



Utah Parent Center
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Information Sheet

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Disability Advocacy Resources

Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities (LCPD)

You can become a member of the LCPD which meets regularly during the session. Being a member is one way to stay connected with current legislation.

The Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities (LCPD) advocates for public policy affecting all people in Utah who have disabilities. Membership is open to all and is comprised of voting and non-voting members.

lcpdut.org

Utah Developmental Disabilities Council

The Utah Developmental Disabilities Council is established by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Utah in compliance with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-402).

The purpose of the Council is to advocate for, and strengthen leadership skills in, individuals with disabilities and their families. In addition, the Council collaborates with the legislature, public and private agencies that serve individuals with disabilities to strengthen the service system. The focus of all the activities of the Council is to promote consumer and family directed services that increase self-determination in individuals with disabilities and their families.

utahddcouncil.org

Disability Law Center

The Disability Law Center's mission is to enforce and strengthen laws that protect the opportunities, choices and legal rights of people with disabilities in Utah.

disabilitylawcenter.org

Utah State University Center for Persons with Disabilities

The Center for Persons with Disabilities is Utah's federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). Over its 45-year history, the CPD has grown into one of the largest UCEDD programs in the nation and is recognized as a pioneer in research, training, technical assistance, and services for children and adults with disabilities, families, and the professionals who serve them. The CPD regularly publishes articles and resources about policy issues on their blog and their social media feed.

Blog: <http://cpd.usu.edu/blog/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cpdusu>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cpdusu>

Utah State Legislature

From this website you can search and track current bills, find out who your legislators are and find the contact information for your legislators.

le.utah.gov

Utah Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD)

DSPD has a legislative section on the website that includes legislative priority updates, they also have a mailing list that people can sign up for to receive updates via email.

dspd.utah.gov/legislative-info

Utah Health Policy Project

Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advancing sustainable health care solutions for underserved Utahns through better access, education, and public policy.

Since 2006 UHPP has worked hard to develop solutions to create a health system that provides better access to higher quality health care at a lower cost. We pride ourselves on being an open resource for the public, community leaders, the media, businesses, health care providers and policymakers.

Our nonbiased approach strives to find solutions that best fit Utah. We bring individuals and organizations to the same table, recognizing that effective and long-term solutions are fostered by authentic collaboration among disparate stakeholders. Our role is to ensure the consumer voice is present.

healthpolicyproject.org

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ACLU of Utah

The ACLU of Utah operates through public education, legal advocacy, litigation, and lobbying to ensure the constitutional rights and freedoms of everyone living in or visiting Utah.

acluutah.org

Voices for Utah Children

Voices for Utah Children works to make Utah a place where all children thrive. We start with one basic question: "Is it good for kids?" At Voices for Utah Children, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

Big wins for kids don't just happen by accident. They happen because of advocacy – when skilled professionals backed by thoughtful funders show policymakers that government can and should act to keep kids safe and help them grow. As a multi-issue child advocacy organization, Voices for Utah Children is making a difference in our kids' lives by:

- Raising awareness. Through research, media campaigns and advocacy work, we continue to communicate the most vital needs of Utah's children.
- Influencing policy. By having a voice in decisions made by policymakers, we help ensure that the needs of children are raised in every policy debate.
- Uniting our community. By bringing the power of a community together – legislators, business executives, private funders, government agency representative, nonprofit directors, and ordinary citizens – we help identify and resolve the tough problems facing Utah's children and families.

utahchildren.org

Disability Rights Action Committee (DRAC)

The Disabled Rights Action Committee (DRAC) works to establish equal rights for people with disabilities through enforcement of federal and state laws, including the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), and advocates for legislative and other measures to improve these rights, including care and treatment, housing and accessibility.

disabledrightsactiondrac.org