



ONFLOW COUNTY SUPPORT GROUPS AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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1. **Child Care Health Net** – Onslow County Health Department. Assists child care providers with caring for children with special medical needs. Provides hearing and speech screenings for children upon request. Contact: Betty Legan at 910-347-2154 ext. 8239
2. **Child Care Resource and Referral** – Onslow County Partnership for Children. Assists parents and child care providers in locating appropriate resources. Contact: Carla Randolph 910-938-3402
3. **Child Service Coordination Program** – Onslow County Health Department. Provides service coordination. Assists parents in accessing resources. Provides developmental screenings and parent education. Contact: Babeé Thompson 910-347-2154
4. **Children’s Developmental Services Agency** – 866-543-7662 (toll free). Provides developmental evaluations and early intervention services for children with developmental delay or medical risk factors from 0-36 months who live off-base. Contact: Babeé Thompson 910-347-2154
5. **Day Care Unit, Onslow County Department of Social Services** – Provides child care subsidy payments for families (based on income) Contact: 910-938-5452
6. **Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS)** – Provides developmental evaluations and early intervention services for children with developmental delay or medical risk factors from 0-36 months who live in base housing at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River. Contact: Susan DelGrande 910-450-4127
7. **Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center** – statewide resource provides information on special needs and educational rights. Contact: Stephanie Deffinbaugh at (800) 962-6817 or www.ecac-parentcenter.org
8. **Family Support Network of North Carolina** - statewide information line for resources Contact: (800) TLC-0042
9. **Family Support Network of the Crystal Coast** – regional parent support information resource Contact: Teresa LeRiche (866) 543-7662
10. **Mental Health Association: Information and Referral Line** – information on mental health issues Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact: (800) 897-7494
11. **Miracle Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center** – provides safe, effective, professional therapeutic equine related programs for people of all age groups with a wide range of disabilities. Contact: (910)938-9221 www.miraclemeadowstrc.org
12. **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** – Onslow Co. Chapter 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at St. Peter’s By the Sea Episcopal Church parish hall, Swansboro, NC. Contact: John Gaskill (252)838-0017
13. **National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)** - national resource information and referrals. Contact: (800) 695-0285 or www.NICHCY.org
14. **N. C. Autism Society Onslow County Chapter**- The 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Onslow Memorial Hospital, Education Bldg. Contact: Lynn Kudlacz (816) 289-1268 or lynnKudlacz@yahoo.com

- 15. Onslow County Schools, Office of Exceptional Children**– Provides special education services through local schools. With parent permission, teachers may consult with child care providers about strategies for specific children. Contact: Tammy Shivers (910)938-5452 (for children 3-5) or Winsom Snowdom (910)455-2211.
- 16. PARENTSS (Positive Action for Recreational & Educational Needs of Today's Special Students)** provides modified bowling/softball/T-ball leagues, support meetings, holiday parties. Contact: Laura Quinn (910) 455-9539
- 17. Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Inc** – Eastern NC Chapter. Provides information and support services for individuals and their families who have sickle cell, or other chronic disease. Contact: Marcia Wright (910)346-2510.
- 18. Special Education Alliance (SEAL)** – families advocate for children’s educational needs 4th Thursday at Onslow Memorial Hospital. Contact: Wendy Boyd (910) 577-3969 or webo5ksod@yahoo.com
- 19. Special Olympics** – Onslow County -The Special Olympics goal is to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through sport, by empowering them both on and off the playing field and bringing them into the larger society where by they are respected and accepted. Contact: Dot Hochstrasser (910) 346-8366 sooc@ec.rr.com or Dora Gaskin (910) 5461778 doragaskin@yahoo.com
- 20. Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)** – information for military families with special needs. Contact: Valerie Patterson (800) 5 PARENT or www.stompproject.org
- 21. Student Services Office, Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools)** – Provides special education services through base schools. With parent permission, teachers may consult with child care providers about strategies for specific children. Contact: Stacey Cacace or Anne Spencer (910)451-2461 x241
- 22. Supporters of Down Syndrome** – community awareness and Contacts: Wendy Boyd (910) 577-3969 or webo5ksod@yahoo.com