

## **Developmental Disabilities**

### **Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Online**

URL: <http://www.dbpeds.org/>

What they feature: There is a tab on this site that will take you to a wealth of information on Developmental Screening, plus other support organizations for conditions commonly affecting CSHCN.

### **First Signs**

URL: <http://www.firstsigns.org/index.html>

What they feature: First Signs is dedicated to the early identification and intervention of children with developmental delays and disorders. Their web site features some background information on developmental disabilities, as well as descriptions of and links to various screening instruments as well as information on diagnosis and treatment of various conditions. It also contains an instrument for parents to use to screen their own children's development online.

### **National Organization for Rare Disorders**

URL: [www.rarediseases.org](http://www.rarediseases.org)

What they feature: The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), a 501(c)3 organization, is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare "orphan" diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service.

The web site features a listing of over 1,150 rare disorders, background information about each, and a listing of the international and national support organizations for the disorder. This may prove to be a valuable resource to get info on the obstacles that patients face when dealing with the children with special health care needs (CSHCN) population.

### **OMIM-Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man**

URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=omim>

What they feature: This database is a catalog of human genes and genetic disorders authored and edited by Dr. Victor A. McKusick and his colleagues at Johns Hopkins and elsewhere, and developed for the World Wide Web by NCBI, the National Center for Biotechnology Information. The database contains textual information and references. It also contains copious links to MEDLINE and sequence records in the Entrez system, and links to additional related resources at NCBI and elsewhere.

## **Asthma**

### **Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin/Wisconsin Asthma Coalition**

URL: <http://www.chawisconsin.org/wac.htm>

**What they feature:** The Wisconsin Asthma Coalition's (WAC) mission is to develop and implement a sustainable statewide action plan that expands and improves the quality of asthma education, prevention, management, and services and eliminates the disproportionate burden of asthma in racial/ethnic and low-income populations.

### **Centers for Disease Control**

URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/asthma/>

**What they feature:** CDC's National Asthma Control Program supports the goals and objectives of Healthy People 2010 for asthma: to reduce the number of deaths, hospitalizations, emergency department visits, school or work days missed, and limitations on activity due to asthma. The site contains loads of statistics, as well as information on treatment and program implementation.

### **American Academy Of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology**

URL: [www.aaaai.org](http://www.aaaai.org)

**What they feature:** The AAAAI represents, asthma specialists, clinical immunologists, allied health professionals and others with a special interest in the research and treatment of allergic disease. The AAAAI is devoted to the advancement of the knowledge and practice of allergy, asthma and immunology for optimal patient care. This web site is very valuable for patients and professionals wishing to find research-based information regarding asthma care.

## **Obesity**

### **NIH's Weight Control Information Network**

URL: <http://win.niddk.nih.gov/>

**What they feature:** The Weight-control Information Network provides the general public, health professionals, the media, and Congress with up-to-date, science-based information on weight control, obesity, physical activity, and related nutritional issues.

### **The Childhood Obesity Action Network. (From NICHQ)**

URL:

<http://www.nichq.org/NICHQ/Programs/ConferencesAndTraining/ChildhoodObesityActionNetwork.htm>

**What they offer:** The Childhood Obesity Action Network is a web-based national network aimed at rapidly sharing knowledge, successful practices and innovation by:

- Mobilizing and inspiring health care providers to accelerate improvements in care and advocate for change
- Partnering with a broad constituency of health professionals, quality improvement leaders, childhood obesity experts and child health advocates.
- Designing and disseminating policy interventions that will enhance the ability of the healthcare system to address the obesity challenge
- Providing tools and technical assistance to improve clinical care

- Focusing on strategies to reduce health disparities and provide culturally effective care for all families
- Committing to evaluating, learning and sharing evidence-informed strategies

### **Centers for Disease Control**

URL's <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/obesity/>  
<http://www.cdc.gov/youthcampaign/>

What they offer: The first site contains a multitude of information on the current statistics, diagnosis, and treatment of obesity, as well as information on constructing public policy. The VERB web sites describes a national CDC campaign whose aim was to get more tweens and teens physically active.

### **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute**

URL: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/heart/index.htm#obesity>

What they offer: This site is primarily devoted to patient education materials for helping to encourage healthy diet and activity.

### **American Obesity Association**

URL: <http://www.obesity.org/>

What they offer: The site contains loads of statistics, research based treatment information, and treatment recommendations at the individual and community level.

### **Robert Wood Johnson**

URL: <http://www.rwjf.org/childhoodobesity/>

What they offer: This site contains many links to web sites of community organizations that have built successful programs to combat obesity.

### **Some city/state specific sites are also good...**

Chicago's CLOCC: <http://www.clocc.net/>

New Mexico: <http://www.envisionnm.org/>

Virginia's Champion Program ([www.vahealth.org/wic/champion.htm](http://www.vahealth.org/wic/champion.htm))