

## Advocacy/Support Agencies

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Advocacy Organizations strive to increase programs and services, which will enhance the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities. The following organizations and state and federal resources advocate for and support programs and legislative issues, which benefit individuals with brain injuries and their families.

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### **Adult Protective Services (APS)**

**(919) 212-7264**

Wake County Human Services  
220 Swinburne Street  
Raleigh, NC 27610

Serves to protect the disabled adult from neglect, abuse, or exploitation. Clients include those living independently or in institutional settings.

### **Alzheimer's Association**

**(919) 832-3732**

400 Oberlin Road, Ste 220  
Raleigh, NC 27605

**(800) 228-8738**

[www.alznc.org](http://www.alznc.org)

The Alzheimer's Association-Eastern North Carolina Chapter is dedicated to providing education, support and services to patients, their families, health care professionals and the general public while raising awareness and funding for research for a cause(s), treatment, prevention and cure for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders ([www.alznc.org](http://www.alznc.org)).

### **The ARC of North Carolina**

**(800) 662-8706**

343 E. Six Forks Road, Suite 320  
Raleigh, NC 27609

**(919) 782-4632**

Fax: (919) 782-4634

<http://www.arcnc.org>

The ARC of NC is committed to securing for all people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work, and play. They provide advocacy, information and referral, services for people with developmental disabilities and their families ([www.arcnc.org](http://www.arcnc.org)).

**Association of Self Advocates of North Carolina**

3801 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 260  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**(919) 420-7995**

[www.asa-nc.org](http://www.asa-nc.org)

As a state organization, Association of Self Advocacy of North Carolina, Inc. is committed to providing services to enable, educate, encourage, and empower people in the community.

They enable people to become more independent and empowered to make their own decisions. They educate the community, government leaders, families, guardians and service providers about self-advocacy and the ABILITIES of people with disabilities. They encourage and empower people with disabilities to take responsibility for their lives, to help bring about change, and to strive for equality, acceptance and full inclusion in society ([www.as-nc.org](http://www.as-nc.org)).

**The Autism Society of North Carolina**

505 Oberlin Road, Suite 230  
Raleigh, NC 27605

**(919) 743-0204**

[www.autismsociety-nc.org](http://www.autismsociety-nc.org)

The Autism Society of North Carolina is committed to providing support and promoting opportunities which enhance the lives of individuals within the autism spectrum and their families. They strive to create a community where people within the autism spectrum and their families receive respect, services, and supports based on individual differences, needs, and preferences ([www.autismsociety-nc.org](http://www.autismsociety-nc.org)).

**Brain Injury Association of America, Inc.**

1608 Spring Hill Road  
Suite 110  
Vienna, VA 22182

**(800) 444-6443**

**(703) 761-0750**

Fax: (703) 761-0755

[www.biausa.org](http://www.biausa.org)

The Brain Injury Association is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with brain injury and their families by acting as a clearinghouse of community service information and resources; participating in legislative advocacy, facilitating prevention awareness, hosting educational programs, and encouraging research. BIA assists state affiliate programs and operates a family helpline ([www.biausa.org](http://www.biausa.org)).

**CARE-LINE**

NC Dept. of Human Resources  
325 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27611

**(800) 662-7030**

Statewide toll-free human service information and referral program. It helps clarify information on services provided by the Department of Human Resources and links clients with appropriate agencies and community resources to help them. Maintains a computer listing of 10,000 agencies.

**Center for Independent Living**

PO Box 12988  
401 Oberlin Road, Suite 103  
Raleigh, NC 27605

**(919) 833-1117**

Fax: (919) 833-1171

[www.alliancecil.org](http://www.alliancecil.org)  
[alliance@alliancecil.org](mailto:alliance@alliancecil.org)

This nonprofit organization provides a variety of services such as individual & systems advocacy, information & referral, independent living skills training, peer mentoring & support, and community inclusion with the goal of increasing dignity, independence, and consumer control in order to improve the quality of life for people of all ages and abilities. CILs are community-based, consumer controlled, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit advocacy organizations staffed by a majority of individuals with disabilities. The services provided by CILs aim to promote full participation for all individuals with disabilities ([www.alliancecil.org](http://www.alliancecil.org)).

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

1600 Clifton Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30333

**(800) 311-3435**

(404) 639-3534

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)**Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center**

Building 1, Room B209  
Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20307

**(800) 870-9244**

Fax: (202) 782-4400

[www.dvbic.org](http://www.dvbic.org)[info@dvbic.org](mailto:info@dvbic.org)

Their mission is to serve active duty military, their dependents and veterans with traumatic brain injury through state-of-the-art medical care, innovative clinical research initiatives and educational programs ([www.dvbic.org](http://www.dvbic.org)).

**Disability Rights & Resources**

5801 Executive Center Drive, Suite 101  
Charlotte, NC 28212

**(800) 755-5749**

(704) 537-0550

[www.disability-rights.org](http://www.disability-rights.org)

Has five core services: Advocacy – individual and community wide, information and referral, peer mentoring, independent living skills training, and nursing home transition/community reintegration. They also provide trainings to the community on various disability issues. Serves Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg and Union Counties ([www.disability-rights.org](http://www.disability-rights.org)).

**Disability Rights North Carolina**

2626 Glenwood Avenue, Ste. 550  
Raleigh, NC 27608

**(877) 235-4210****(919) 856-2195**

Fax: (919) 856-2244

[www.disabilityrightsncc.org](http://www.disabilityrightsncc.org)

The council is authorized by law to investigate complaints and pursue remedies on behalf of disabled citizens or parents of children with special needs, who feel they have been discriminated against in areas such as treatment, transportation, education, and employment. Represents people with a disability based on DRNC's case selection criteria; educates people about their legal and civil rights; investigates complaints about abuse, neglect and related deaths in institutions; provides advice, training, and support for self-advocacy; reaches out to underserved ethical and disability communities; and brings impact litigation to help groups of people with disabilities ([www.disabilityrightsncc.org](http://www.disabilityrightsncc.org)).

**Easter Seals UCP North Carolina**

2315 Myron Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**(800) 662-7119****(919) 783-8898**

Fax: (919) 782-5486

[www.nc.eastersealsucp.com](http://www.nc.eastersealsucp.com)

A statewide non-profit organization providing supports and services to NC residents with disabilities and their families. Services include various mental health services; early childhood education and outreach; pediatric therapy; in-home and community based periodic supports; supported employment training; and therapeutic foster care; respite care; residential living supports; disability benefits counseling; and special assistances funding (depending on availability) administered through Information, Referral & Special Assistance Program ([www.nc.eastersealsucp.com](http://www.nc.eastersealsucp.com)).

**Family Support Network of North Carolina**

200 N. Greensboro Street, Carr Mill Mall  
2nd Floor, Suite D-9  
Carrboro, NC 27510

**(800) 852-0042****(919) 966-2841**

Fax: (919) 966-2916

[www.fsnncc.org](http://www.fsnncc.org)*Mailing address:*

UNC Campus Box 7340  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7340

Family Support Network of North Carolina (FSN-NC) promotes and provides support for families with children who have special needs. Through a network of affiliated local programs, families can access parent-to-parent support, information, workshops, and other activities. Disability-specific information and information about resources is available from Resource Specialists at the Central Directory of Resources (800.852.0042) and on the website at [www.fsnncc.org](http://www.fsnncc.org).

**First In Families of NC**

524 S. Duke Street  
Durham, NC 27701

**(919) 251-8368**<http://www.fifnc.org>

First In Families of North Carolina assists people with disabilities and their families to achieve their goals and realize their dreams. For a full listing go to their website at <http://www.fifnc.org>. First in Families responds to requests in unique, innovative ways. They stretch tax dollars through donations and reduced prices from local businesses; help families plan for the future, and create personal networks for people which provide support without dependence on limited government resources; and never turn anyone away even if they are not eligible for FIF services. Instead, they share information about other resources in the community.

Serves the following counties: Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Brunswick, Cabarrus, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Graham, Granville, Halifax, Haywood, Hoke, Jackson, Johnston, Macon, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Pender, Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Swain, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Watauga, and Wilkes. If your county is not listed contact the State Director, Betsy MacMichael, at 919-251-8368.

**Friends of Residents in Long-Term Care**

883-C Washington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27605

**(888) 411-7571****(919) 782-1530**

Fax: (919) 782-1558

[www.forltc.org](http://www.forltc.org)

Assists residents and families with concerns about long-term care. Our mission is to promote the highest possible quality of life for those who cannot live independently and those who care for them ([www.forltc.org](http://www.forltc.org)).

**HopeLine**

PO Box 10490  
Raleigh, NC 27605

**(919) 231-4525**

Fax: (919) 832-3326

[www.hopelinenc.com](http://www.hopelinenc.com)

Provides confidential, nonjudgmental, caring listening for community members facing life difficulties or crisis through a 24/7 Triangle hotline staffed by highly trained volunteers.

**The Mentor Network**

3125 Poplarwood Court, Suite 300  
Raleigh, NC 27604

**(919) 790-8580**

Fax: (919) 790-8065

[www.nc-mentor.com](http://www.nc-mentor.com)

Provides community-based care for at-risk youth in the state. Statewide provider of quality supports for at-risk children and for adults and children with developmental disabilities. Provides skill building. Accepts Medicaid and NC Health Choice, no private insurance ([www.nc-mentor.com](http://www.nc-mentor.com)).

**National Association of State Head Injury Administrators**

NASHIA

4330 East West Highway, Suite 301  
Bethesda, MD 20814

**(301) 656-3500**

Fax: (301) 656-3530

[www.nashia.org](http://www.nashia.org)

NASHIA is the premier source of information and education for State Agency employees who are responsible for public brain injury policies, programs, and services. NASHIA is also the voice of State government in Federal TBI policy issues ([www.nashia.org](http://www.nashia.org)).

**North Carolina Assisted Living**

1306 Annapolis Drive, Suite 120  
Raleigh, NC 27608

**(919) 467-2486**[www.ncala.org](http://www.ncala.org)

The North Carolina Assisted Living Association is a non-profit trade association devoted to promoting the establishment and operation of quality assisted living communities in North Carolina. Established in 1994 as the state affiliate of the Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA), NCALA provides information, advocacy, and support to the assisted living industry. Our more than 180 member communities provide appropriate, supportive housing and services for individuals with compromised health and safety needs and with varied income levels ([www.ncala.org](http://www.ncala.org)).

**North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities**

3801 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 250  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**(800) 357-6916**

(919) 420-7901

Fax: (919) 420-7917

[www.nccdd.org](http://www.nccdd.org)

The NC Council on Developmental Disabilities was established to promote independence, contribution and inclusion into the community for citizens with developmental disabilities. The Council makes funds available in a variety of areas for activities to enhance the interdependence, contribution and inclusion into the community of people with developmental disabilities ([www.nccdd.org](http://www.nccdd.org)).

**Social Security Administration & Social Security Disability Insurance**

SSA & SSDI

4701 Old Wake Forest Road

Raleigh, NC 27609

**(800) 772-1213**

(919) 790-2782

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability>

Call 1-800-772-1213 to find the office closest to you. Social Security Disability (SSD) is an insurance program sponsored by the U.S. government under Title 11 of the Social Security Act. It is a monthly cash benefit for a disabled worker and/or family.

**United Way**

1235 Two Hanover Square

Raleigh, NC 27601

**(919) 834-5200**

Fax: (919) 834-1622

[www.unitedwaync.org](http://www.unitedwaync.org)