

TNLA: Inviting Spaces Resource Guide

Professional Training:

[Serving People with IDD](#)

[Disability-Etiquette-Brochure](#)

Preventing and Handling Crisis Situations: [Power Point Presentation Staff Training](#)

Non-Profit Agencies:

The Arc of Williamson County [Home - The Arc - Williamson County](#)

- Family Support Program
 - Shae Herrick shae.herrick@thearcwc.org
- [Arc IDD Resource List](#)
Katy Clouse katy.clouse@thearcwc.org
- [Funding Sources: Medicaid & Waivers](#)
- [The Arc Resource Search Tool](#)

Family Engagement in Special Education [Family Engagement in Special Education -](#)

- Megan Cobb mcobb@thearctn.org

Enrich for Life [Enrich For Life - Charitable Organization, Enrichment Programs](#)

Full Circle [YMCA Special Needs Programs for Children and Adults](#)

Social Connections [Why We Started | Social Connections](#)

Able Voices [AbleVoices](#)

Friday Night Out [Friday Night Out](#)

TOPS [TOPSoccer | Tennessee State Soccer Association](#)

Homerun Heroes hrheroesbaseball@gmail.com

Storm Troopers for events: <https://www.501st.com/request.php>

Best Buddies [Best Buddies International](#)

Gigi's Playhouse [GiGi's Playhouse | Down Syndrome Achievement Centers](#)

Pet Partners: [About Pet Partners](#)

PAWSabilities Williamson County Animal Center: sarah.fuqua@williamsoncounty-tn.gov

MOVE Inclusive: [Inclusive Dance Classes Nashville TN](#)

Building Blocks Arts Theater buildingblockarts@gmail.com

Paid Performers:

Vanessa Davis, Music & Art Therapist : vanessa@replenishhere.com

David Torres-Fuentes, Akabradabra Events Admin@AbrakadabraEvents.com

Kennedy Sanders, MiddleTennessee Princess Parties info@middletnprincess.com

Nashville Science Guys makesciencefun@mrbondscienceguy.com

Jake Johnson, Jake of All Trades jacobjohnson81@yahoo.com

Employment:

Mobile American Job Centers

- Nicole Kropp NKropp@eds.com EDSI | Work-Based Learning Coordinator

Best Buddies Jobs

The Broody Hen Farm [The Broody Hen | Support Local Empowerment](#)

Housing:

Our Place Nashville Mary Sherrill: hello@ourplacenashville.org

Legal Resources:

Cynthia Gardner, Special Needs Law Center atty77@comcast.net

- Conservatorship & Trusts- [Planning for a Loved One with Special Needs](#)
- Legal Documents- [Seven Simple Planning Steps](#)

Jessica Sloan Elam, Attorney & Autism Advocacy jsloanelamlaw@hotmail.com

Accessibility:

Sign Language Studios for interpreting (<http://www.signlanguagestudiosllc.com/>)

Visual Impairment [Library for Accessible Books & Media \(LABM\) | Tennessee Secretary of State](#)

Tennessee Technology Access Programs TTAP [The Star Center | Disability Services](#)

Tennessee Technical Assistant Network [TN-TAN](#)

Special Education & IEP specialist: Andrew Burnham aburnham@hotmail.com

Document Camera Shown: [Amazon.com: JOYUSING V508 VGA/HDMI/USB 8MP Three Mode Document Camera](#)

Government Resources:

Maps [Medicaid Alternative Pathways \(MAPs\)](#)

[TN Strong Families](#)

[Disability & Aging Programs](#)

Breaking Ground Magazine: [Council on Developmental Disabilities \(CDD\)](#)

Crisis Prevention & Response: [Tennessee START Assessment & Stabilization Teams](#)

ECF CHOICES TennCare [Employment & Community First CHOICES \(ECF\)](#)

TNPathfinder: James.R.Demoss@TN.gov

Autism Specific Resources:

Rainbow Mosho [link tree](#)

Able Voices [AbleVoices](#)

www.autismspeaks.org

www.autismsociety.org

www.nationalautismlawcenter.org

www.autismlegalresourcecenter.com

<https://breakthroughknoxville.org>

<https://www.chattanoogaautismcenter.org>

<https://autismbehaviorservices.org>

<https://www.cbu.edu/about/administration/student-flourishing/stars>

<https://autismwalls.com>

<https://autismcareertraining.org>

[Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

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