

Appendix B

SpecialQuest Multimedia Training Library Website Resources

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1. National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities serves as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which is the law authorizing special education; the No Child Left Behind Act as it relates to children with disabilities; and research-based information on effective educational practices. Materials are available in English or Spanish.

www.nichcy.org

The website provides links to the most recent IDEA legislation, compiles disability-related resources in each state, and creates State Resource Sheets. The resource sheets will help locate organizations and agencies within a state that address disability-related issues.

2. National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC)

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center supports the national implementation of the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The mission is to strengthen systems at all levels to ensure that children (birth through five) with disabilities and their families receive and benefit from high quality, culturally appropriate, and family-centered supports and services.

www.nectac.org

The NECTAC web site provides information and links with legislation, regulations, state services, conferences and resources.

3. Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a federal agency funding state, territory, local, and tribal organizations to provide family assistance (welfare), child support, child care, Head Start, child welfare, and other programs relating to children and families. Head Start serves the child development needs of preschool children (birth through age five) and their low-income families.

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb

The Office of Head Start website provides information on Head Start programs, program standards, resources and technical assistance.

4. Office of Special Education Programs

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) authorizes formula grants to states and discretionary grants to institutions of higher education and other non-profit organizations to support research, demonstrations, technical assistance and dissemination, technology and personnel development, and parent-training and information centers.

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html

The OSEP web site provides information about grants, technical assistance and dissemination, technology and personnel development, and parent-training and information centers. Information and resources are provided in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

5. Building the Legacy of IDEA

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), recently launched a new IDEA website that is designed to provide a “one-stop shop” for resources related to IDEA and its implementing regulations.

<http://idea.ed.gov>

It is a “living” website that will change and grow as resources and information become available. When fully implemented, the site will provide searchable versions of IDEA and the regulations; access to cross-referenced content from other laws (e.g., the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), etc.); video clips on selected topics; topic briefs on selected regulations; links to OSEP’s Technical Assistance and Dissemination (TA&D) Network; a Q&A Corner where you can submit questions; and a variety of other information sources.