phone		
Phone Website Transportation Service		
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person		
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person Agency		
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person Agency Address		Zip Code
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person Agency Address City, State	Fax	Zip Code
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person Agency Address City, State Phone	Fax	Zip Code
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person Agency Address City, State Phone Website	Fax	Zip Code
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person Agency Address City, State Phone	Fax	Zip Code
Phone Website Transportation Service Contact Person Agency Address City, State Phone Website Transportation Service	Fax	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Zip Code



Child Care Providers/Agencies

Provider			
Start Date	# of days		# of hours
Contact Person			
Address			
City, State			Zip Code
Phone		Fax	Email
Website			
Provider			
Start Date	# of days		# of hours
Contact Person			
Address			
City, State			Zip Code
Phone		Fax	Email
Website			
Provider			
Start Date	# of days		# of hours
Contact Person			
Address			
City, State			Zip Code
Phone		Fax	Email
Website			
Provider			
Start Date	# of days		# of hours
Contact Person			
Address			
City, State			Zip Code
Phone			
Website			



Respite Care Providers/Agencies

Provider		
Contact Person		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	. Fax	Email
Website		
Provider		
Contact Person		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	. Fax	Email
Website		
Provider		
Contact Person		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Provider		
Contact Person		
Agency		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	. Fax	Email
Website		



Help Finding Resources for Children with Special Needs

Each community has resources to help families that have children with special needs. However, sometimes those resources are hard to find. You can look to the following places to find the help you need.

Public Health Nurses (PHN): There are registered nurses at the local health department who can help you with general questions and services. Ask them about other services, too.

Family Resource Coordinators (FRC): These are local case managers that can help locate resources for you in your community. They mainly work with families whose children are under 3 years of age.

Your child's school: The public school is equipped to work with special needs for the children it serves. Ask the principal, teachers, counselors and the nurse at the school about what they can offer you.

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Coordinators: These nurses can help you locate help in the health care arena.

Other Parents of Children with Special Health Care Needs: Ask at school, your doctor's office and other care providers for support groups or the names of other parents of children with special health care needs. They can be a great resource on what is available.

ONLINE RESOURCES

National Organizations for Information on Disabilities

- Center for Parent Information & Resources
 c/o Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)
 35 Halsey St, 4th Floor | Newark, NJ 07102 | (973) 642-8100 | parentcenterhub.org/cp
- The Arc of the United States
 1825 K Street, NW Suite 1200 | Washington, DC 20006 | (800) 433-5255 | thearc.org

DISABILITY LINKS

- Office of Child Care, Services for Children with Disabilities
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 Administration for Children and Families
 Mary E. Switzer Building | 330 C ST SW, 4th floor | Washington, DC 20201 | (202) 690-6782
 ChildCare.gov@acf.hhs.gov | childcare.gov/consumer-education/services-for-children-with-disabilities
- U.S. Government Services and Information (844) 872-4681 | <u>usa.gov/disability-programs</u>
- CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

 Learn the Signs. Act Early cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html



Medication List

Date	
Medication Name	Prescriber
Frequency	
Duration	
Pharmacy	Phone
Start Date	End Date
Notes	
Date	
Medication Name	Prescriber
Frequency	
Duration	
Pharmacy	Phone
Start Date	End Date
Notes	
Date	
Medication Name	Prescriber
Frequency	
Duration	
Pharmacy	Phone
Start Date	End Date
Notes	
Date	
Medication Name	Prescriber
Frequency	
Duration	
Pharmacy	Phone
Start Date	End Date
Notes	



Equipment List

Equipment	
Description (brand name, model, size, etc.)	
Serial Number	
Supplier	Website
Date Obtained	Warranty Expiration
Contact Person	Phone
Equipment	
Description (brand name, model, size, etc.)	
Serial Number	
Supplier	Website
Date Obtained	Warranty Expiration
Contact Person	Phone
Equipment	
Description (brand name, model, size, etc.)	
Serial Number	
Supplier	Website
Date Obtained	Warranty Expiration
Contact Person	Phone
Equipment	
Description (brand name, model, size, etc.)	
Serial Number	
Supplier	Website
Date Obtained	Warranty Expiration
Contact Person	Phone
Equipment	
Description (brand name, model, size, etc.)	
Serial Number	
Supplier	Website
Date Obtained	Warranty Expiration
Contact Person	Phone





Supply List

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Provider
Contact Information
Description
Item
Provider
Contact Information
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Item
Provider
Contact Information
Description
Item
Provider
Contact Information
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Contact Information
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Provider
Contact Information
Description
Item
Provider
Contact Information
Description



Appointment Log

DATE	PROVIDER	REASON SEEN/CARE PROVIDED	NEXT APPOINTMENT

Hospital Stay Tracking

ADMISSION DOCTOR	HOSPITAL	REASON	DISCHARGE
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Medical/Surgical Log

DATE	HOSPITAL	PROCEDURE/SURGEON	RESULT	FOLLOW UP

Lab Work/Tests/Procedures

Lab Name		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Type of Test		Date
On-Line Scheduling		Website
Lab Name		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Type of Test		Date
On-Line Scheduling		Website
Lab Name		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Type of Test		Date
On-Line Scheduling		Website
Lab Nama		
Lab Name		
Address		
City, State		
Phone		
Type of Test		
On-Line Scheduling		Website
Lab Name		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Type of Test		Date
On-Line Scheduling		Website



Growth Tracking

DATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE	CHECKED BY

Diet Tracking

DATE	FOOD	REACTION	ACTION TAKEN
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Medical Bills

Medical bills are notoriously difficult to understand and keep up with. Your various doctors and hospitals may all send different bills, due at different times. You'll have to keep track of appointments, paperwork, and insurance information in order to stay on top of your bills. There are a few ways to make it easier to manage them.

- Use the following bill tracking log to note who to pay, when you received the bill, when it is due, and when and how much you paid.
- Download and install a software program on your computer that allows you to track medical expenses. A number of these programs are available on the internet. Prices will vary.
- Track medical bills using your smartphone. There are many smartphone applications that can be downloaded and installed on your smartphone to track your expenses. The cost for each app will vary.
- Use the My Medicare online web portal to track your medical bills if you are a Medicare recipient. My Medicare is a free tool offered to Medicare patients by the federal government. In order to use the My Medicare portal, click the "Create an Account" link that is located on the front page of the portal. You will need your Medicare number, last name, date of birth, gender and zip code in order to register.



Medical Bill Tracking

FROM	DATE REC'D	AMT OWED	AMT PAID	NOTE
				
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Medical Bill Tracking (continued)

FROM	DATE REC'D	AMT OWED	AMT PAID	NOTE
				
				
				
				
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Insurance/Funding Sources

Insurance Name		
Policy Number		Group Number
Policy Holder Name		SSN
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Insurance Name		
Policy Number		Group Number
Policy Holder Name		SSN
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Insurance Name		
Policy Number		
Policy Holder Name		SSN
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
Website		
Insurance Name		
Policy Number		Group Number
Policy Holder Name		SSN
Contact Person		
Address		
City, State		Zip Code
Phone	Fax	Email
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Other Funding Sources



Family Profile

Child's Name			Nickname	
Date of Birth				
Allergies			Blood Type	
Legal Guardian				
Address				
City, State			Zip Code	
Phone	Alt. Phon	e		
FAMILY MEMBERS				
Mother				
Address				
City, State			Zip Code	
Phone	Alt. Phone		Email	
Father				
Address				
City, State			Zip Code	
Phone	Alt. Phone		Email	
Sibling			M/F	Age
Sibling			M/F	Age
Sibling			M/F	Age
Other Household Members				
Name			M/F	Age
Name			M/F	Age
Important Family Information				
Language Spoken at Home		Other Language(s)		
Interpreter Needed Y/N Name		Phone		
EMERGENCY CONTACT				
Namo				
Name				
Phone		ALL FIIONE		



Your Child's Contact List

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE (PHN))		
Name			
Phone	Fax	Email	
FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINA	ATOR		
Name			
Phone	Fax	Email	
PEOPLE AT SCHOOL			
Name			
		Email	
Name			
		Email	
	ALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN) COORDINA		
Name			
Name			
Name			
Name Phone OTHER PARENTS	Fax		
Name Phone OTHER PARENTS Name	Fax	Email	
Name Phone OTHER PARENTS Name Phone	FaxFaxFax	Email	
Name Phone OTHER PARENTS Name Phone	FaxFaxFax	EmailEmailEmail	
Name Phone OTHER PARENTS Name Phone	FaxFaxFax	EmailEmailEmail	
Name OTHER PARENTS Name Phone Name Phone HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS	FaxFaxFaxFaxFaxFaxFaxFax	EmailEmail	
Name OTHER PARENTS Name Phone Name Phone HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS Name	FaxFaxFaxFaxFax	EmailEmailEmail	



Care Profile: Your Child

forward to doing? What are his or her dreams?
Today's Date

Use this page to describe your child in his or her own words. What does your child like and not like? What does your child look

Everyday Activities

accomplish. Also include any equipment necessary to help your child with everyday activities. Today's Date _____

This is where you can record how your child gets through the day. Include your child's routine for bathing, getting dressed, using the bathroom, and grooming. Be sure to include what your child does on his or her own and what he or she needs help to

Care Summary: Daily Schedule

TIME	CARE

Care Summary: Daily Schedule (continued)

TIME	CARE
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Relating to Others

does your child respond to? List augmentative communication devices and instructions on how to use them. Today's Date _____

Use this space to let other caregivers know how your child communicates. Note any special communication that works well with your child. Do you use sign language? Do you have gestures or hand signals that help him or her tell you things? What



Summary: Stress

Today's Date _____ Sensitivities ______ Situations to Avoid

Stress could result from new people, a new environment, a change in routine, or a hospital stay. Describe how your child reacts

to stress, what the best thing is to do to help him or her, and any ways to avoid stressful situations.



Summary: Mobility

What can your child do to get around and what does he or she need help doing? What equipment does your child use and



Summary: Nutrition/Gastroenterology

she like and dislike? Are there any routines that are important to your child when eating?

Today's Date	
Special Instructions	_
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	-
Allergies/Restrictions	-
	-
Likes/Dislikes	
	-
	-

What does your child eat? What is the best way to get nutrients to your child? What is he or she allergic to? What does he or



Summary: Respiratory

Are there any routines that help your child breathe? Today's Date_____ Special Instructions

Does your child need special attention to his or her respiratory needs? Is there equipment involved? How is it used?



Summary: Sleep and Downtime

Describe your child's sleep patterns. Does he or she sleep through the night? Take naps during the day? What is the best way to help your child
get to sleep?
Tadov'a Data
Today's Date
Sleep Routine/Fears/Restrictions



Summary: Playtime

Describe your child's daytime routine. What does he or she like to do and in what order? What is the best way to engage your child in activities?
Today's Date
Special Instructions
Favorite Toys/Activities/TV Programs/Music
Situations to Avoid
Restrictions



Disaster Preparedness

It is important to prepare yourself and you child for a disaster. This could be a natural disaster such as a hurricane or tornado, or an event like 9-11. Either way, having a plan is always important, and even more so when you have a child with special health care needs. If possible, have your entire Care Guide with you in the case of a disaster.

Here	is a checklist that will help you make a plan for a disaster:				
	Create a current care plan and list of medications for your child Keep a two week supply of medications and supplies for your child Ensure back up systems or plans for medical equipment that require electricity Discuss with your child's doctor the best place for your child to be in a disaster Inform your local emergency management team and neighbors that you have a child with special needs Ask about a disaster plan for your child while he/she is at school, day care or church Put together a disaster supply kit for your family Designate a "meeting" place and central point of contact in case your family is separated during a disaster Make sure your small children know what emergency workers common to disaster scenes look like Think about plans for your pets Check your home for materials and items that might pose a hazard during a disaster Learn how to turn on and off utilities such as gas and electricity Check to make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working in your home				
Supplies to include in your disaster plan:					
	Two week supply of all disposable supplies such as dressing materials, nasal cannulas, or suction catheters Two-week supply of all medications Generator or battery backup for all electrical medical equipment that will last for several days Copies of prescriptions for medical equipment, supplies, and medications Extra contact lenses and supplies or glasses Extra batteries for hearing aids, communication devices Special dietary foods Manual wheelchairs and other necessary equipment				
FOR I	FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN (two week supply)				
	Formula, ready-to-eat or with sterile water for mixing Diapers Bottles Powdered milk Medications Pacifiers Favorite blanket or toy				



Disaster Preparedness (continued)

out to	ut together a first aid kit for your home and one per vehicle that includes:					
	Sterile adhesive bandages in various sizes		Laxative			
	Assorted sizes of safety pins		Activated charcoal, if advised by the			
	Cleansing agent/soap,		Poison Control Center			
	including waterless alcohol-based		Anti-itch cream			
	Latex gloves (at least 2 pairs)		2-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)			
	Sunscreen		3-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)			
	2-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)		Eye dressing pads			
	4-inch sterile gauze pads (4.6)		Scissors			
	Triangular bandages (3)		Tweezers			
	Non-prescription medications		Needles and thread			
	for all family members		Moistened towelettes			
	Aspirin or non aspirin pain reliever		Antiseptic			
	Anti-diarrhea medication		Thermometer			
	Antacid (for stomach upset)		Tongue blades (2)			
	Syrup of Ipecac to induce vomiting, if advised by the Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222		Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant			
Docu	ments and other important items to keep in a waterproof, port	ahle c	ontainer.			
	Copy of your Will	abic c	ontainer.			
_	Copy of your insurance policies					
_	Copies of any contracts & deeds					
	Stocks and bonds					
	Passports					
	Social security cards					
	Immunization records					
	Bank account numbers					
	Credit card account numbers and companies					
	Inventory of valuable household goods					
	•					
	Phone book with important telephone numbers					
	Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)					
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_	Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)					



Disaster Preparedness (continued)

OTHER RESOURCES

The Homeland Security Office

www.ready.gov

The Homeland Security Office hosts a website to assist Americans in preparing for and responding to disasters of all kinds.

The Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross website is home to a broad base of information about planning and responding to disasters.

REMEMBER

- Stay in your home or other shelter during a disaster or emergency
- Stay off the streets and do not drive around unless absolutely necessary
- Do not use anything in your home that has a fire, such as a charcoal grill for cooking or staying warm
- Listen to your radio for updates and directions from emergency teams
- Follow the directions of officials
- Do not hide from officials
- Stay out of unfamiliar places
- Do not leave loaded weapons in the reach of children
- Put a sign on your home that shows you have chosen to stay there so officials can locate you after the emergency passes
- Keep all of your pets in a safe and secure place. Do not just "let them go."



Acronym Index

The following index lists a wide variety of acronyms used by professionals who work with families.

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ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ARC The ARC: Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their families

ARNP Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner

В

BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs
BD Behaviorally Disabled

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CD Communication Disorders

CDS Communication Disorders Specialist

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CHDD Center on Human Development and Disability at the University of Washington

CHRMC Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

CP Cerebral Palsy

CPS Child Protective Services

CSHCN Children with Special Health Care Needs

CSO Community Service Office, DSHS

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DCFS Division of Children and Family Services

DD Developmentally Disabled

DDD Division of Developmental Disabilities, DSHS
DDPC Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

DH Developmentally Handicapped

DMH Division of Mental Health
DOH Department of Health

DSB Department of Services for the Blind

DSHS Department of Social and Health Services

DVR Division of Vocational Rehabilitation



Acronym Index (continued)

E	
ECEAP	Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program
ED	Emotionally Disturbed
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EEU	Experimental Education Unit, CHDD
EFMP	Exceptional Family Member Program (helps military families locate to areas with services)
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ESE)	Educational Service District
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FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FRC	Family Resources Coordinator
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HHS	Health and Human Services
HI	Health Impaired or Hearing Impaired
НМО	Health Maintenance Organization
НО	Healthy Options, DSHS, Medicaid Managed Care Program
НОН	Hard of Hearing
I	
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
1 & R	Information and Referral
ISP	Individual Service Plan
L	
LD	Learning Disabled
LDA	Learning Disabilities Association
LEA	Local Education Agency
LICWAC	Local Indian Child Welfare Advocacy Board
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment



Acronym Index (continued)

М	
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MD	Medical Doctor
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
МН	Multiply Handicapped
MR	Mentally Retarded
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
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NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NORD	National Association of Rare Disorders
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OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OEM	Office of Financial Management
Of	Orthopedically Impaired
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
OSPI	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
ОТ	Occupational Therapist
OTR	Licensed and Registered Occupational Therapist
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PAVE	Parents Are Vital in Education
P & A	Protection and Advocacy
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PL	Public Law
PT	Physical Therapy/Therapist
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
R	
RN	Registered Nurse
RPT	Registered Physical Therapist



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SBD Seriously Behaviorally Disabled

SEA State Education Agency

SEAL Special Education Advisory Council

SEPAL Special Education Parent/Professional Advisory Council

SLD Specific Learning Disability
SSA Social Security Administration

SSI Social Security Income

STOMP Specialized Training of Military Parents

SW Social Work/Worker

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TANF Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

TAPP Technical Assistance for Parents and Professionals

TASH The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps

TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

TDD Telecommunication Device for the Deaf

TRICARE U.S. Department of Defense Health Care System

TTY Telecommunication Device for Deaf, Hearing Impaired, and Speech Impaired Persons

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VI Visually Impaired

