



Children's Education Alliance
of Missouri

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Special Education Advocacy and Legal Services

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

<http://www.aclu.org/> : The ACLU is a non-partisan, not-for-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of civil liberties regardless of creed, race, religion or other labeling through education, advocacy, and litigation. Offices located in **Eastern** (314-652-3111) and **Western** (816-756-3113) Missouri.

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<http://cap4kids.org/whaticap4kids.html> : Comprehensive listing of many social service agencies, camps and mentoring services that exist to improve the lives of families that need our help the most.

- **Kansas City** (<http://cap4kids.org/kansascity/parent-handouts/after-school-camps-mentoring/>)
- **St. Louis** (<http://cap4kids.org/stlouis/parent-handouts/after-school-camps-mentoring/>)

The IEP Center

<http://www.specialeducationrights.com/>: The IEP Center is located in Northwestern Missouri and offers special education advocacy and legal advice to parents. (816) 865-6262.

Legal Services of Missouri

<http://www.lsmo.org/>: FREE legal advocacy services to any child that qualifies (under their specifications) and are not receiving the aid they need or are being excluded because of a special need. Legal services are also available to low-income citizens.

- **St. Louis** (<http://www.lsem.org/>)
314-534-4200 or 1-800-444-0514
- **Springfield** (<http://www.lsmo.org/content/legal-services-southern-missouri-lssm>)
417-881-0533 or 1-800-444-4863
- **Western Missouri** (<http://www.lawmo.org/offices.htm>):
 - Kansas City: 816-474-6750 (central office) ; 816-474-9868 (west office)
 - Warrensburg: 660-747-7101 or 1-800-892-2943
 - St. Joseph: 816-364-2325 or 1-800-892-2101
 - Joplin: 417-782-1650 or 1-800-492-7095



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Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment (MO-FEAT)

<http://mofeat.org/resource.htm>: State-wide connections to advocacy, support groups, therapists, doctors and more. Call 636-527-FEAT (3328) or 877-275-8988

Missouri First Steps

<http://dese.mo.gov/se/fs/>: Missouri's Early Intervention system for infants and toddlers, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. 573-522-8762

Missouri Protection and Advocacy Centers

<http://www.moadvocacy.org/index.html>: Protect the rights of individuals with disabilities by providing advocacy and legal services. 573-893-3333 or 866-777-7199

Wrightslaw

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/>: National organization that provides parent and professional legal training about being your child's best advocate.

Education Policy

Center for Education Reform:

<http://www.edreform.com/education-50/states/mo/>: Organization that works to improve the accuracy and quality of discourse and decisions about education reform, leading to fundamental policy changes that make a difference long after news and election cycles have ended.

Children's Education Alliance of Missouri (CEAM):

<http://www.childreducationalliance-mo.org>: CEAM works to improve Missouri's K-12 education system by advancing education policies that ensure all families have the right to choose the education they determine is best for their children. 314-454-6544

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:

<http://www.dese.mo.gov/directory/>: Directory of Missouri schools and a link to finding your state legislator. 573-751-4212.



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Missouri General Assembly:

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/>: Find your state and local legislators.

- **Senate** :http://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Leg_Lookup.aspx/leg_lookup.aspx
- **House**: <http://www.house.mo.gov/member.aspx> legislators/

Non-School Hours

Parents Connect:

<http://gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/>: Comprehensive connection list of before and after-school care.

- St. Louis: <http://gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/sub-category/st-louis-mo-usa/resources/childcare/before-afterschool-care>
- Kansas City: <http://gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/sub-category/kansas-city-mo-usa/resources/childcare/before-afterschool-care>

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Child Care Aware:

<http://www.mo.childcareaware.org/>: Child Care Aware® of Missouri serves as a community resource on child care throughout the state. 314-535-1458 or 800-200-9017.

Columbia Public Schools Summer Programs:

<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/summer/>: Comprehensive list to summer programs offered in Columbia, Missouri. 573-214-3400.

Missouri After-School Network (MASN):

<http://www.moasn.org/>: MASN builds systems across the state that improve, support, and sustain high quality afterschool programs. 1-888-210-2469.



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Hands-on Resources

Students should look online for math, science help:

https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/28248/voices_math_online?coverpage=2261: This informative article from the *St. Louis Beacon* offers a comprehensive summary of free online math and science resources covering a variety of content areas and levels.

Khan Academy:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>: Free resources available to anyone; students, teachers, home-schooler, principal, or an adult returning to the classroom after 20 years. Over 4000 videos and other Khan Academy materials and resources are available completely free of charge.

Kumon:

<http://www.kumon.com/findacenter.aspx>: An after-school math, reading, and foreign language academic enrichment program. Their individualized and personalized approach helps children concepts based on their ability rather than their age or grade. Kumon does charge a fee for services but does provide a free evaluation and parent meeting. 1-800-ABC-MATH (222-6284).

North Kansas City School District:

<http://www.nkcschools.org/online-learning-ecampus>: An online virtual learning center for grades 9-12 in the North Kansas City School District. 816-413-5029

Parents as Teachers:

<http://www.parentsasteachers.org/location>: Provides free information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life. Find the Parents as Teachers program in your school district. 314-432-4330

Sylvan Learning Centers:

http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/find_a_center_results.cfm?mapstate=MO&requestedFrom=Find-A-Tutor: Individualized learning plans for students through in-person tutoring or online assistance. Sylvan charges a fee for services but offers a flexible student loan program, as well as, coupons via the internet. 1-800-EDUCATE (338-2283).



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Support Services

Local Investment Commission:

<http://kclinc.org/what-is-linc/>: A citizen-driven community collaborative that coordinates the delivery of child, family and senior support services while forging connections between neighborhoods and government agencies to improve the lives of children and families in the Kansas City region. 816-889-5050.

United Way:

<https://www.stl.unitedway.org/211.aspx>: Missouri resource for support with basic and emergency needs, work initiatives, support for children and families, as well as support for seniors and those with disabilities. Call 2-1-1.

School Options

Great Schools:

<http://www.greatschools.org/>: Looking for schools in your community? Use this website to explore top-rated schools, find local information, talk "school" with local parents and much more.

Take Part:

<http://www.takepart.com/article/2013/03/19/how-choose-great-school-introduction?cmpid=tpedu-eml-2013-3-19-school>: Four-part article series that helps guide parents find the "right" questions to ask when looking for a school. The article raises questions about test scores, reading programs and the early math intervention for your child.