



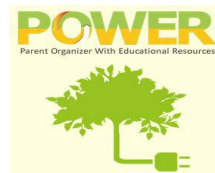
VIRGINIA FAMILY
SPECIAL EDUCATION CONNECTION

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<https://vafamilysped.org/>

Virginia Family Special Education Connection provides a one-stop-shop for parents, families and caregivers of children with special needs. On this website, you can:

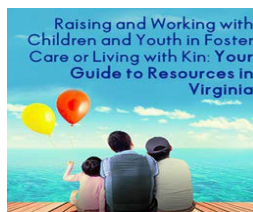
- Access Local Disability Services, <http://vafamilysped.org/disability-services> & Local Special Education Contacts, <http://vafamilysped.org/special-ed-contacts>
- Find assistive technology and behavioral supports to help your child succeed
- Learn about and plan your child's educational program
- Gain understanding of your legal rights and responsibilities



POWER (Parent Organizer with Educational Resources)

<https://vafamilysped.org/power>

Recently updated! **POWER (Parent Organizer with Educational Resources)** provides parents and families with online resources to answer questions about child development (including puberty), community services, educational planning, diploma options in Virginia, mental health, and transition to life after high school. The questions and potential resources are separated into age levels: Early Childhood, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School.



Raising and Working with Children and Youth in Foster Care or Living: Your Guide to Resources in Virginia

<https://vafamilysped.org/fostercare>

Recently updated! **Raising and Working with Children and Youth in Foster Care or Living: Your Guide to Resources in Virginia** provides online resources to help families raising children and youth in foster care and kinship care (children and youth who are brought up by non-birth parent relatives). You will find: Where to Go, Who Can Help, and Questions to Ask. The Checklist for Kinship Caregivers & Checklist for Schools Working with Kinship Caregivers are available to help gather needed information.

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